

Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

6th October 2023

Harvest

This is a reminder that we are asking families to support our annual Harvest Fundraising Campaign again this year. Suitable items to donate include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, long-life milk, pasta/rice pots and pasta sauces, etc. Please send any donations into school with your child by 26th October and their classteacher will arrange for them to be sent to our gallery to be displayed. Any donations will be much appreciated and will really make a big difference to local people in need. Thank you for your support.



Attendance

As it is now October, I am able to provide you with the first monthly attendance report of the academic year. The percentage attendance for the whole school for September was 95.7%. Congratulations to Year 3 with the highest monthly attendance of 97.2% and to Mrs Darby's Year 3 class, with a fantastic attendance of 98.8%. Well done everyone!

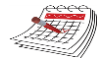
Reception	83.4%
Y1	95.8%
Y2	95.3%
Y3	97.2%
Y4	96.9%
Y5	93.7%
Y6	95.6%



As a reward for outstanding attendance, the year group with the highest attendance figure each month will receive an extra five minutes of playtime. Congratulations to Year 3 who were the winners in September. Enjoy your extra playtime!

Please remember, that it is our school's expectation that ALL pupils have an attendance percentage of 97% or above and that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 9th October 2023 – Menu week 3.

9, 10th, 11th, 12th October - Year 6 Bikeability – *Please see letter from Mrs Lindsay.*

10th October – Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' / World Mental Health Day – ***Pupils to wear an item of yellow clothing in exchange for a monetary donation – suggested amount £1.***

13th October - Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers

W/B 16th October - Parent/Teacher Consultations

19th October - Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm

27th October - School Closes for Half Term (*Normal Times*)

6th November - School Opens for pupils

W/B 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week (*More details to follow*)

17th November - Children in Need Day (*More details to follow*)

24th November - Enrichment Day - International Day (*More details to follow*)

7th December – Year 1 Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

7th December - Reception Christmas Service – 2.15pm KS1 Hall

8th December - Reception Christmas Service – 10.00am KS1 Hall

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

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Inconsiderate Parking and Dangerous Driving As the new term progresses, we continue to have issues with parking outside the school gates and in the nearby roads at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. A small minority of parents are continuing to park on curbs, across the driveways of local residents and on the double yellow lines and restricted areas outside the school gates. I would like to remind parents that the registration numbers of any cars parked inconsiderately and on double yellow lines / in the restricted areas outside school, will be reported to the Police. Please support us in maintaining our good relationships with local residents by parking responsibly. Our pupils deserve to walk to and from school safely – let's work together to ensure this happens.



'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day

This is a reminder that on Tuesday 10th October the whole school will be supporting the Young Minds charity. This date marks World Mental Health Day and the theme this year is '**Stand Out, Show Up**', which encourages pupils to 'show up' and support one another.

The Young Minds campaign is known as 'Hello Yellow'. Therefore, on 10th October, all children are invited to wear an item of yellow clothing to supplement their school uniform, in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1). This might be a pair of yellow socks, a yellow hairband, a yellow t-shirt or any other yellow item. If your child does not have a yellow accessory or item of clothing to wear, they may choose to design a badge to wear, with the Hello Yellow Young Minds message on it.

In addition to wearing something yellow, pupils will spend a lesson during this day taking part in activities to raise their awareness of mental health issues.

Holiday Club!

This is a reminder that JC Academy will be providing a holiday club for pupils during October half term. For further information or to book your child a place, please follow the link: www.jcacademy.co.uk

Five Ways Lottery

Tickets can be bought by following the link: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school Well done to last week's winner!



PTFA News!

The PTFA AGM took place this week at which the new committee was formed. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Amy Winters has been re-elected as our chairperson and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with her to carry on the outstanding work of the PTFA. Other committee members include Ms Laura Finazzo as vice chairperson, Miss Elinor Walley as treasurer and Mrs Joanna Gough as secretary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the PTFA for their hard work and commitment to Five Ways.

Christmas Cards - With only 11 weeks until Christmas, the PTFA are pleased to announce that parents will be able to purchase Christmas cards and merchandise that have been designed by their children. Pupils have already completed their 2023 Christmas card designs within school and they have been sent home soon. Please see the information attached to your child's Christmas card design regarding placing an order. The deadline for orders to be placed is **18th October**.

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