



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents

Happy Half term everyone. It has been quite a momentous time in many ways as we have all dealt with challenges of Covid whilst also moving towards a kind of normality. It is encouraging that we had no Covid cases in school this week and we are so excited to have begun inviting parents into the academy. This week, it was wonderful to welcome parents of Year 1 children to a 'Breakfast with Paddington' on Wednesday to share the fabulous learning from the half term.



Please note the following important information events about Statutory Assessments in Year 2 and Year 4 which will be held in the school hall. Please wear a mask.

Monday 7th March—5:30 pm—Year 2 SATS meeting for parents

Tuesday 8th March—5:30 pm—Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting for parents.

World Book Day

JCA will be celebrating **WORLD BOOK DAY** on **Thursday 3rd March 2022**. We would love the children to in a fancy dress costume linked to a book, character or story. We will be having a **fancy dress parade** at **9:15am**, which we invite you to come and watch on the school playground!

Book swap—As part of World Book Day we will also be holding a **BOOK SWAP!** Please do send your child to school with a preloved book that they will be able to swap for another book of their choice. It is a great way to recycle and reuse books within the community and we hope it will be a lovely way to launch our preloved book library sheds that were kindly donated by the PTA.

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day at JCA and seeing all your costumes! Who can you spot in this WBD parade from a few years ago?

Wishing you a happy and healthy week. School reopens on Monday 28th February.

Mrs C Elliott

Headteacher





Our Campaign for Excellent Attendance!

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance (where appropriate). Every day in school matters. Learning is structured carefully in sequences with new knowledge and skills taught, consolidated and practised every day. It is paramount that we work together to ensure that the children are in school on time every day they are well. This will allow us to ensure gaps in learning are filled and the children stay on track and thrive in their learning.



8:50 am - Doors open. All classes are learning from the very start with a morning learning challenge in a core area of the curriculum such as maths or reading.

Each week we share attendance in Special Mentions assembly with the winning class displaying our attendance trophy in the classroom. Our winners this week are **Year 2!**

We have removed all absences from testing positive for covid or isolating due to covid from the attendance figures as regulations prevent attendance in these cases. This week we have had no cases of Covid!

Holidays in term time. As you know holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that we must do everything we can to ensure the children are in school to enable them to keep up with their learning, to consolidate learning and fill the gaps from the past couple of years. Any additional time away from school is detrimental to the child's learning.



Attendance winners

As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97%**.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	99.36%	96.75%
Year 1	99.33 %	98.08%
Year 2	100 %	97.51 %
Year 3	96 %	97.13 %
Year 4	99.33 %	98.07 %
Year 5	98.67 %	97.42 %
Year 6	95.16 %	95.83 %

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 – 97.24%



Please note that children absent from school due to testing positive for Covid or isolating as a close contact are not included in these figures.



Special mentions of the week

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; someone who has really stood out during the week for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well done!

Week beginning: 31st January 2022

Reception - Albie Benson

Year 1– Molly Lyle

Year 2– Jaxon Charlesworth

Year 3– Maya Czech

Year 4– Dylan Raw

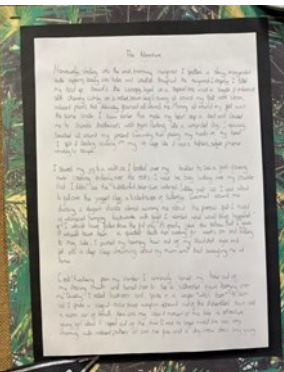
Year 5– Taylor Anderson

Year 6– Maia Melerska

Writing for a purpose! Core texts at the heart of our learning



The love of learning has been so evident this week with children



using their inquirer learner trait to delve deeper into themes. Classes have also been writing their own fabulous texts, from Letters to Paddington's Aunt Lucy in Year 1, to Haiku poems in Year 3, Adventure stories in the Amazon rainforest and retellings of folk tales based on Year 5's core text 'The Girl who spoke Bear'. Teachers commented how many children are taking such great care to choose the best vocabulary and to use the language features they have been practising over the past few weeks.

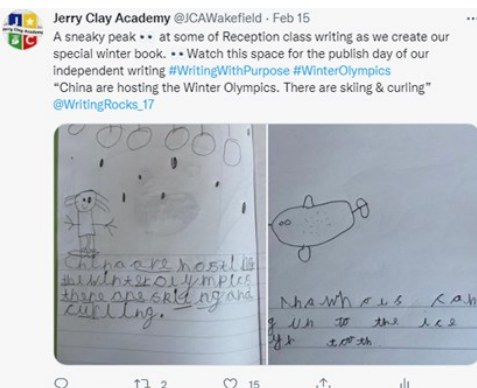
Parent/Carer Careers—Would you like to become part of our curriculum?

As you know, at Jerry Clay Academy, we are passionate about our local community. Throughout our curriculum, we are always looking

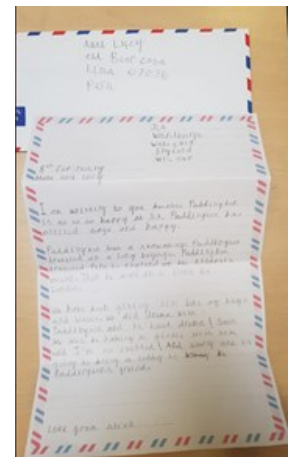
for opportunities to enhance children's learning by linking with real life and purposeful context. We would like to make links between the careers of our parent community and the learning of the children. We have already been overwhelmed by the parents who have put themselves forwards to work with a class or lead an assembly and we would love to receive more responses via the ParentMail form sent earlier this week. We can't wait to get started on this exciting venture.

Lunchtime and Wraparound Supervisors

Would you or someone you know like to join our team as a casual lunchtime or wrap-



round supervisor ? Lunchtimes and breakfast and after school clubs are enjoyed immensely by our children and valued by our families and whole school community. These are fantastic opportunities to support and interact with the children at play and in the dining hall. Wraparound care involves setting up and leading play, crafts and activities under the guidance of our wraparound manager Mrs Pickersgill. Details of the posts are in the Employment opportunities page of our website.





PTA News!



PTA—Valentines Disco and Raffle

We had a fabulous time at the Valentines Disco last night! Thank you so much to our new PTA team for organising this. A message from them!

Thank you to everyone for your support with the Valentines Disco and Raffle yesterday. It was a huge success, raising a massive £946. This money will be used to help support the school in their purchase of 6 new iPads for your children to use. The school and the PTA couldn't do things like this without you so thank you again.

Also an extra special thank you to the parents and teachers that volunteered to help at the discos last night.

The raffle was drawn this morning and the winners have been contacted.



For the Superwoman or Special Someone on Mother's Day
Sunday 27th March 2022
Order Form



PTA Meeting

Please note there will be a meeting of the PTA on Thursday 3rd March at 6:30PM on Zoom. We will be in touch with the link on the day of the meeting.

Mothers Day

Please find the following slip in your child's bag inviting you to order a lovely gift for Mother's Day.

For Mother's Day this year children have the chance to purchase a beautiful gift for the special person in their life. The gift will include a pretty flowerpot sentimental personalised gift and small edible gift for £5. Gifts will be sent home with the children on Friday 25th March.

Childs Name _____

Child's Class _____

Quantity _____

Dietary requirements _____

Please return your order to school reception clearly marked for the PTA with payment by Friday 4th March 2022.







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

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



Jerry Clay Academy

Child Protection & Safeguarding

The designated **Child Protection Officers** for this academy are:

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