

# 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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## Jewell Academy Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that it is the end of our first term this academic year! As ever, it has been exceptionally busy and productive and your children have demonstrated lots of curiosity and creativity in the build up to the Christmas celebrations. Our younger children in EYFS - Y2 demonstrated real courage and confidence as they performed their nativities and Christmas plays. We hope you enjoyed watching them as much as we did!

I would like to praise the House Captains for their leadership this half term. Each week, they have confidently stood up in our celebration assemblies and shared the exciting news of winning houses as well as leading on their own assemblies and creating our Christmas tree competition. I look forward to seeing their next initiative! Next term, our learning skill will be Honesty. Here we will be thinking about the value of honesty and how it supports us in developing our character.

Look out for our Books at Bedtime evening on 19th January. This is for all children in EYFS - Y2. Whilst your children can hear a story in their pyjamas with a hot chocolate, parents can attend our phonics workshop evenings and learn more about how to support your child at home.



Thank you for all of your ongoing support.

I wish you all a very happy holiday and hope that you have a wonderful time with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 8:45am.

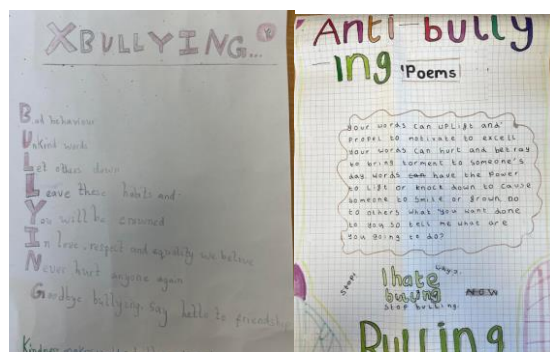
Mrs Waddington.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we finish another fantastic term here at Jewell, I must congratulate the choir and ukulele players for their wonderful Christmas performance outside the front of the academy this week. It was a cold day, but they sang and played beautifully. Thank you to the staff who put so much effort into making things like this happen.

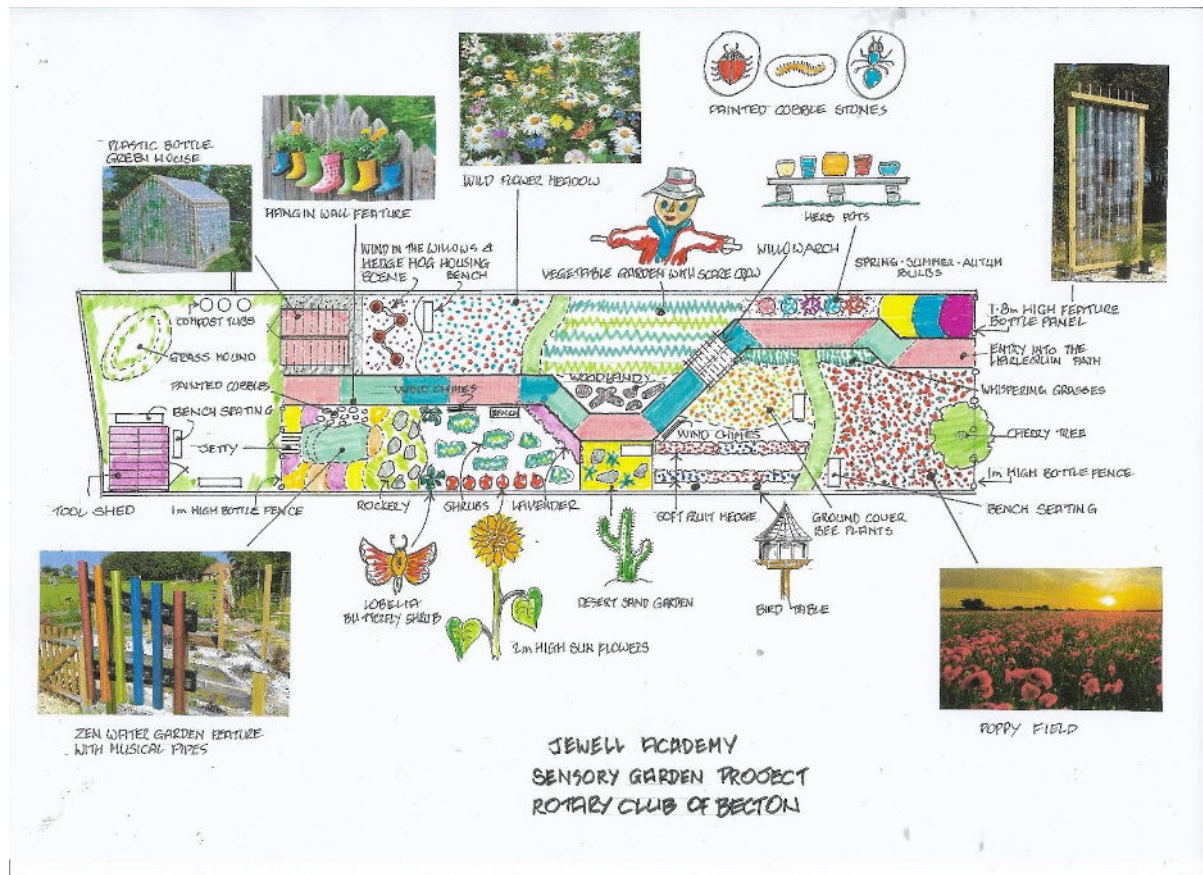
Anti-bullying is hugely important to us at Jewell and we work hard to ensure this is a safe environment where bullying is not tolerated. Miss Druce and Miss Rees ran an anti-bullying poetry competition this half term and the winners have been announced - well done to Ilisha and Lilly in Y5. Enjoy reading the winning poems below!

Mrs Jo Quarrie.



## Jewell Academy Sensory Garden

Over the last few months, Mrs Sinclair has been working closely with Bournemouth Rotary Club in order to redesign our garden area into a brand new Sensory Garden ready to be used in the summer term! The Rotary Club have very kindly offered to support this project by creating a new design, offering support with the landscaping as well as donating £2500 towards the project. We are extremely grateful for their support.



**We need your help!**



One of the designs in the project involves creating a greenhouse and feature wall out of 2 litre bottles and we need your help to create them! Over the holiday period, please could you keep any 2 litre bottles you have at home and bring them into school when we return. Please ensure they are washed and the labels have been removed. We need 1700 in total so the more the merrier!

### Year 2 – The Fireside Nativity

Well done Year 2 on their amazing performance of The Fireside Nativity. Everyone was amazed at how well they had learnt their lines and sang the songs.



### Y2 DT Project

Year 2 have been learning to make a Victorian bathing machine in DT. We have learnt to measure and draw accurately using a ruler, and use a saw to cut dowling and create axles for our machine. Some of the children explained in great detail what a bathing machine was and how they made their own.



### Year 3

We would really like to say a big thank you to Nancy from the National Trust who came to visit our Year 3 classes. Our students learnt all about archaeology and artefacts from the Stone Age. The children from Diamonds and Sapphires thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, especially examining some findings that were over 10,000 years old.

### Year 2

On the 14th and 16th November, Year 2 visited the Museum of East Dorset in Wimborne. The children had a lovely time learning about the life of a Victorian child.

They experienced school life where you learnt copperplate handwriting and had to pay a penny each week. Washing day was hard work as everything was done by hand, though the mangle was fun to use. Everyone made their own peg doll and learnt about other Victorian games.

### Sports News

We would like to say a big thank you to Bournemouth University who visited our Year 3 children to lead two separate sports coaching sessions. The lessons were fantastic and allowed our children to participate in a range of activities. Both Diamonds and Sapphires classes had great fun and we look forward to working alongside Bournemouth University again in the future.



### Jewell Academy House Captains

Jewell Academy House and Vice Captains spent time with Aspirations Academies Trust Student Leadership expert, Andy David, recently in an inspirational session for our young leaders. The captains discussed what leadership meant to them, how they can be positive role models for the pupils of Jewell Academy and what their legacy will be when they hand over to the next generation of house and vice captains. The talk was both inspirational and practical, with the captains putting on their thinking hats and developing ideas for the future of Red, Green, Blue and Yellow House both this year and moving forward. Watch this space!



### **Dates for your diary**

3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Inset Day, school closed to all pupils.
4 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens to all pupils at 8:45am.
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Wonderdome visit for EYFS and Y5.
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Jewell Open Day for prospective Reception parents and children.
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Jewell Open Evening for prospective Reception parents and children.
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Books at Bedtime/Phonics workshop 5:30pm – 6:30pm EYFS – Y2.
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/Y6 cross country competition.
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception vision screening.
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Break for February half term.
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school.



### **Jewell Academy Uniform**

At Jewell Academy, we have high expectations in regard to uniform. Your children have a real Sense of Belonging and look ready to learn when they are wearing the correct uniform.

Standards of late have been slipping. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform daily. Uniform can be ordered through our online supplier Brigade. Any issues, please speak with your class teacher.



### **Facebook and Twitter**

We will be continuing to raise our profile on Facebook and Twitter this year. We are sharing a lot of news and daily information about the academy on both of these sites and it would be great to have more followers as well as it being a great source of information for you as parents. Here is the link to our Facebook/Twitter account: @jewellAAT  
Please follow us if you haven't already!



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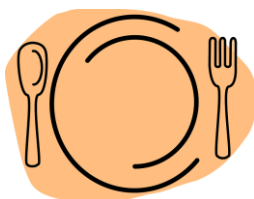
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### Hot meal orders

If you would like your child to have hot dinners in school, please place your order via ParentPay as normal. Orders must be placed by **Tuesday** each week, for meals the following week. For those pupils who are not entitled to FSM, the cost of a hot meal is £2.25.

**ALL MEAL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE VIA PARENTPAY.**



### Have you got or know of a child starting school in September 2023?

Please keep an eye out and let others know of our open day and evening events coming up on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> January.

The deadline for Reception applications is 15th January 2023.

To make your application please follow the link [here](#).



### Hope for Food donations.

At such a tricky time of year for so many, with a cost of living crisis, we were absolutely blown away by the amount of food and donations made to support [Hope for Food](#) at the beginning of December.

Thank you so much for your generosity. All of the donations will be taken to Hope for Food before Christmas so that they can be shared with members of the community who are in need of support, especially at this time of year.



## Attendance

The majority of our children have good attendance and punctuality at school. Thank you for this. However, there are a few persistently late children and persistently absent children. We also have families that continue to take term time holidays. There are 13 weeks of the year in which you can take holiday and we encourage you to do this.

**\*No term time holiday can be authorised\***

Fines will be issued to those who regularly take term time leave and for those who are persistently absent. For those where punctuality is a concern, we may consider parenting contracts authorised by BCP council.