



# Jordans School

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## Newsletter 19

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Dear Parents,

This week's newsletter is a 'bumper edition'! There is much news to share at the end of what's been a great half term in school. The children have all really enjoyed their learning this half term and I hope you enjoy sharing it with them today. Please do read to the end of the letter to be informed of Hot School Meal Arrangements.

### Lateness

Thank you to all of you who have made extra efforts to be on time for school, it is already making a difference. Last week the late minutes totalled 15! Such an improvement on 88 from before!

### National Story Telling Week

Last week we really enjoyed listening to lots of stories and talking about our favourite books. It is great to see the children engrossed in such lovely stories.

### National Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

As part of our Computing and PSHE curriculum we teach the children how to be safe whilst online, this is always taught in an age appropriate way and promotes much discussion. We have specifically talked about it this week in assembly. If you would like further guidance for keeping children safe at home please look at this link:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/about-safer-internet-day>

### Big Lottery Fund

The eager eyed amongst you may have seen in the Bucks Free Press last week that the announcement has been made from the National Lottery that Jordans School is one of only 3 schools in Bucks who have been successful in their bid to receive £10,000 to help improve the grounds of the school to encourage the children's physical development skills. This is wonderful news! Work will now start over Easter in building a huge play castle and the creation of a special road way surface for the children to enjoy. Parental contributions made through the Parental Contribution Fund are also helping to fund this development. We are very grateful, thank you.

### World Book Day – Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

This is always an exciting day in which we encourage the children to dress up as their favourite character. This year's theme for Jordans is: Dress up as a Julia Donaldson character. Will you have purple prickles all over your back? Or enjoying a book just like Charlie Cook? Or maybe you will be the Smartest Giant in Town? As part of the celebrations we will be holding a sponsored reading event in that week. Information will be coming home upon our return to school after the half term break.

From 4.30-5.30 on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> the JSA and staff team are inviting the children to come back to school in their PJs for a cosy story telling event and book swap! The letter with information about this event will be coming home as soon as we return to school.

### Spring term dates

Please find a revised dates list attached to the newsletter. It includes further JSA activities and also the class trips that are now planned for later in the term. The teachers have been working hard to organise exciting trips for the children, more information to follow!

### Uniform

In school your child will be familiar with the term 'smart for learning' – we encourage the children to be ready for learning both in terms of attitude and appearance. Please can I remind you that hair bands etc must be green in colour and not too elaborate. Hair must be tied up if longer than shoulder length. Jordans School fleeces are for wearing as an extra layer outside in place of or in addition to a coat. Your child needs a Jordans School jumper or cardigan for inside. Our uniform information is available on our website, please speak to us if you require assistance with ordering the correct uniform.

### Hot School Meals

Hooray! We are ready to go! Big thanks go to Ms Ranahan and our lunchtime team for working so hard to make this happen for us after half term. Jordans has been waiting a long time to provide each child with a Universal Hot Free School Meal and I am delighted that every child will now be able to enjoy a free hot meal each day.

I have attached the menu to this newsletter and it will also be available on the school website. Each morning at registration the children will be asked to quickly say what they would like to choose for their lunch. We expect all the children to take lunch from the menu. I would advise that ahead of the meals starting you talk to your child about the menu and then each morning help them choose what they would like. We will of course be monitoring their choices and will discuss any concerns with you.

The children will be shown on Monday morning how the system will work, how to carry their lunch and be encouraged to eat up! We will find in the early days that our systems will need tweaking as we support the children in their hot school meals, please do bear with us.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Popham to the staff team as a Catering Assistant, she will be working in the kitchen and supporting the children in their enjoyment of their meal.

Thank you for your continued support, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy half term break. School opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for the new half term.

Mrs Bancroft  
Headteacher



The last 2 week's Well Done  
Certificates

Harry (Class R) - For being such a kind friend.

Elliot (Class R) - For fantastic cursive writing.

Lillia (Class 1) - For being polite and helpful and working hard in all lessons.

Radhika (Class 1) - For always giving such thoughtful answers and making excellent suggestions.

Angus (Class 2) - For a fantastic poster advertising the delights and attractions of London.

Sophia (Class 2) - For a fantastic poster advertising the delights and attractions of London.

Niki (Class R) - For being such a brilliant part of Jordans School and always brightening our day.

William (Class R) - For super writing using his phonics, key words and finger spaces.

Lawson (Class 1) - For great suggestions when writing our class story.

Santiago (Class 1) - For great concentration and effort in lessons this week.

Harsh (Class 2) - For being a caring and supportive friend.

Ben P (Class 2) - For being such a super scientist and contributing so much to our science lessons.



Next Half Term's Learning

**Year R**

Our new topic will 'Which stories do you love and why?'

**Year 1**

In Year 1 we will be learning about the Rainforest

**Year 2**

China will be the focus of our new half term's topic