

24th September 2021



Jewell Academy Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Writing this week's newsletter is a little surreal as I have not been in school at all due to having Covid. I am looking forward to returning to work on Monday and seeing everyone again. Mrs Sinclair and the whole team have done a fantastic job in my absence and I have enjoyed catching up and hearing the amazing things that have been going on.

Y5 and Y6 had a webinar with Primary Futures this week to discuss future careers and gain some inspiration. It is never too early to begin conversations with our pupils about their future aspirations and we look forward to further developing our links with the community to help support career days and invite inspirational speakers to our school.

I look forward to being able to share early on next week how well the Summer Fair did and how the funds raised will be used to support the two areas identified this year for fundraising: Sensory Room items and Playground Equipment to further enhance our play and lunch times.

A message from our Executive Principal

Welcome back!

Thank you to all of the parents and children who have greeted me with such cheerful hellos and good mornings when I have stood at the gate. It is such a positive way to start my day! I have been so impressed with how engaged the children are and how well they have settled back into the routines of school life. You should be very proud. The academy values of self-worth, engagement and purpose are being focused on throughout the year and I would like to thank the hard-working staff at Jewell Academy for their commitment to ensuring each child can be the best version of themselves. Have a fantastic weekend and hopefully the sun continues to shine!

Mrs Jo Quarrie

Executive Principal

Learning Skills

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have established six key learning skills for our children at Jewell. These have been organised into themes for each half term and we are excited to be able to share the straplines for them now with you. Please talk to your children about these as there will be many conversations in school about them and how children can develop them.

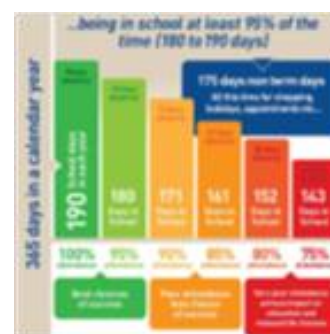
Term	Learning Skill	Strap Line
Autumn 1	Teamwork	We work together
Autumn 2	Kindness	We care for each other
Spring 1	Honesty	We tell the truth
Spring 2	Resilience	We use a growth mindset
Summer 1	Independence	We think for ourselves
Summer 2	Courage	We are brave

Attendance

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<https://jewell.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/09/Attendance-Matters.pdf>



End of the school day

We have several parents and children who are remaining on site after children have been dismissed and allowing the children to play on the trim trail, school field, Forest School and other play/climbing equipment. We have even had some families set up picnics!

We respectfully ask that you leave site as soon as possible so that we can secure the site and begin our After School Club activities. Please also respect staff who are asking you to move on.

Despite numerous requests in previous newsletters and in school assemblies, we still have some children riding their bikes and scooters on school site at the end of the day, causing near misses or accidents. Please do not allow your child to do this and encourage them to walk their bikes and scooters off site keeping the whole school community safe.

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.

Pupil Praise

Principal Awards

This week, Mrs Sinclair has delighted in being able to award many Principal Awards. Special recognition goes to Kian in Y5 for achieving 4 Principal Awards and therefore his Bronze Badge also.

Year 2	Felicity, Ismaele and Isla
Year 3	Luca
Year 4	Levi and Ridhvi
Year 5	Antonia, Abirathan, Ebube, Eaman, Gracie and Kian

Harvest Festival

As we have in previous years, we will be collecting donations for Bournemouth Food Bank.

Donations can be accepted from Monday 27th September until 4th October. Please give generously.

Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on 5th October to take individual and sibling photos. Previously we have been able to extend photos to siblings who do not attend Jewell Academy and family portraits. Unfortunately, we will not be able to extend that offer this year. Please find a letter with more details can be found on the website.

Jewells of the Week

Class	Pupil	Pupil
Starfish/Dolphins	Arial	Scarlett
Sealions/Whales	George	Ismaele
Diamonds/Sapphires	Uamama	Lilly
Rubies/Emeralds	Louie	Lauren
Pearl/Topaz	Abirathan	Daniella
Moonstone/Sunstone	Abigail	Ethan

Dates for your diary

27th September – 4th October	Donations for Food Bank for Harvest Festival
5th October	Pupil Photographs (no family photos at this session)
25th – 29th October	Half Term
3rd November	PTA Annual General Meeting
26th November	Trust Inset Day
6th December	Academy Inset Day
17th December	School Closes for Christmas Break 1pm.

PTA Information

The PTA are looking to hold their AGM on 3rd November in the school hall directly after school (3:15pm onwards). All are welcome.

They are looking to recruit some new members onto their PTA and re-elect members into the different roles available. Please do come along and see how you could become involved and support the school in raising essential funds to benefit our children.

PTA Roles for re-election (if you are interested in any role please contact the PTA for further information)

The Chair

Main duties:- when there is a split decision, the chair would make the final decision, to make all committee members feel welcome and valued, to provide leadership, to co-write the annual PTA report and to lead PTA meetings according to the agenda. Must attend PTA meetings.

Need to be: Enthusiastic, calm, good at listening and decisive

The Deputy

Main duties:- To support the work of the PTA Chair, to step in for the Chair when absent, to work with the PTA Chair to see that the PTA is running smoothly and communicates well, to assist all other roles when needed. Must attend PTA meetings.

Needs to be:- Supportive, enthusiastic, energetic, organised

The Treasurer

Main duties:- To oversee the PTA's financial affairs, to manage the accounts, do the banking and maintain up-to-date financial records. Must attend PTA meetings

Need to be: Reliable, organised and good with numbers

The Secretary

Main duties:- To keep up-to-date records of PTA activity, to organise PTA meetings, to prepare and distribute agendas and minutes, to build strong relationships with key school staff – including the office staff and caretakers, must attend PTA meetings

Needs to be:- Organised, good at time management and friendly

Secretary Assistant

Main duties:- To assist the secretary in organising raffle prizes, creating event posters & leaflets, build good working relationships with businesses, must attend PTA meetings

Needs to be:- Friendly, creative, enthusiastic

Communication Rep

Main duties:- To publicise PTA events and activities, to get to know as many parents as possible, to promote and communicate what's going on, to enthuse other parents about what's going on, must attend PTA meetings

Needs to be:- Good on social media, approachable, good at communicating

Year Reps

Main duties:- To work alongside the Communication Rep, to support the parents in each year group, to answer parents questions, send out reminders to parents about PTA events and year activities

Needs to be:- approachable, social and read the school newsletters

Wishing you all a super weekend and looking forward to seeing you all next week.



Mrs Alex Waddington

Principal.