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## News Update 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A quick news update this week.

Firstly a thank you again for all your support over the last weeks. It has been a difficult time in school with the passing of Jay. Yesterday, we attended Jay's funeral and celebrated his life. In school, everyone wore football shirts and casual clothes as a sign of respect. At the start of the afternoon session, we rang the golden bells across the school and held a minute silence. This was followed by a round of applause in celebration. It was a difficult day for Jay's family, who I know have found some comfort in knowing that our Jericho Family have been holding them in our thoughts. We are in the process of creating a memory box for Jay's family and will be placing our book of condolences into this box. Thank you to everyone who shared their kind messages to the family. Thank you all again.

### Next Week:

On Wednesday this week children will receive their nasal flu jabs if parents have consented.

**Coats:** This week we have had a number of children without an appropriate coat to wear whilst outside. Please do ensure children come to school with a coat in preparation for the day as we all know the weather can change in an instant!

**Parents Meeting Calls:** We are offering some telephone appointments next week if you feel that you would like a quick catch up with the teacher. This is instead of our settling in meetings that we missed the other week. They are limited and only if you would like to touch base with your class teacher. We will be holding IEP meetings for pupils who have an Individual Education Plan after the half term.

### Looking Ahead:

**Spread the word:** We will be holding an open evening for Nursery and Reception new starters 2025 on Wednesday 6th November between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Please help us to share the attached poster far and wide.

**Disco Alert:** Friends of Jericho are holding an Autumn disco for our children to enjoy! This will take place on Thursday 7th November. Times to follow. Entry will be £2.00 which includes a drink and snack. Fancy Dress will be optional.

**Scholastic Book Fair – 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** A date for your diaries – the return of our annual book fair, stocking new releases and much-loved favourites! More details about when and where to buy will follow in the coming weeks!

### Thinking ahead:

**Fire Safety:** Whether it's during a major event like bonfire night or simply while using a heater on a chilly day, fire safety is a vitally important topic on which to teach children. One mistake with fireworks, electronics or open flames can have catastrophic consequences: damage to property, serious injury or even worse.

As parents and carers it's vital that we teach the children in our care how to protect themselves around fire and flammable materials in a mature and responsible manner. This week, we share a helpful guide that offers expert advice on what to share with your child. This information will help them understand fire safety and think about what precautions can be taken to keep them as safe as possible.

### **Celebrations:**

Georgie, Edie and Nella from year 3 competed in the "That's Showbiz" dancing heats for Stage Stars dance school at Ellsemere port on Saturday. They danced amazingly and got all of their dances through to the finals at Blackpool in January. Well done girls! We are so proud of you.

### **Golden Work: Congratulations to so many children who have been polishing off their best work this week:**

Kevin and Jacob from Year 4 - for wonderful onomatopoeia sentence work.

Eli Year 4 - For fantastic poetry writing,

Betsy - Y1 - For super descriptive work.

Nella and Jaxon in year 3 for wonderful posters on staying safe in the sunshine!

Maddy in year 3 for wonderful use of conjunctions

Ethan in Year 3 for superb charcoal stone age art

Finn in year 3 for super stone age art

Sadie and Charlotte in year 2 for super writing at length using expanded noun phrases.

Sienna Amor in year 6 for superb SPAG knowledge

Essie in year 4 for superb presentation in maths

Esme in Year 4 for wonderful progress and resilience in maths

### **Dates for the diary:**

22th October : Year 4 trip to the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda

23<sup>rd</sup> October- Nasal flu jabs

24<sup>th</sup> October- Stone age workshop for y3

25th October: Finish for Half term

4th November: School returns for Autumn term 2

### **Looking ahead: Autumn 2 dates**

11th Nov - Remembrance Service - Online via Facebook.

15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children In Need Day in School

WC 18th Nov - Antibullying Week in School.

29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Christmas Dec Day and Christmas Fair

6th Dec - Christmas Panto Day in school

WC 9th Dec - Christmas Performances (see below - TBC)

13th Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

School closes for Christmas 20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1:30 p.m.

**Provisional Christmas Performances Key Stage 1 and Early Years:**

**Wednesday 11th December: *Year 1* Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.**

**Thursday 12th December: *Year 2* Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.**

**Friday 13th December: *Reception* Christmas Performance - parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.**

**Provisional Christmas Performances Key Stage 2 for Christmas**

Monday 9th December: ***Year 3*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.**

Tuesday 10th December: ***Year 4*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday 11th December: ***Year 5*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday 12th December: ***Year 6*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.**

**Nursery - information to follow.**



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

### 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

### 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

### 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

### 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

### 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

### 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

### 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

### 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

### 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

### 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

### Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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# Nursery and Reception starters 2025

## JERICHO PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING



Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? They will be due to start Reception in September 2025. The application process for next year's Reception places is now open!

We are holding an open evening on

**Wednesday 6th November**

from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for parents and carers to come and see what makes our school special. Pop in for a look around.



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