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A note from Mr Redford

Like a blink of an eye, January has already passed us and we are coming to the end of Term 3 already. We are now over the half way mark for the school year and we cannot believe that the Spring and Summer terms are almost upon us.

This term, we have been thinking about the value of Pride. We closely link this value with another one of our values, the value of Humility. We have been promoting Pride in regards to the children being proud of their achievements, not being boastful and being proud of others around them and their achievements. The song Proud by Heather Small has been playing in every one of our assemblies and we are constantly asking the children *"what have you done today to make you feel proud?"* It has been amazing to hear them share with their peers and us what they have achieved in their lessons. Furthermore, a number of them have shared something beyond their learning. They have shared what traits their friends have that make them proud of them. Last Friday, we were able to celebrate our value in our Golden Values Assembly where each class had two children nominated to receive the Golden Value Star badge. These children, along with two children picked by Mrs Hensher and me for the whole school had shown they truly understood and apply this value every day at school. Well done to all of our winners.

This term has been full of wonderful learning that we are certainly proud of. The children in Cambridge, Lisburn and Aberdeen class have hosted assemblies. The auditions for JWJS Got Talent were successful and Year 5 have started their swimming lessons. To top this all off, Year 6 had a wonderful morning where they dissected lamb hearts as part of their science-based experience Heartbeat.

We are almost finished organising our new library. The librarians have been hard at work categorising all of the books and we hope to have an official re-opening by Easter.

Today is the last day of term and we finish at our usual time of 3:15pm. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful February half term when it arrives!



Mr Redford
Headteacher

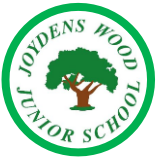


Mrs Hensher
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Gilham
Family Liaison Officer

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Safer
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Day

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024

This year, the Safer Internet Day's theme is based around 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. To help parents and carers, the UK Safer Internet Centre has released the following tips.

Inspire change by modelling how to be safe online

Just like in their offline lives, children need role models online too. Set clear and fair expectations about how the whole family should use the internet and technology, and demonstrate this yourself. A Family Agreement is a great way to start conversations and put your ideas down on paper, to refer back to later and adapt as your child and your family's internet use changes.

Make a difference by having regular discussions about the online world

Having regular and open conversations with your child about their use of technology and the internet is the best way to stay up to date, not only with changes in the online world, but also with what they are doing and seeing online. Starting these conversations can sometimes feel daunting, but they can help you feel more informed and show your child that you are taking an interest in their online life. Not sure where to begin? Use the tips and conversations starters in our "Let's Talk About Life Online" resource.

Manage influence by researching the content and games your child enjoys the most

Giving young people the opportunity to talk about their life online, and enjoying online content together, can be a great way to gain an insight into the content they are viewing

Navigate change by knowing where to go for further support

If your child needs help, it is important you know where to go for further support. Using the report and block buttons, websites such as 'Report Harmful Content', and other safety tools is a great starting point. It can also be useful to discuss any concerns or worries with your child's school, as they may be able to offer further advice and guidance. It can also help to talk to other parents and carers who may have experienced something similar.

My child is asking for a new device and I am not sure they are ready for one

It is important to think carefully before getting any kind of device for your child. Not only can it be an expensive decision, it is also necessary to consider the 5 'Ws'.

What kind of device is it and what level of connectivity does it offer?

Does the device allow you to connect with friends, online friends, and other people you might not know? Our [Parents and Carers Guide to Technology](#) provides specialist advice for phones, consoles, laptops, smart speakers, and TVs, including information on privacy and security settings and how to set them up.

Who will be using it?

Will it be a family owned device, or just for your child? If it's a personal device then it's important that you're aware of the in-built settings that are available, such as the content and privacy restrictions that can help to control things like age ratings, location sharing, downloading, and screentime etc.

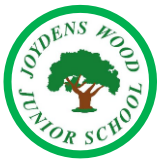
When and where will the device be used?

Is it portable or will it stay in one place in the home? Will it go into your child's bedroom, or will they take it out and about with them? Creating a [Family Agreement](#) for your technology use can help set out your rules and expectations.

Why does your child want one?

Is this an upgrade to an existing device that might be past its best, or are they asking because, 'all their friends have one!?' As a parent or carer, it can be difficult to explain the cost of new devices and relay your concerns in a child-friendly way. If your child is asking for their first phone, then Childnet's '[First Phone Checklist](#)' has all the advice you need to make an informed decision.

Remember, even if your child is putting pressure on you, as their parent or carer only you know if they are ready to use the device they're asking for, and if they can demonstrate the responsibility and maturity needed to enjoy it safely.



STAFFING

We are happy to welcome to our team, Miss Foran, who will be joining us as one of our Teaching Assistants. As well as Miss Foran joining us, Mrs Ahmed, who has been working with us in Year 6 is joining our team permanently too. Finally, congratulations to Mrs O'Connell who has been made a permanent full-time Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Mrs O'Connell will remain carrying out the support work she does as well as covering classes where needed.

PUNCTUALITY

Sadly, we have been noticing several children who are late into school every day. As a reminder, the school day does start at 8:40am and work is prepared for the children to start immediately when they arrive. This is valuable learning time. Teachers complete registers, shortly thereafter. Anyone who is in after 8:55am will be marked as a late. It is important to us that parents and carers ensure their children attend school on time. If you are having difficulty with this, please speak to Mrs Gilham and she will be happy to assist.

Furthermore, it is also important that parents and carers do arrive on time to collect their children from school, this includes from our after school clubs. The school day ends at 3:15pm and our clubs finish at 4:15pm. We understand that sometimes parents can be delayed arriving on time to collect. If you are going to be late, please call the school office so they are aware and you will need to make other collection arrangements. Please note that the school office closes at 4:30pm each night. We cannot be caring for children after school or after clubs have finished. If you need further wraparound care, then please speak to the Breakfast and After School Club.

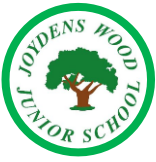
We will be monitoring anyone who is persistently late in arriving to school and being late collected. If, you are consistently late in collecting from a club, then your child being able to attend that club will be reviewed and it may result in them losing their place. That said a big thank you to many of you ensure their children attend school on time and are collected promptly. We appreciate everyone's support with this.

PTA

Our Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) is desperately in need of volunteers who will be happy to be part of its committee. The PTA do a great job in fundraising for the school and hosting superb social events for the children and their families. If the PTA does not have anyone who is willing to step forward, then sadly the PTA will have close. Our big events, like the Christmas Fayre, Talent Show and Year 6 prom, will not be able to take place. Due to the capacity the current PTA members have, we are going to be reducing the number of events taking place for the rest of this year, but we are preparing to send out a sign-up form to see if we can enlist some volunteers to help with the upcoming events. If you are able to support, then this is great and we will be sharing more information soon about how you can get involved!

SPORTS

Team JWJS has had another busy few weeks since our return to the New Year. Well done to our netball team who won their first league game, 10-8 against New Ash Green Primary. Some of our Year 5's took part in an Active 60 Playground Games Festival! They all had a fantastic day and took part in lots of activities with other Dartford and Gravesend schools! Following on the Boys Football team got through to the semi-finals for the South East, however lost on penalties. At the start of February, our Netball team played against Wilmington and lost 9-5. On 5th February, JWJS Sports was out in force where our football teams played at the Kent Schools Under 11s County Finals. They got through to the semi-finals but lost 1-0 to Paddock Wood. Meanwhile our mixed team played in the Dartford Schools Football League where they lost two and drew in the final. Well done everyone for your great efforts!



GENERAL REMINDERS

Stationery

Do not forget your children need the following in every day:

- Handwriting Pen (the Berol handwriting pens are what we use in school) x 2
- Pencil x 2
- Purple Biro Pen x 2
- Glue Stick (please check no scented or coloured ones and they are child safe)
- Sharpener (preferable with a bottom cup to it)
- Rubber
- A highlighter
- Whiteboard pen x2

Also please note, we cannot be held responsible for any items that go missing.






World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

We are celebrating our love of reading this year by setting a theme for this year's World Book Day. This year our theme is Where's Wally? We are encouraging every one to dress up as their favourite character from Where's Wally. Though the Where's Wally books do not have literal words telling a story to them, they can certainly encourage its readers to use their imagination to work out what adventure Wally is on! We will be doing our usual World Book Day parade at the start of the school day on the main playground and organising activities within the school for the children too!

Parking

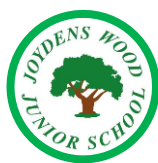
Sadly, we continue to have parents and carers who are not being considerate to our local residents when parking at the start and end of the school day. We have had a number of complaints this term about this, including several incidents where parents have been parking across someone's drive or using their drive to turn their vehicles around. We encourage everyone to be considerate around our local community and respect our neighbours and their property. Residents are now taking matters further by informing the Police and Local Authority. We ask everyone to be more careful and vigilant with this.

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SCHOOL STARTS:
8:40AM

SCHOOL FINISHES:
3:15PM



Please see below for the latest information for Term 4

TERM 4	Value of the Term - Integrity & Honesty
Monday 19 th February	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 20 th February	
Wednesday 21 st February	
Thursday 22 nd February	Year 5 Swimming at Fairfield JWJS Got Talent Show – doors open at 5:30pm (performers to arrive at 5:10pm)
Friday 23 rd February	Dojo Winners Own Clothes Day for Term 3
Monday 26 th February	
Tuesday 27 th February	
Wednesday 28 th February	
Thursday 29 th February	Year 5 Swimming at Fairfield
Friday 1 st March	
Monday 4 th March	
Tuesday 5 th March	Belfast Class Assembly at 9.00am (parent/carers invited)
Wednesday 6 th March	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – JWJS World Book Day Parade at 9.00am on the front playground (parents invited) Where's Wally Theme No swimming for Year 5 at Fairfield
Friday 8 th March	
Monday 11 th March	
Tuesday 12 th March	Parent Consultations (Children invited) from 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 13 th March	
Thursday 14 th March	Year 5 Swimming at Fairfield Parent Consultations (Children invited) from 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – Details to be shared on Class Dojo
Monday 18 th March	Parent Surveys to go out online
Tuesday 19 th March	
Wednesday 20 th March	
Thursday 21 st March	Year 5 Swimming at Fairfield– last session
Friday 22 nd March	Values Assembly at 2.30pm in the main hall (parents/carers invited to attend via invitation) Last Day for Extra Curricular Clubs After School club details available for terms 5 and 6
Monday 25 th March	Year 4 Production to the Whole School Booking for after school clubs for terms 5 and 6 opens at 6.00pm Year 4 Production at 5.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 4 Production at 2.00pm to parents and Year 2 Year 4 Production at 5.30pm to parents
Wednesday 27 th March	PTA Easter Disco with DJ Redford 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming Gala at Fairfield (TBC) Last day of Term 4 at 3.15pm Interim Reports Home PTA School Uniform Shop and Tuck Shop Opens at 3:20pm