Jotmans Hall Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter

Summer 2019

The year is finally over and what a jam packed one it's been! The school has seen a lot of changes this year, with Mrs Kadwill leaving at Christmas as well as Mrs Robinson. Mrs Wall left us at Easter and along the way we also said goodbye to; Mrs Ketley, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Mair. At the end of this term we will also see the departure of Mr Buck and Mr Chapman, we wish them all the luck in their future careers. However we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Jeffs and to say hello to our new recruits; Miss Lankin and Mr Lee.

The biggest goodbye though, needs to go to our fantastic Year & children. They have been a pleasure to have at Jotmans Hall School and we are all extremely proud of them. All the staff wish them lots of luck and good wishes as they move onwards and upwards to senior school. We will miss you, remember to let us know how you are getting on.

Wishing you all a lovely summer break and we'll see the rest of you back on Wednesday 4^{th} September.

Ms S Warnes



Year 4 Awards: The Jacks Achievement Award

- Abigail Tesfaldet
- Amelie Lewis

- Harry Curtis
- Oliver Precious
- Casey Bel
- Darcy Williamson
- Alanna Pegg
- George Shaw



Year 2 Awards: The Helen Wilkins Achievement Award

- Korey Hackett
- Fin Rushen
- Austin Sullivan
- Jessica Holding
- Isabelle Wilson
- Lilli-Rose Cohen
- Scarlet Taylor
- Ruby Marriot
- Frankie Johnson
- Harry Johnson

100% Attendance

A big well done to Bevan Adams who has achieved 100% attendance for his Reception

Year, Yr1, Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6. What an achievement.





E.R.I.C. Awards

Congratulations to everyone who has achieved the following ERIC awards this half term:

Gold

Lucy Brooks

Silver

- Connor Grant
- Harrison Lipper
- Jack Dennett
- Casey Bell
- Katie Meekings
- Connie Wright
- Aiden Butler
- Jake Brown
- Erykah Paul-Hagger
- Oliver Precious
- Korey Hackett
- Yadah Obisesan
- Pari Lad
- Tucker Lellow
- Liam Lavendar

Bronze

- Kadie Harmsworth
- Finley Oliver
- Luke Brown
- Jessica Holding
- Evie Han-de-Beaux
- Henry Conlan-Jones
- Elliot Devlin
- Ava Bartley
- Ruby Sultana
- Chloe Smith
- Rosa Brin
- Jamie Sinfield
- Freya Sandford
- Fin Rushen
- Lilli-Roe Cohen
- Olivia Marlow
- Noah Hever
- Daisie-Mae Wright
- Lucas Woodley



- Phoebe Graves
- Akshaj Narang
- Elsie Johnson
- Blake Melvin
- Danny Barnard
- Oliver Ford
- Zach Bellham
- Lawton Wiltshire
- Billy Butler
- Joshua Hicks
- Arthur Lindsey
- Nina Lad
- Reece Moore
- Caitlin Crabb
- Ellie-Faye Halls
- Leon Brooks
- Robert Smith
- Charlotte Duckling

School Dinners



The new eSchools ordering system has gone well. Please ensure you log-in and pay for the dinners that have been taken.

There is a new menu for the Autumn-term. Please check what dinners you might want to order after the Summer Break.

News:

On Tuesday 9th July we competed at the District Sports Competition. Well done to all the children involved, who competed magnificently.

As always the children joined in with determination and excellent team spirits.



Music

We have had several opportunities to admire the children's musical talent. The school choir performed at the Cliffs Pavilion, Year 5 performed a fantastic samba drumming concert and during assembly several students demonstrated the skills they have been learning in their individual music lessons.

KS1 Sports Day:

Another wonderful Sports Day took place on Tuesday 18th June for all EYFS and KS1 children. Yet again, it was a closely fought competition, but in the end Sapphires won. Meaning they achieved the double this year. Well done Sapphires.



Building Works

We were successful in winning a bid for building work and over the summer work will start on our latest project. It is to improve the wiring and Fire Safety of the school. It is a huge project, worth £500,000 and it will carry on after the holidays. While it might cause a bit of disruption when we come back, it will be well worth it, with new ceilings and lighting being part of the package.

School Trips

There have been lots of school trips with classes visiting Wat Tyler Park, Laindon Hills, Colchester Castle and Sanford Mill, as well as the annual Year 6 trip to Stubbers. The school council and Eco-council also visited The Houses of Parliament and got to walk up to 10 Downing Street. Many thanks goes to Mr Watson for helping to organise this.



Art Show

We had a fantastic Art Show on Wednesday 10th July. I hope you were able to come along and view the children's work.



Upcoming Events

For an up to date calendar with all our events, please check the school website.

First Day of Autumn Term - Wednesday 4th September 2019 -We look forward to seeing you then. XX

A massive "Thank you" from the Friends of Jotmans Hall

On behalf of the Friends of Jotmans Hall committee may I say an HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our events during 2019 by attending, helping or donating.

This year funds have been raised through Cake Sales, our ever-popular Mother's Day and Father's Day Sales, Coffee Morning donations, Chocolate Raffle and once again Pop Up Ice Pop Sales have proved to be a massive hit. The afternoon tea vouchers, Adventure Island and Sealife Wristbands are selling well, we do still have tickets left, if you would like to purchase tickets over the summer break we can be contacted via our Facebook page.

May I send our sincere thanks to all the staff \diamond FOJH members who helped at our **Inflatable Day** last week, we had a great turn out, the barbecue, snack stall and the ice Cream man proved popular. Many thanks also to everyone who helped at the **End of Year/Leavers Discos** and in particular, Mr Hodges for his continued support as our resident DJ. The children really enjoy the End of Year/Leavers Disco and we are glad that we are still able to provide this at no cost to yourselves.

FOJH are also pleased to announce that we have donated £2000 to the school to purchase books for a new reading scheme.

As you may be aware, we haven't hosted our usual quiz nights, Summer Fete or Summer Social fete this year. Owing to a lack of volunteers we are currently struggling to run larger events. New volunteers are always welcome please look out for future meeting dates.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, William's and Donovan Estate Agents for the Easter Eggs which they donated for the Easter Colouring Competition.

Thank you again for all your support during 2019.

On behalf of the fundraising committee may, I wish you all a very relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

Kind Regards

S Warnes - Chair

Message from the Chair of Governors:

Once again we find ourselves at the end of a school year, with an opportunity to reflect on our achievements. To use footballing parlance, it's been a "game of two halves".

After many years at the school, our previous headteacher, Mrs Kadwill, retired at Christmas. Although I've referred to this previously, it's worth remembering the service she gave to the school, for which we are very grateful.

We were then very happy to welcome our new headteacher, Miss Warnes. There will be an inevitable need to maintain consistency with all the good features of the school - the happiness and well-being of our children, the development and satisfaction of our wonderful staff and, of course, our results. Having said that, one of the main constants in life is change, which can be a very good thing. I believe that our Head should be able to develop her own style, use her own judgement and develop her own methods. In other words, this is an opportunity for the school to enter a new chapter and develop along with her. I'm delighted to say that Miss Warnes has made a very positive start and is embracing her new role with enthusiasm. I'd like to wish her every good fortune as she takes the school forward. Exciting times!

I can also reflect on some of the peripheral activities that surround the school. Namely our Governors and the Friends of Jotmans Hall (FOJH). We are always indebted to people who give their time freely, and altruistically, in support of our children. These roles may seem burdensome or difficult at times, and it is true that some people work very hard, but think how much better it would be if these efforts were shared. A little contribution (time, not money) would go a long way and be something that will directly benefit the children. I'm a great believer that many hands make light work and our small band of (FOJH) volunteers would certainly appreciate a little assistance. All the social events are not only fund-raising activities but also great opportunities to develop social contact with other parents and families. They do need some effort in terms of organisation, so I'd particularly like to extend my thanks to the small team in FOJH who have worked very hard to run the events that they have. I know that they would really appreciate a little assistance and, from my experience, it's a great opportunity to become more involved with your children's school life.

If you would like more information regarding the Governing Body or FOJH please contact me via the school, I'd be happy to help.

On a final note, I'd like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break. Whether you are having a wonderful holiday or just spending time at home, it's a great opportunity to spend time together as a family. I've been involved at the school for over 16 years now and when I think of the children who were there then, I realise that they will be in their late twenties now and maybe having families of their own. So, aside from the fact that it reminds me of my own age, it also highlights the fact that time goes by quickly. So, please enjoy your family time, have fun and forget about school for a few weeks. Enjoy...!!!