



Family News

January 2017

Welcome Back!

I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope you had a great Christmas! The work to replace the windows is still on going and as you can already see it is really brightening up school and will make the classrooms much better for children to learn in. I'm sure this year will bring some more brilliant achievements and we look forward to working with you to give your children the best education.

Mrs Westley



Inset Day

Just a reminder that our inset day is now on 13th January instead of 6th February.

Hello

We are pleased to welcome some new staff to the Jubilee Academy team! Some of you may have already met Mrs Hateley who has joined us in the office, along with Miss Morris as a TA

in Y2, Mrs Crane as a TA across Nursery and Reception and Mr Roberts teaching in KS1 and KS2.



Dates for your Diary

More detailed information will be given closer to the dates below.

Friday 13th January - Inset Day

Friday 17th February - Fitness Friday

Friday 17th February - Break up for February Half Term

Monday 27th February - Return for Spring 2 Half Term

Wednesday 5th April PROVISIONAL - Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Decorating Competition

Tuesday 7th March - Parents Evening

Wednesday 8th March - Parents Evening

Friday 7th April - Break up for Easter

Monday 24th April - Return for Summer 1 Half Term

Congratulations...

- ◆ To Mrs Owen who had baby Freddie at the end of November. Both Mrs Owen and Freddie are happy and healthy and enjoyed their first Christmas together.
- ◆ To Mr Johnson whose girlfriend had a baby girl this week. Mum and baby are both doing well and Mr Johnson is a very proud dad to his daughter.



- ◆ Star Class and Rainbow Class have achieved 100% of parents connected to Class Dojo.
- ◆ Our Young Voices School Choir who sang at Mattesley Court and will be performing in the Young Voices Concert in the Birmingham Genting Arena

Start Bee Handwriting

We're proud to announce that we have been selected to be a Start-Bee Centre of Handwriting Excellence. Soon, there will be a lovely banner outside school to showcase this amazing achievement.

We began the Start-Bee handwriting programme in September and your children have made amazing progress with their presentation and letter formation.

The expectations for handwriting have been raised and your children are rising to the challenge. We hope you are very impressed with the progress they have made when you see next see their



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Attendance Week

16th to 20th January will be attendance week at Jubilee Academy! The aim of this is to improve attendance levels in weeks which have been historically lower than usual.

If your child is absent from school you should let us know as usual. During the day Mrs Drohan and Mrs Westley may visit you at home to discuss the absence.



If your child has 100% attendance during the week they will be entered into a raffle to win a prize for your family to share! The winning ticket will be drawn in Achievement Assembly on **Friday 3rd February**. Every child is entitled to a full education so they can achieve their best - together we can make this happen!

Act now to stop low attendance!

Attendance %	100 to 95%	94% to 90%	Below 89%
	<u>Great!</u> Your child is in the safe zone. They have the best chance at success in their education	<u>Worrying</u> Your child is at risk of falling behind in their work making it harder for them to progress.	<u>Serious</u> Severe concern for your child's education. At this level the Education Welfare Service will become involved and may take Court Action.

We will soon be sending out Dojo messages about un-notified absences so please reply if you receive one so we can update your child's attendance record!

Stay safe online!

The internet is amazing and lots of children now have access through mobile phones, tablets and laptops. But how do you keep track of what they're doing and make sure they're staying safe?

The NSPCC have a great website with lots of useful tips at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/> and have worked with O2 to create Net Aware. This great site gives lots of useful information about Social Networks and apps at <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Top Tips to share with children

stay safe online
Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the Internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Don't befriend people you don't know

Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude

Once you've put a picture of yourself online it's not just yours anymore. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself as others can download them!

Think about what you say before you post something online

Never give out your passwords