



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! It has been fantastic to see how well the children have settled back into their learning this week. In Special Mentions assembly today, teachers remarked on the absolute positivity and love of learning shown by the children throughout the academy. Classes have embarked on their new themes for the new term and have started to explore their new core texts. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Team work has been brilliant and all our pupils and staff have been working together where we have had staff absences to make sure we have all had a happy and successful week. A special thankyou to Carol and Dawn for preparing our hot meals whilst our kitchen manager has been absent.

Well done to the children learning remotely this week from home. We can't wait to see you back at school soon. And well done to Year 4 and to Mrs Grundy who has been teaching remotely as well as to all the staff who have gone the extra mile in these unique circumstances.

As I outlined in my communication earlier this week, we are determined to keep the children learning in the academy and will do whatever we can to work flexibly to ensure this. The details I sent out of the arrangements that would be put in place in the event of closures can be found on our web-site under Covid-19 updates for Parents.

Attendance

We are proud of Jerry Clay's excellent attendance over many years which has contributed to the high standards attained. Whilst Covid continues to have an impact at times, it is even more important than ever that children attend every day they are well unless isolating. Please could I remind that taking the children on holiday in term time has a detrimental effect on the children's learning and cannot ordinarily be authorised. Requests must be made at least 6 weeks in advance by submitting a holiday form which are available in Reception.

PTA - Post Christmas Gift donations

The PTA have requested donations of any gift items such as drinks, toiletries or candles that could be used for fundraising activities later in the year. Please hand these in at reception. Thank you.

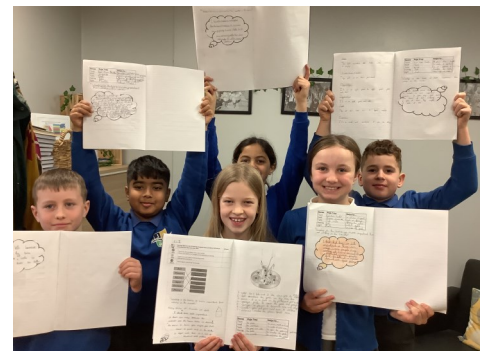
Do have a good weekend. Keep safe.

Best wishes Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

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Well done to Year 5 for these reflective comments about Hindu worship at home and in the Mandir.





Special Special mentions of the whole term!

Teachers are so proud of the amazing effort of the children in their class and would like to celebrate the effort they are making. They have chosen their Special Mention of the week; someone who has really stood out during the term for consistently demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well done!

Week commencing 4th January 2022

Reception—Isobel Coonery

Year 1– Affan Shahzad

Year 2– Ella Wilson

Year 3– Olivia Burton

Year 4– Maya Hussain

Year 5– Taylor Anderson

Year 6– The whole class!!

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance (where appropriate). As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97%**.

Please note that children who are self isolating due to COVID are not included in these figures.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	98.69 %	96.97 %
Year 1	99.29 %	97.35 %
Year 2	98.33 %	96.54 %
Year 3	99.33 %	95.4 %
Year 4	100 %	96.81 %
Year 5	86.15 %	95.87 %
Year 6	99.36 %	94.60 %

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97%

ACTUAL – 95.64%



Dates for Your Diary

INSET DAYS

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Additional bank holiday—Monday 6th June 2022

Parents Evenings

23/11/21 and 25/11/21 – Parents' evenings

22/3/22 and 24/3/22 – Parents' evenings

Reports

3/12/21- Progress check out to parents

20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents

15/7/22 – End of year reports to parents

Theme Days/Weeks

Wc 18/10/21 - History Week

3/03/22 - World Book Day

wc 4/4/22 – Theme week

wc23/05/22- Creative Arts week

Performances

3/12/21 – Reception Activity Morning

7/12/21 (am) and 9/12/21 9am) – Reception nativity

14/12/21 (pm) and 15/12/21 (am and pm) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

16/12/21 Christingle at Wrenthorpe Methodist Church

15/06/22- Art gallery evening

05/07/22 & 7/07/22– Creative Arts evenings

w/c 18/7/22 – Celebration week

Sports Day

24/6/22

8/7/22 Reserve Sports Day

Summer Fair

25/6/22 (TBC)

We will continue to assess how events take place throughout the year. We hope to invite parents and visitors into the academy to share and celebrate with us and will keep you posted!

