

9th September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

Today we have joined the whole nation on this sad day to mark the death of our Queen Elizabeth II. We had a special assembly to remember our Queen and her Platinum Jubilee and the children reflected on her remarkable life. Our corridor display reminds us of our learning about the Queen's 70 year reign and it was special to think about our own memories of the Queen and her Jubilee as well as to think about the historical significance of this day as the crown passes to our new King Charles III.



We have had a wonderful first week back and the children have already impressed their new teachers how they are already 'Striving to be the best they can be'. It has been great to welcome our new Reception children who really enjoyed starting to get to know our new school. It is brilliant to have them in our JCA family and it is equally brilliant to have new their families in our JCA community. A warm welcome! Year 1 have enjoyed exploring their new outdoor learning space this week and showing brilliant inquiry skills. Learning is off to a flying start in all classes and, in Maths, children have been using manipulatives such as base 10 and bead strings to understand numbers. We are really impressed with all the reading that the children have been doing over the holiday and we have had a great time exploring our new book titles added to our class reading boxes.

This week, we welcomed Miss Hazell, our new Year 5 Teacher, Miss Farrer, our new Year 4 teacher and Mrs Harding, teaching assistant in Year 3 and 4. A warm welcome also to Mrs Moss who has taken on the role of Office Manager in the academy.

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Meet the teacher presentations Year 1 – 6

We were delighted that so many parents were able to attend our Meet the Teacher presentations yesterday. We hope you found this informative and enjoyed meeting your child's new teacher. I have sent out the presentation for anyone who wasn't able to make it. Teachers and teaching assistants are available on the door at the start and end of the day for a quick catch up and we really appreciate keeping in touch with you. For new parents, and just as a reminder, do get in touch via <u>headteacher@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk</u> with any queries or if you wish to arrange a time to discuss anything with your child's class teacher. I have attached our calendar dates including our parents evenings and events during the year.

Potovens Hall – School meals at JCA

This week we also launched our new improved dining room experience. Children on school meals now enjoy a 'Snack station' in the queue to try different salad snacks each day. As well as their choice of meal, the children can also then serve themselves from our salad bar and select their own dessert including the dessert of the day, fruit selection or yogurt. We also have a 'Hydration Station' of water flavoured with fresh fruits to complete the dining room experience! Thank you to Zoe, our Kitchen Manager and our school meal providers ISS for our delicious meals every day and for providing us with this super dining room!

Wraparound

Our wraparound service is open once more between 7:30 am and 9:00 am and 3:30pm and 6pm. Please ask in the school office or email <u>schoolclub@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk</u> if you would like any information about this. Please note that, from Monday, our booking system will only allow bookings 7 days in advance to allow us to plan our staffing. Last minute bookings can be made in an emergency by contacting the office but we would be grateful if this could be avoided if possible.

Wakefield Family Hubs Open Week is next week.

Please find attached a flier for the Wakefield Families Together, Family Hub Open Week with details of drop in sessions to find out what's on offer and chat with the staff.

Once again, it has been a real pleasure to be back together making such a great start to our new year. Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards

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