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Jewell Academy Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are some amazing pieces of home learning coming into school. Thank you for all your support at home with this. It was really great to welcome so many of you onto the school site just before the half term break so that you could share with your children their learning journey this academic year. We will be looking to do this every half term. We also have parents evenings coming up where you will have the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher/s in more depth. More details are below.



Our **Learning Skill** this half term is **KINDNESS**. This links brilliantly with anti-bullying week. Every Friday during our Celebration Assembly, children are nominated by our LSA team if they have been playtime heroes and demonstrated any of our learning skills and there is most often an emphasis on kindness.

Our pupil leadership roles are continuing to develop. We have House Captains, School Councillors, Digital Leaders, Sports Leaders and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors elected and in role now. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are demonstrating the learning skill of **COURAGE** as they step up and lead an assembly with Miss Druce and Miss Rees on Monday to launch our theme of anti-bullying for the week.

Just a reminder that the children need to maintain high standards of uniform. We are seeing an increasing number of children without ties and incorrect footwear. Please ensure that your children are in the correct uniform.



Mrs Alex Waddington - Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is such a positive feeling within the walls of Jewell Academy and I have had so many children stop me and proudly show me their work. I have been particularly impressed with some of the handwriting in year 2 - there are children with better handwriting than me!

Our development areas within the curriculum for this year are as follows:

- to improve the quality of writing
- support children to read at sight to at least their chronological age
- improve the assessment of science, history and geography to ensure subjects are rich in knowledge and skill development
- to offer children experiences above and beyond the national curriculum
- to improve oracy from the Early Years onwards

Below you will find a list of family conversation starters - such a great way to get everyone engaged in speaking and listening and it is a lot of fun too! My family really enjoyed it and it made dinnertime a whole new experience! Let me know how you get on.



The School Council has come up with some wonderful ideas to improve reading for pleasure in school and are running a 'How good is your book corner?' competition. Judging is on the 18th November. They are also looking at ideas to improve playtimes and how to support their peers emotionally - what a proactive bunch! Thank you to Miss Woodcock for working with the School Council and to all our teachers who go above and beyond in their role.

As ever, please do come and speak to me if you ever feel the need. I'm at Jewell 2 or 3 times per week, but I can be contacted daily.

Have a lovely rest of the term.

Mrs Quarrie – Executive Principal

Conversation Starters for Families

- If you could design your own school, what would it look like?
- What are the most interesting things about you?
- What's one of your favourite jokes?
- Would you rather be forced to sing along or dance to every single song you hear?
- What's your first memory?
- If we all lived in a zoo, what animals would we be?
- If you were to create a country, what would the name of the country be?
- What would the rules be? What would the national flag look like?
- What would be the most fun birthday celebration you could have?
- What would you do if you could fly for a day?
- If you could be a character from any book, what character would you and why?
- If you could invite any person to dinner, who would you invite?
- If you could take a trip anywhere, where would you go?
- If you were a superhero, what would your power be and what would you be called?
- If you could go into the world of one of your favourite books, which would you choose?
- Would you rather have the ability to see 10 minutes into the future or 150 years into the past and why?
- If you were a great inventor, what would you invent?
- Where in the world would you most like to live?
- If you were a teacher, what would you teach?
- If you won £1000, what would you do with it?
- Who do you think is the richest person in the world?
- If you were granted three wishes, what would they be?
- Name three things you are grateful for.
- What are you most proud of?
- Would you rather swim in a pool full of Nutella or a pool full of tomato ketchup?
- What's your favourite family tradition?
- What is the best dream you've ever had?
- Would you rather live in a treehouse or in a cave?
- Which of the four seasons do you like best and why?
- What really bothers you?
- Who is the funniest person you know? Why?
- Describe yourself in five words.

Sports News

A huge well done to the cross country team for their efforts in the two events this term. The first event was at the Littledown Centre followed by round 2 at Sir David English Centre. Each event saw over 300 students compete. We are exceptionally proud of the team who achieved some brilliant results, including Louie in Year 5 who came 7th in the first round and an amazing 3rd in the second round. The following students also represented team Jewell: Daniel, Omar, Oscar, Liam, Lyla and Raghd. Well done to everyone that took part.



Children in Need

This year, Children in Need falls on Friday 18th November.

The School Council Representatives would like to invite all pupils and staff to wear mufti on this day in exchange for a voluntary donation of £1. All proceeds will go towards the charity.



We would like to say a huge thank you to The Fresh Air Club for running two Year 3 Stone Age Workshops where the children from Diamonds and Sapphires tried to solve the mystery of Otzi - the Stone Age Man preserved in ice from over 5000 years ago.



Odd Sock Day and Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 14th November we will be taking part in our Anti-Bullying week with an Odd Sock day. Children are encouraged (even Y2 on their trip!) to wear odd socks to demonstrate it is ok to be different.

Our new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will also be leading an assembly to the school and launching a competition. Watch this space!



Nativity Performances EYFS – Y2



We are really looking forward to our Nativity performances this year.

Jellyfish, Reception and Year 1 are collaborating and will have performances on the 6th and 7th December. Performances start at 1:45pm on both days.

Year 2 are also performing twice on 9th December. The first begins at 9:30am and the afternoon performance begins at 1:45pm.

Class teachers will share with you soon how to secure seats at these events to ensure everyone has the opportunity to see their child perform.

Dates for your diary

14 th November	Odd sock day for Anti-Bullying week
14 th November	Author Visit
14 th November	Y2 Whales, East Dorset Museum Trip
16 th November	Y2 Sealions, East Dorset Museum Trip
16 th November	Santa's Grotto Tickets on sale from PTA at the start and end of school day
24 th November	Santa's Grotto Tickets on sale from PTA at the start and end of school day
25 th November	Inset Day, school closed to all pupils
29 th November	Flu immunisation day
29 th November	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm
30 th November	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm
6 th December	Jellyfish, Reception and Y1 Nativity, 1:45-2:45pm
7 th December	Jellyfish, Reception and Y1 Nativity, 1:45-2:45pm
8 th December	Christmas jumper and dinner day
8 th December	Santa's Grotto PTA event
9 th December	Y2 Nativity 9:30am – 10:30am
9 th December	Y2 Nativity 1:45-2:45pm
12 th December	PTA AGM 3:30pm in the hall
16 th December	School closes to pupils at 1:15pm
3 rd January	Inset Day, school closed to all pupils
4 th January	School reopens to all pupils at 8:45am.



Parents Evening Consultations

Parent's evenings will take place on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November 2022.

We will be using the same online booking system as last year. The office will communicate to all parents and carers when appointments are available to book.

You will see the teachers in one classroom and your children's books can be viewed in the other year group classroom.

Please complete our Parent Survey [here](#).

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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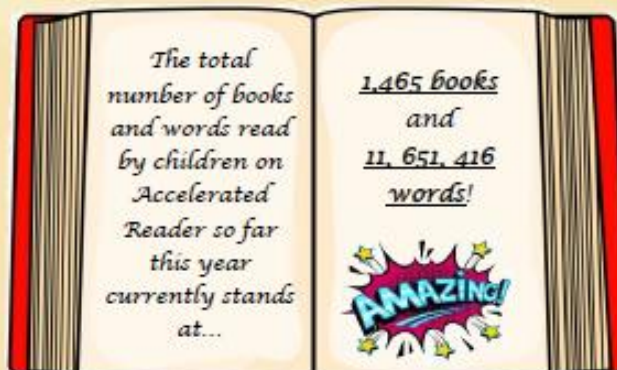
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We Love Reading!



Number of words read this month!

1	Ebube 648,285
2	Miriam 433,048
3	Erika 436,184
4	Abdullah 367,825
5	Tobe 188,848
6	Farheen 172,165
7	Antonia 158,005
8	Lily 134,689
9	Lamar 119,268
10	Ava-May 112,013



Author Visit

On Monday 14th November we will have a special visit from the author Emily Gale!

She will be sharing her book 'Mighty Maurice' which is all about Maurice's journey to find his 'tribe' and being unique. She will also be sharing her journey in becoming a writer and the skills needed to be successful.



Remembrance



Today marks the 104th anniversary since the ending of WW1. In school, we have paid our respects to all those who lost their lives in WW1 and WW2 as well as conflicts since and that continue around the world.

Each class observed a 2 minute silence and have contributed to a poppy display.



PTA Events and News



The PTA will be holding their AGM on 12th December at 3:30pm in the school hall. All are welcome. There will be an election held for new committee members as well as a finance agenda item, upcoming events and information sharing about fundraising for the academic year.

It would be really wonderful to have some new faces join a hardworking team. Please do come along and support the school.

The PTA are not able to hold a Christmas Fair this year but are going ahead with their Santa's Grotto. This will be on 8th December. This is also Christmas Jumper day (no donation required) and our Christmas dinner day in school.

All children will be able to visit Santa but only children who have purchased a ticket (£3) will receive a small gift and digital image with Santa.

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.

No term time holiday can be authorised. There are 13 weeks of the year in which you can take holiday and we encourage you to do this.

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.

Christmas Dinner Day – 8th December

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner in school on the 8th December, please place your order via ParentPay as normal. Orders must be placed by **Tuesday 29th November**. The catering team are unable to accommodate any orders after this date. For those pupils who are not entitled to FSM the cost of the Christmas dinner is £2.25.

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

Mrs Alex Waddington

 Principal.