



Jordans School

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Newsletter 8

Friday 4th November

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for a very exciting half term. I hope you all enjoyed the half term break, the children have told us all about what they have been up to!

Thank you for the positive feedback about our Topic Finale afternoon from the Friday before the holidays. Our next one will be on Friday December at 9am. This finale will be a chance for your child to share their wonderful work in their books with you.

Staff news

Mrs Taaffe will continue teaching Year 1 on a Friday and Mrs Taylor and myself on a Thursday for this term.

Maths Open Session Tuesday 15th November

Due to unforeseen circumstances we will be postponing the Maths session. This will now take place early in the Spring term. A calendar list is attached to this newsletter for your information.

JSA Christmas Cards

The deadline for the return of Christmas Card orders is the 11th November. Please make cheques payable to the Jordans School Association (not Jordans School as stated on the form).

Parent helpers

We would be very keen to invite any parents who would like to help in school, especially listening to the children read. If you are interested in helping, please let the class teacher know.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016

Poppies have been on sale in school from the 31st October. If your child would like to wear a poppy we ask for silver coin donations in an envelope in your child's book bag. Please do remind your child that they have a donation in their book bag to buy a poppy.

Starting Reception and Infant to Junior School Transfer for Sept 2017

A note that if you have younger children or a child moving onto Year 3 next year, the Buckinghamshire County Council online admissions portal will open at 10 am on 7 November 2016 and the closing date for applications is 3pm on 16 January 2017.

One of our proud moments for this week

We have many proud moments in a Jordans week but I received a letter this week from Nick Gibb MP (Minister of State for School Standards) congratulating us on our outstanding phonics achievements. I have attached the letter for your interest. I quote *"I would like to congratulate*

you, your staff and your pupils for your school's very high standard of achievement in the 2016 phonics screening check" Jordans School is now in the top 8% of all primary schools in the country!

We know every single day how amazing your children are, and how much progress they are making and we are very proud but it is nice to receive a letter of recognition from the Department of Education.

Best wishes,
Mrs Bancroft

Fri 4th November	JSA Murder Mystery fund raising evening
14th – 18th November	Anti-bullying week
Tues 15th November	Maths Information and exploring session - POSTPONED
Thurs 17th November	Flu vaccine for Yr 1 & 2 children administered by the school nursing team
Thurs 24th November	Open Morning for prospective parents 9:30am
Fri 25th November	JSA After school cake sale
Thurs 1st December	Year 2 to CSP Academy to watch Christmas Play JSA Wreath Making Evening – More info to follow!
Fri 2nd December	Reception class to JVN to watch Christmas Play
Fri 9th December	Topic finale open morning 9am JSA Children's Christmas Disco 5-6pm All after school clubs have finished
Tues 13th December	Christmas Play dress rehearsal for grandparents/siblings
Wed 14th December	School trip to the pantomime @ Elgiva Theatre
Thurs 15th December	Christmas Play Quiet Audience 9:30am
Fri 16th December	Christmas Play Quiet Audience 9:30am Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Tues 20th December	School closes at 2:00 pm for the holidays



- Ebba (Class R) - For having a fantastic attitude to all aspects of school life.
- Oliver (Class R) - For being a concentrating crocodile in phonics.
- Joshua (Class 1) - For working so hard this week, independently doing his work.
- Emily (Class 1) - For always trying her very best in class, you set a great example to the rest of the class.
- Thomas (Class 2) - For an outstanding Bonfire Night Poem.
- Grace (Class 2) - For an outstanding Bonfire Night Poem.

Next Week's Learning

Year R

Maths - Capacity, Dad bear, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear are hungry! How many spoons of porridge does each bowl hold?

Literacy - We will be making our own story map of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Requests - Donations of dried beans, peas and chick peas for making Rangoli patterns and porridge oats for our role play kitchen would be much appreciated.

Year 1

Maths - We will be having great fun learning all about capacity - filling and pouring.

Literacy - We will be learning about recounts and how to use our bossy adverbs of time.

Requests - Please bring in any clean empty plastic bottles.

Year 2

Maths - We are going to be measuring all sorts of things in class and around the school. Perhaps you could find a way of measuring something at home this weekend?

Literacy - we will be comparing some texts by the wonderful author Julia Donaldson. Maybe you could see if you have any of her books at home?

