



Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been another busy week in the academy. Year 6 really rose to the challenge of different bushcraft activities linked to their theme of Ancient Egypt. They showed great team work and really made us proud. Thank you to Eden Forest. Year 3 are looking forward to their Outdoor Day next week.

Once more, the children have continued to delve deeper into their learning across the curriculum. Follow us on Twitter @JCAWakefield for posts from each class.



Punctuality at the start of the day

Please could I stress that classroom doors open at 8:50 each morning and that 9:00 is the absolute cut off for the children to be in class. Every day, each class starts with a Morning Challenge in Maths, Reading or Writing and these early morning minutes are crucial

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to the children's progress in key skills. Arriving in good time ensures the children are settled and ready for their first lesson of the day.

Attendance and punctuality really do matter as time missed from school represents lost opportunities for learning.

Volunteer readers

We would love to hear from you if you have a few hours available to volunteer to hear children read in the academy. Giving the children opportunities to read aloud in every class is important to ensure they become fluent and confident readers. It also gives them the opportunity to talk about their understanding of the book. Prior to the Covid pandemic we were fortunate to have some kind members of the community spend a few hours listening to the children read and it would be enormously beneficial to the children if we could set this up again. We'd love to hear from you if you can help. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Assembly this year will be on Tuesday 18th October with Father Jonathan from St Anne's church. On the day, we will be having a collection of tinned and non-perishable foods which will be donated to CAP (Christians Against Poverty) and the Wrenthorpe food bank. If everyone can donate an item they can spare from the cupboard this will be most appreciated.

Library time – Please note that next week there will be no Reception class Library time on Friday due to an event in school.

Year 1 Library time will go ahead as normal on Wednesday at 3:10 pm.

Year 6 Residential Meeting – Monday 10th October 5:30 pm.

Just a reminder of our meeting for Year 6 parents about the Residential this year.

PTA

As you know, our PTA are responsible for many of the wonderful facilities we have at Jerry Clay and most recently they have funded an incredible 30 new ipads! We are so grateful and we simply could not have achieved this without everyone's kind contributions. The PTA also organise fun events for the children such as the Discos and Summer Fair. None of this is possible, however, without your help. So

Pledges: Today, the PTA have sent home a pledges sheet. We would like as many people as possible to pledge some support: whether to help out at an event, to prepare for a fundraiser or to offer your services or skills. We know that everyone is very busy, so by spreading out the help amongst more people we can together accomplish great things for our children.

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PTA AGM We would also like to invite you to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3rd November at 6pm in school. A certain number of attendees are required at the AGM so if you only come to one PTA meeting, make it this one! Come along to share your ideas and hear about our plans for the coming year. Every parent or carer with a child in school is automatically a member of the PTA and we would love to see more representation across year groups and carers/parents. Please do support us.

Halloween Disco and Halloween swap shop – EXTENDED DATES

The PTA Halloween disco is on Thursday 20th October.

Halloween swap shop – Drop off on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th October. Pick up – Monday 17th October, Tuesday 18th October. Recycle a costume you can no longer use and pick up a different one! Save money and help the planet.

Bike Shed – Request Terms of use agreement

Our Bike Shed is in use. If you would like to make use of it, please contact our school office and arrange for a ParentMail agreement form to be sent.

Kind regards

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