



# Newsletter

## 24.11.23

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another busy week in school. It has been lovely walking around school to see the children's learning in action.

### Website

Our new academy website is now up and running so please take some time to have a look at it. We hope that parents and carers find it just as useful as before. We have tried to maintain much of the format that we had, as we always received a lot of positive feedback for this.

### Governors

You will know that we have a vacancy for parent governors. Please see the message that went out on the parent hub if you are interested in working with the school in this role.

### Parking

Thank you to the parents who completed our parking promise. We do continue to get complaints to school about how some people park, so please do consider your parking and ensure that our children and other road users are kept safe at all times. We are working with the council and police at the moment who are going to monitor and issue fines. We are also hoping that improved road markings and signs will be put in place to further improve this so we will keep you posted regarding this.



### Junior Leaders

Our junior leaders had a lovely morning at Jerry Clay Academy. Both sets of junior leaders shared what they do in their roles. It was a very special meeting and both sets of pupils got so much from the day. Junior Leaders have so many notes to help with our next steps. True collaboration with children at the heart.

### Junior Reading Leaders

Here are our wonderful Junior Reading Leaders holding their playtime reading club. This week's group were so excited to go again!





## **Year 1**

Year 1's focus text is 'The Stick Man'. We are doing lots of work on retelling the story as a class and to each other ready to start writing it ourselves.

## **School Start Times**

8:30am Nursery and Reception, Class 1 Class 2 Class 4 Class 6

8:35am Class 3 Class 5

Please see the start times for your child's class. School gates are opened earlier than this, so that you can ensure your child is in class for the start of the lesson. It is important that you arrive early enough to allow lessons to start promptly and on time and more importantly, to ensure that your child does not miss important introductions to lessons on a morning. If you have more than one child please arrive for the timings of the earliest child. Thank you to the overwhelming majority of our parents and children who do this. Lost learning is a key factor which impacts negatively on your child's progress and success in school, so please be punctual and give yourself time to get your child to school promptly.

## **Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day**

Christmas jumper day will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. This is Christmas dinner day also for anyone who doesn't usually order a meal, you are welcome to do so on this day using the booking system. We are collecting for Mid Yorkshire Hospital on this day so please send in donations if you wish to donate for this local charity on this day.

## **Dates for your diary**

27/11 Nursery walk to Stanley Post Box with Santa letters

30/11 Outwood Together - Indoor Athletics Girls: Rothwell Leisure Centre

04/12 Year 6 reports out

06/12 Christmas Crafts (House Teams) More details to follow

08/12 Year 2 Canal Walk

11/12 EYFS Parent/carer visit for new pupils only 3pm

12/12 Christmas Performance KS1 (Years 1&2) 9am

13/12 Christmas Performance KS2 (Years 3&4) 9am

13/12 Christmas Fayre 14:45-16:30

14/12 Christmas Performance KS2 (Years 5&6) 9am

14/12 Reception walk to the care home

15/12 Christmas Performance Reception 9am

18/12 KS2 Christmas Party

19/12 KS1 Christmas Party  
19/12 Nursery Nativity at Stanley Church Hall 15:30  
20/12 Nursery & Reception Christmas Party  
20/12 Christmas Jumper Day  
22/12 Christingle Service  
22/12 School closes normal times for the Christmas break  
08/01 Inset day  
09/01 School opens  
09/02 School closes normal times  
19/02 School opens  
22/02 School closes normal times  
23/02 Inset day  
11/03 – 13/03 Class 6 Residential  
22/03 School closes normal times  
08/04 School opens  
06/05 School closed bank holiday  
24/05 School closes normal times for half term  
03/06 School opens

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Frost