



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been another busy week in the academy as we approach the end of term. Wednesday was our class swap afternoon and the children were excited to work with their new teacher and teaching assistants to get to know them and find out all about the year ahead. The theme of the afternoon was to explore our world views. The children were fascinated and had some interesting views to share which they used to create a piece of art work.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet your new year group staff and find out about the year ahead in our first **Meet the Teacher** presentations on Thursday 8th September at 3:45 pm or 4:10 pm.

Our new staff teams from September will be:

Reception class—Mrs Burrows, Miss Ogden, Mrs Rex

Year 1—Miss Harling, Mrs Ward

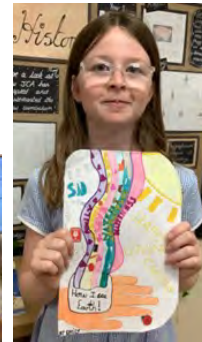
Year 2—Miss Mitchell, Miss Carris

Year 3—Miss Morley, Miss Belford

Year 4—Miss Farrer, Mrs Hardy

Year 5—Miss Hazell, Mr McDougall

Year 6—Mr Palin, Mrs Hart



Creative Arts Performances—Our Monarch

Huge congratulations to our KS2 cast of our first Creative Arts Performance since 2019! The children have been wonderful and have enjoyed learning the songs, dances and drama to tell the story of our Queen's 70 year reign. A big thank you to Miss Harling and Miss Hoyte for putting the performance together and to Miss Hoyte for preparing the children so well. We are so passionate about the Creative and performing arts and the confidence it gives the children. It is wonderful to see them back on stage again!

At Jerry Clay, we provide a broad and extensive curriculum and next year we have plans to improve our curriculum even more! In PE and Sport we are working towards becoming one of the first primary schools to gain a Platinum Sports Mark award, after successfully achieving Gold for 4 consecutive years. We would like to pass on our thanks to Miss Hoyte, Fearless Dance, who will unfortunately no longer be contracting as we are only able to offer her half a day going forward due to our ambitious plans of offering our children a wider variety of sports which will include dance, as part of our ambitious and progressive curriculum. The children and staff of Jerry Clay have benefitted enormously from the experiences and support Fearless Dance has provided over the past years. We wish Miss Hoyte well and will certainly miss her. We are excited for the year ahead in Sport and of course in the Creative Arts which remain a pivotal part of our JCA DNA!

Have a good weekend.

Mrs C Elliott
Headteacher





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: 11th July 2022

Reception - Thomas Myatt

Year 1– Elliot Dilks

Year 2– Charlotte Chow and Roman Ellis

Year 3– Yvie Hopton

Year 4– William Lodge and Harper Benson

Year 5– Jack Firth

Year 6—Erin Pudsey and Ethan Snowden



Celebration Assemblies

Classes will be focussing on transition to their new year group this half term and learning continues right to the end as we prepared for our Celebration assemblies in the final week of term where the children will reflect on and celebrated all their achievements this year and look forward to their next stage. For your diaries!

Reception - Tuesday 19th July 9:30am

Year 1 - Tuesday 19th July 2:30pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 20th July 9:30am

Year 3 - Wednesday 20th July 2:30 pm

Year 4 - Thursday 21st July 9:30 pm

Year 5 - Thursday 21st July 2:30 pm

Year 6 - Friday 22nd July 9:30 am

**Look how much our current Year 6
have grown since their last
celebration assembly when
they were in Year 3!**





Welcome Mrs Noonan

By now, many of you will have met Mrs Noonan, our new Office Manager who has already been working tirelessly behind the scenes in the academy. I thought it would be useful for you to put a face to the name for Mrs Noonan who plays such a pivotal role in the academy. Please do say hello when you see her to welcome her to our community.



Thank you to you all!

The absolutely brilliant news is that the PTA have now raised funds for a suite of ipads for our children to use in school. Thank you to everyone for your contributions throughout the year and to the PTA committee over the past several years with all the fundraising towards this goal. We are absolutely thrilled that this has been achieved and it will have an fantastic impact on the children's learning.

Hot weather precautions

As the weather is forecast to be extremely warm at the start of next week, I wanted to lay out our mitigations in school to keep everyone comfortable.

Water will be available at all times so that the children stay hydrated. There will be regular water breaks.

We will ensure that air is circulating throughout the day and will protect windows from direct sun with the blinds.

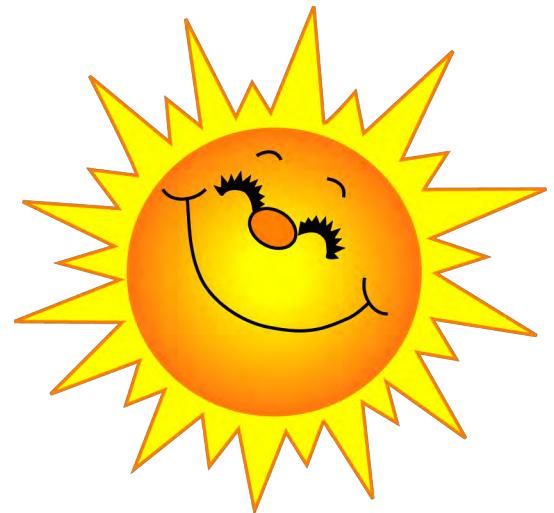
The children should wear their shorts or dresses to keep cool. Please make sure the children have sun hats in school and apply sun cream.

We will be staying inside at lunchtime to avoid the midday heat.

When they do go outside, the children will stay in the shade and will not be physically exerting themselves.

Staff will be alert to the children's wellbeing and will act swiftly if anyone feels unwell.

Government advice is that by taking these sensible precautions, the children are unlikely to be adversely affected.



Reading newsletter—15th July 2022

As the year comes to an end, we would like to say a huge thank you for your continued drive to read with your child this year!

Thank you!!

Thank you to Olivia, Henry and Amelia B in Year 6 who have supported and led the Secret Book Club this year. They have been incredible and so enthusiastic in supporting the KS1 children) Good luck in your new schools!



Last year JCA WON the Summer reading challenge out of all of the schools in the Wakefield district. We had the most children taking part and won some fantastic prizes for

the children! This week we shared the video to promote this year's challenge. There was so much excitement, please take a look using the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrPuY4JWFzY>

It is so simple to take part—you only need to visit the library once and pick up 6 books (one for each week of the summer!)

There are so many other exciting FREE library events this summer (booking required) Here are a few:

Bubbles—29th July

Lego—3rd August, 25th August

Sand Art—24th August

Wii Games—8th August

Lion learners—31st August

Gadget games—1st September



Please call them or check twitter @WFLibraries for more info!

Please o tweet your Summer reading to us, @JCAWakefield or @JCA_Reading **HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!**



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have been striving as high as ever during the last fortnight, and are showing that they are so ready for their next adventure in Year 2! We have enjoyed reading Conker the Chameleon and sharing our feelings on moving into another classroom.

During our Literacy learning we have been striving to use adjectives and verbs to describe different jungle settings, including plants, animals and the weather. We have been very inspired by a Henri Rousseau artist painting. Also, we have been thinking about how we can use prepositions to describe where things are – we loved our game of animal hide and seek outside yesterday.

In Maths, we have enjoyed using new resources to count, compare and order numbers up to 100 using the vocabulary of tens and ones. We have been completing missing numbers on a 100 number square and practicing our times tables for diamond dash.

In Science we have enjoyed learning about animals and classifying them into mammals, reptiles, fish, amphibians and insects. This week we have been learning about animal diets and whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

Celebration assembly— Year 1 - Tuesday 19th July 2:30pm

Year 2

Year two have really enjoyed the last two weeks as we approach the end of our learning journey in Year two! We have enjoyed our transition afternoon in Year three and we have been busy preparing for our end of year celebration assembly! We hope that you can join us!

In Literacy, we have been completing our weather poems, SPAG learning and some character description of Noi from our core text 'Grandma Bird'. In our final week, we will be creating letters to send to Miss Morley, ahead of Year 3, to share our thoughts, feelings and questions.

In Maths, we have been striving extra high! We recently completed our unit on time and now all our children can read to the time in 5-minute intervals. We really persevered to achieve this and we are continuing our practice every day! For our final Maths unit, we have begun our learning on money, recognising pounds and pence and adding to find the total amount.

As we approach our final weeks in Year 2, we have enjoyed completing our learning journey across the curriculum and making our final memories. One of our favourite parts of our current learning is our P.E. We have really enjoyed applying our throwing, catching and batting skills into games of rounders. We are so proud of all that Year 2 have achieved this year and we thank you for your continued support!

Key Dates: Celebration assembly— Wednesday 20th July 9:30am



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Year 3

Year 3 have really been enjoying their learning in the last few weeks! They have been showcasing just how much they have grown since starting their learning journey in Year 3 and how ready they are to take on Year 4. They have also been super busy preparing for their celebration assembly where they are excited to share their amazing learning with you from throughout the year.

In Literacy, we have finished reading our Charlotte's Web book and have loved following along with the characters of Wilbur and Charlotte. We have also been editing and publishing our newspaper reports and now flying through Fantastic Mr Fox ready to create a short character description.



In Maths, I have been blown away with the phenomenal effort that every single person has been putting into their 'properties of shapes' topic. The children are rising to every challenge that has been set and their knowledge of shape is amazing!

As we reach our final week in Year 3, the children are excited to produce their final art piece! They have been practicing printing techniques and taking real care when carving their designs.

Key Dates:

Celebration assembly— Wednesday 20th July 2:30 pm



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic few weeks, they have finished off pretending to be detectives to use the clues and interviews to solve the crime scene. From this, they have developed their computing skills to use 'Word' to produce a newspaper article describing the incident.



In Maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge in shape through identifying and comparing different types of angles, along with naming different shapes and identifying the features of these. Finally in history, we have continued to develop our understanding of the Industrial revolution through considering how canals have been utilised as a mode of transport.

Key Dates:

Celebration assembly— Thursday 21st July 9:30 pm

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Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed the last two weeks! We were especially intrigued by an experiment on air resistance that we will conclude next week. In addition to this, we have been learning about the genre: Motown in music and are enjoying learning the song 'Dancing in the street'.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about shape, specifically angles and in Literacy, we have continued to learn about biographies. We look forward to writing our own next week. Here are some more images of our Art final sewing pieces...

Key dates :

Celebration assembly— Year 5 - Thursday 21st July 2:30 pm



Year 6

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 6 have been using our Literacy, Drama and ICT skills to produce our Residential and Celebration Assembly which we can't wait to share with you! We have also continued to explore activities around secondary school transition – thinking about new experiences, making new friends and being our wonderful, individual selves! We have also been delving into Maths projects which challenge our thinking and problem solving skills!

We are so proud of Year 6 for their continuous hard work, determination and resilience this year.

We wish Year 6 the happiness and success they deserve in their futures! Keep striving!

Key dates :

Wednesday 20th July- Year 6 Celebration Day (Bouncy Castle and BBQ)

Friday 22nd July- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am - there will be refreshments available afterwards





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

5/4/22 and 7/5/22 – 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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