

10th September 2021



Jewell Academy Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Let's hope that this is as "normal" a school year as one can get.

Thank you so much for a fabulous start to our academic year. The children have come in well and are settling into their new routines with new staff. Behaviour is good across the school and we cannot wait to welcome our new Reception children too.

I also need to say welcome to two new members of staff – Mr Elliott who has joined the teaching team in Year 1 as Starfish class teacher, Miss Moody who has joined the Y6 teaching team as an LSA and Mrs Quarrie our Executive Principal who you may have seen on the gate in an afternoon. Mrs Quarrie will be with us 2 days a week.

This week, the whole school have engaged with an art project as part of Belonging Week. Each year group has studied a different artist and have created art work in that style. By Monday morning, our display boards will be adorned with some truly fabulous pieces and we will be looking to get some photos onto our Facebook page early next week to share with you.

Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/JewellAAT/>

Learning Skills

During our September Inset Days, staff worked together to decide on 6 key learning skills we wished all children at Jewell Academy to develop and leave us with when they went to secondary school.

It was agreed that we want our children to develop: **Courage, Resilience, Independence, Teamwork, Kindness and Honesty.**

We will be working further on these with the children in the coming days and weeks and will tell you more about them in due course.

Medication

If your child has a long term medical need, Mrs Sinclair will have been in touch with you regarding a health plan. If your child takes medication on a daily basis you will need to complete a medication consent form which is available at the office.

For shorter term medication such as antibiotics, this should ideally be administered at home by you. If required and on completion of a form, a first aider within school will administer. Unfortunately, we are not able to administer pain relief such as Calpol and you will need to come up to school to do this.

Healthy lunch boxes

Please could I ask you to remember that we are a nut free school, so please try to ensure no items are sent that contain any form of nut. This would include chocolate spreads such as Nutella.

We also need to ensure that the children are eating a balanced diet, so please do try to include some healthy options such as fruit and vegetables.

There are some great websites with ideas you can visit such as:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/lunch-box-recipes>

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Attendance

Attendance this week is **95%**

Please ensure your children are in school on time. The government expect all children to be in school now and normal attendance procedures apply. If your child is persistently late or absent we may inform the Local Authority and can take action to fine parents.

Uniform

Just a reminder that the children should be in full school uniform on days they do not have PE or Forest School and PE Kit on PE and Forest School Days.

Y3 – Y6 should be wearing the striped blue tie. All uniform can be purchased through ParentPay and to check which uniform children should be wearing please follow this link: <https://www.jewell-aspirations.org/about-us/uniform/>

Only one set of earrings should be worn and no additional piercings. All piercings and watches should be removed for PE.

No nail varnish should be worn.

Hair should be neat and tidy and not “extreme” in style Please ensure any long hair is tied up and off the face for learning.

School shoes should be black and not trainer style.

Please can all children be in the correct uniform by next Friday. Please seek clarification from class teachers if needed.

Home Learning Club

Townsend Community Centre are opening their doors every Friday afternoon during term time to Jewell Academy pupils from 3pm – 4:30pm. Adults must stay with their children but there will be adults available to support your children with any homework they may have. Please do use the facility if you can.

Summer Fair

Our postponed Summer Fair is due to go ahead on Friday 24th September. Please watch for more details in the very near future from the PTA.

Reporting Absence

Please ensure that you ring school by 9:15am and leave a message on the attendance line explaining any absence. You must call every day your child is poorly. The office team do not have time to make phone calls chasing parents. If we cannot make contact with you within 24 hours, we are duty bound to inform Social Services and the Police to carry out welfare checks.

Meet the teacher meetings

Class teachers will be in touch (if they haven't already) regarding Meet the Teacher meetings starting next week. It would be wonderful to welcome you on site for your meetings and for you to find out more about what this academic year has in store for your children as well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Pupil Praise

Principal Awards

I was able to award my first Principal Award of the academic year to Bobby in Year 3 this week. Not only had he been recognised by the Year 3 team, but also by other members of staff across the school for superb behaviour and role modelling.

Children start afresh with their Principal Awards each September.

If they gain 3, they receive a Bronze award, 6 = Silver, 9 = Gold. Last year I had the pleasure of awarding my first Platinum Award for 12 Principal Awards in one academic year.

St.Claire's Childcare

St. Claire's have set up and started to provide our Breakfast and After School Club care. Please do check out their website for more details and to make bookings.

<https://www.stclaires.co.uk/>

Jewells of the Week

Class	Pupil	Pupil
Starfish/Dolphins	All of Starfish Class	All of Dolphin Class
Sealions/Whales	All of Sealions Class	All of Whales Class
Diamonds/Sapphires	Leonor	Esmai
Rubies/Emeralds	Brogan	Vinnie
Pearl/Topaz	Serenitee	Paulina
Moonstone/Sunstone	Harry	Elijah