

Dear All,

Thank you for your support surrounding our choices in how we heat the school. Many of you have approached me with ideas and queries about the governance of the school, particularly with respect to us being part of a MAT, and the impact this has on our day-to-day operations. With that in mind, we will hold a meeting at 6pm on Thursday 15th December, in school, to answer some of your questions. This is an opportunity for us to respond to you in a constructive way, so that as a community you feel informed and understand why (and how) we operate as we do. To submit a query for discussion, click on the link below. We will then collate these in preparation for the meeting.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pGcNtDFve0GB0B6WvxpVXFoWx5DLXX5EtCLqyfamtURjUyQjhCV1JVWkUwMEhRQIFPNjJYRjZWNC4u>

Friends

The lovely Laurie and Shivali are stepping down from their role as co-chairs for Friends. You don't need me to tell you how over the last nine years, they have helped to bring the community together; ensured that we have fun together and raised funds for the laptops, forest area, Reception Playground and more. They will still be around to help with the smooth transition for this essential role. We would also like to recognise the fantastic work that our parent reps do and recognise that it may be time for a change. So, recruitment is needed for co-chairs, and we would also like to appoint new parent reps:

- The role of a class rep is to support the fundraising efforts of the FoJKPS, and to organize and communicate these efforts within your class and/or year group.
- Co-Chairs manage and execute the fundraising activities of the FoJKPS and ensure proper governance. Terms are staggered to ensure continuity and to share the workload.

Please can all names be forwarded to Shivs and Laurie and finally a reminder that the virtual Friends AGM is on 17th January at 8:30pm

Club payments

Please check your Magic Booking accounts, and ensure that your payments are up to date. We would like to publish the clubs for Spring 1 & 2 by the beginning of December and will only be able to make them live when all accounts are balanced.

Safeguarding; The Gate System

As you will be aware, we have a one-way system for drop off and collection.

This is done to ensure that the flow of people moves in the same direction, as quickly as possible. The system is reversed at the end of day, to enable children to collect their bikes. The system also enables us to keep an eye on the children, so we know where to be looking and ensure that we know when children leave. This is a plea for all parents to follow this process; and be civil to senior leaders when asked to change route so that we can ensure the safety of all your children.

Dates for the Calendar

Year 4 Music Concert - 2nd December 9:15

Xmas Wreath Workshop - Friday 2nd December

Xmas Fair - 3rd December 11-1pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production - Monday 12th December 9:30 am and 2:30 pm

EYFS Festive Music Celebration - Tuesday 13th Dec 9:30am

Winter Ball Day - Thursday 15th

Parent Meeting - 6pm in school

Last Day of Term - Friday 16th December 2pm finish

Spring Term begins - 4th January

Friend AGM Meeting - 8:30pm on Tuesday 17th Jan



Warning about Bike Parking

Please be warned that at JKPS and other local primary schools, opportunistic thieves have been waiting around at drop off and collection times for people to leave their bikes unlocked, so they can simply walk away with them.

JKPS Music Concert Series and EYFS Celebrations

We are now using the E-Shop section of Magic Booking to sell tickets for the concerts; please email the office if you have problems accessing this.



Odd Sock Day!

Today we have had a fabulous time celebrating odd sock day! Odd Socks Day supports talking about Anti-Bullying Week. It has been a great opportunity to talk about what makes us unique and how we celebrate our differences in a positive way! If you would like any further information about Odd Sock Day and how you can support discussions at home, please use this link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>



Calling all musicians and singers

On Sat 3rd December, while the school fair is happening (11:00am-1:00pm), the JKPS choir will be performing some Christmas carols. If your child is in the choir, please pop by school at around 11:30, so that they can join in the singing.

Any talented young musicians, who would like to perform a solo Christmas song, are very welcome. We will have a piano available, just turn up! Parents, please feel free to take part, especially if you are the kind of person, who doesn't feel like Christmas has started until you've heard "Away in a Manger".

Lastly, a reminder about these amazing events!



Have a great weekend

Kerry Dougal