

John Ray Times

Our Core Values: Hope, Perseverance, Trust, Courage, Respect, Responsibility

Monday 7th November 2022

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For second hand uniform requests email: rcottee@compassps.uk		
Breakfast club queries email: hwiltshire@compassps.uk		
School Dinner Menus: Our menus are available on our website .		
W/C 07.11.22 week 2	W/C 14.11.22 week 3	W/C 21.11.22 week 1

Remembrance 2022

Poppies are available to buy in school from tomorrow (08.11.22) along with the following items below.

Children are asked to bring the correct donations suggested below to school in a named envelope. The children can purchase the items from the school hall during breaktime. We do have a limited supply so initially children will only be able to buy one item on a first come first served basis.



Learning Conferences

Just a reminder to book an appointment for your child's learning conference and call the office if you are having any difficulties with booking. The booking system will close on Friday 11th November at noon with the learning conferences taking place next week.

Y3 parent spelling drop in 09.11.22 8:35am-9:15am

This Wednesday, Year 3 parents are invited into class to work with their child on some spelling activities. If you are coming along to the session, please enter the school with your child via the front entrance and enter the school via the white hall doors in Notley Road. You will be asked to sign in when arriving in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you.

Children in need



This year's Children in Need day takes place on Friday 18th November. BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be and both JRI and JRJ fully support that. Children from either school can support the charity on 18th November by wearing an item of clothing or an accessory with spots or stripes for the day (school uniform is not required) and making a donation in exchange (suggested donation £1).

Flu Immunisations

Just a reminder that flu immunisations take place this week. A letter with important information was emailed to parents and carers with parental responsibility on 31st October.

PTA Christmas Raffle

The PTA Christmas raffle is coming! We have secured a fabulous first and second prize this year from the local estate agent, Taylor Milburn! They have also offered us a cash donation for each estate agent board we erect, but we need to get 20 people to volunteer to have one in their garden for a couple of weeks to publicise the raffle!

If you can help, please send us a message on Facebook or email us at pta.secretary.friendsofjohnray@gmail.com. We are always grateful for any help as this was such a good fundraiser for us in the run up to the summer fete.

PTA Toy sale

If you have lots of barely played with toys that the children have outgrown, why not have a clear out before Christmas and donate them for our toy sale.

Please bring all your old toys, that still have lots of life left in them, and drop them off at the infant or junior school between the **14th and 18th of November**. The following week, come along to our toy sale (date TBC) and grab a bargain!

Please email pta.secretary.friendsofjohnray@gmail.com or send us a message on Facebook if you have any questions.

Riverdale

We are delighted that we are now able to resume our visits to the [Riverdale Care Home](#) in Duggers Lane, Braintree. A small group of children will visit the home every other Friday afternoon and share some work with the residents. Children and staff will be walking to and from the care home and will be back in school in time for the end of the school day. Permission is covered by our local visits consent but if you do have any objections or concerns, please contact class teachers. This week, Miss Parker will be taking 8 children from Year 3.

Sporting successes

Last half term, some children took part in the Panathlon bowling event. The children were excellent John Rayers and achieved 3rd place. Well done!



On Tuesday 1st November we took part in our first league game of the year. The boys showed excellent teamwork and tactical knowledge leading to a 5-3 win against Great Bradfords. Well done to Connor, Jake, Fin and George for scoring the first goals of the league.



Admission Policy Consultation

We are currently consulting on changes to our Admissions Policy for entry to our school from September 2024.

The changes we are consulting on are:

Changing the priority order for over-subscription to include children in year 2 of John Ray Infants as priority 2, and siblings of children attending John Ray Infants or John Ray Juniors, as priority 3.

The proposed policy is on our website under the 'about us' section.

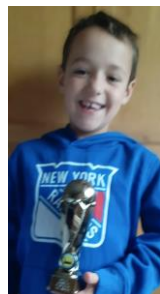
Please send any comments or feedback by midday on 8th December to Contact@compassps.uk or call the school directly on 01376 324107

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Don't forget we would love to hear about any children who have been awarded badges or certificates for activities they do outside of school. Please email class teachers with your child's achievements.

Well done to:

Spencer on 3U who was awarded football player of the match and Alex in 3U who was player of the month.



Well done to:

Winnie in 5B who has been awarded an orange belt in karate.

Quinn in 3B has been graded for kung fu.

Charlie and Neo in 4C who won a rugby tournament.

Isabella in 3U received a silver certificate from Rainbows.

Queenie in 3B has been awarded a horse riding badge.

Franklin in 4WY who was awarded star player in tennis.

Isaac in 4WY who took part in a karate tournament.

Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers will choose a member of their class to be star of the week. Children who are chosen will have their name added in this section of the newsletter.

3A: Harriet	4A: Anya	5B: Leo	6B: Harrison
3B: Harrison	4C: Oscar	5C: Skyla	6CB: Lillyann
3P: Theo	4S: Lola-Rose	5G: The whole class	6E: Sonny

3U: Marcus

4WY: Alfie

5T: Noah

6R: Bella

PE Days

Children need to come into school on PE days in their PE kit. Children will need an outdoor PE kit i.e., black tracksuit bottoms (or shorts in warmer weather), white T-shirt and a black fleece / tracksuit top.

3A, 3U, 3P	Tuesday and Thursday
3B	Tuesday and Wednesday
4S, 4C, 4A	Monday and Wednesday
4WY	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
6R, 6E, 6B	Wednesday and Friday
6CB	Wednesday and Thursday

Please remember that children must remove earrings to participate in PE lessons. Taping over earrings is not permitted.

PE kit is black joggers / shorts and a black hoodie or sweatshirt with a white T shirt along with trainers.

We expect that children will either wear one of the black John Ray logo hoodies from our supplier or a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt and plain black joggers on the two days a week that your child has PE.

CASHBACK WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

The Friends of JRI and JRJ have created a cash back account through **Easy Fundraising**. This is a fantastic way to raise much needed extra funds to support both schools.

The link below can be used for you to register:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/47ha4n/>

Once registered, for ease, you can download the app. Every time you shop from the app, across over 4000 online retailers, our schools earn cash back. It's free to join and includes top names like EBay, Argos, Iceland and John Lewis. You can share this link with friends and family members too. A letter with more information can be found on our [website](#).

Safeguarding

Are you worried about a child?

As a school, we consider safeguarding to be a priority. We welcome parents and carers talking openly to us about their concerns for the safeguarding of children and families. **Remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

If you have any concerns about a child, you can contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads via the school office. Please ask to speak to Karen Harrison, Rachel Cottee or Meriel Keegan and specify that you have a safeguarding concern.

If you are worried about a child or young person, you can call the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000). If a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999.

Children can call [Childline](#) at any time on [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

National Online Safety: Tips for parents / carers: Overwatch



A long-awaited sequel to 2016's massively successful Overwatch, this is a futuristic shooting game with a focus on teamwork and strategy which gives it an extra dimension to the majority of titles in the genre. Its cast of characters

is diverse and memorable, while there's a definite (and rewarding) learning curve to players improving their skill. Created by established developers Blizzard Entertainment, Overwatch 2 is free to play, with an emphasis on competitive multiplayer action – meaning that children may want to play the game even more simply because their friends have it.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as violent gameplay, in-game purchases and voice chat.

The guide can be found at the bottom of the newsletter and also on the National Online safety website under guides.
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

CLASS TEACHERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES

We understand that for many people email is a quick and efficient way of communicating and we are therefore happy to provide class teachers' email addresses. Although email is a quick and easy way for parents to communicate with staff, matters that require urgent attention should be communicated via the school office. Staff are not expected to respond to emails after 5pm, during weekends/holidays or when off work due to sickness. A parental agreement relating to email communication with teachers is available from the school office.

Year 3	Year 4
3A- jadams@compassps.uk 3B- bball@compassps.uk 3P- sphillips@compassps.uk 3U- ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk	4A- zahsan@compassps.uk 4C – mcheema@compassps.uk 4S- scoleman@compassps.uk 4WY- awilson1@compassps.uk or syoung@compassps.uk
Year 5	Year 6
5B- hbreeze@compassps.uk 5C - dcasey@compassps.uk 5G- ngibson@compassps.uk 5T- tbeeson@compassps.uk	6B- jbird@compassps.uk 6CB- hcollier-brown@compassps.uk 6E- cellis@compassps.uk 6R – rroberts@compassps.uk

Please contact class teacher in the first instance to resolve any issues. Should you feel you need to escalate the issue, please contact:

Miss Cottee (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y5 or Y6 – rcottee@compassps.uk

Mrs Breen (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y3 or Y4 – kbreen@compassps.uk

RECENT LETTERS – ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

All communication will be sent through Bromcom. Please ensure that you have given us a current email address. Issues with Bromcom communication should be emailed to jrcontact@compassps.uk

21.10.22 Y6 height and weight letter (Y6 only)

31.10.22 Autumn Term Learning Conferences

31.10.22 Flu Immunisations

01.11.22 Adverse weather

01.11.22 Wonderdome visit (Y5 only)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (new dates added in red)

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<p>09.11.22 Flu immunisations (<i>details and consent info has been emailed to parents 31.10.22</i>)</p> <p>09.11.22 8:35-9:15 Y3 parents invited into classes for a morning spelling session.</p> <p>15.11.22 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>17.11.22 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>18.11.22 Children in Need (<i>non-uniform: children can wear spots / stripes in return for a donation</i>)</p> <p>22.11.22 Y5 mobile planetarium visit (This will be held in school during normal school hours. Approx cost per pupil £6)</p> <p>23.11.22 Y6 Height and weight check</p> <p>29.11.22 3:30-4:00 4S & 4WY parents invited into class for a science workshop</p> <p>01.12.22 Non uniform day in exchange for a gift for the PTA gift shop (details to follow)</p> <p>01.12.22 3:30-4:00 4A & 4C parents invited into class for a science workshop</p> <p>02.12.22 Non-pupil day</p> <p>05.12.22 Last week for clubs</p> <p>08.12.22 PTA gift shop (<i>children will visit the 'shop' during the school day- details to follow</i>)</p> <p>12.12.22 3:30-4:00 Y6 parents invited into class for a science workshop</p> <p>13.12.22 Y4 & Y6 Christmas dinner day (<i>Children in Y4 and Y6 can also come to school wearing a Christmas jumper and / or a Christmas accessory</i>)</p> <p>14.12.22 Y3 & Y5 Christmas dinner day (<i>Children in Y3 and Y5 can also come to school wearing a Christmas jumper and / or a Christmas accessory</i>)</p> <p>19.12.22 Y3 and Y4 to walk to St Michael's church for Christmas service. (This is a pupil and staff only service & will take place during the school day - children should come to</p>	<p>05.01.23 Start of term for children</p> <p>09.01.23 After school clubs start</p> <p>17.01.23 & 26.01.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register</p> <p>17.01.23 Young Voices concert at the O2 (<i>Only for children who have attended the Young Voices club</i>)</p> <p>30.01.23 2:45-3:25 5C parents invited into class for art gallery / workshop</p> <p>30.01.23 2:45-3:25 Y6 parents invited into class for a reading workshop</p> <p>31.01.23 2:45-3:25 5T parents invited into class for art gallery / workshop</p> <p>01.02.23 2:45-3:25 5G parents invited into class for art gallery / workshop</p> <p>02.02.23 2:45-3:25 5B parents invited into class for art gallery / workshop</p> <p>06.02.23 Class photos (<i>All children should come to school in school uniform and bring PE kits in a separate bag if it is a PE day</i>)</p> <p>27.02.23 3:30-4:00 5T & 5C parents invited into class for a maths workshop</p> <p>02.03.23 3:30-4:00 5G & 5B parents invited into class for a maths workshop.</p> <p>02.03.23 World book day (<i>Dress as a book character or bring in a prop from a book</i>)</p> <p>13.02.23 Half term</p> <p>20.02.23 Children return to school</p> <p>17.03.23 Red Nose Day (<i>Children can wear a red nose and / or non-uniform in exchange for a donation</i>)</p> <p>20.03.23 Last week for clubs</p> <p>21.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>23.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>27.03.23 3:30-4:00 Y4 parents invited into school for an art gallery</p>	<p>17.04.23 Start of term for children</p> <p>24.04.23 After school clubs start</p> <p>08.05.23 SATS week (<i>Y6 only</i>)</p> <p>09.05.23 & 11.05.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register</p> <p>29.05.22 Half term</p> <p>05.06.23 Non-pupil day</p> <p>05.06.23 Multiplication check starts for 3 weeks (<i>Y4 only</i>)</p> <p>06.06.23 Children return to school</p> <p>14.06.23-16.06.23 Mersea residential (<i>Y6 only</i>)</p> <p>03.07.23 3:30 – 4:00 Y6 parents invited into class for a geography afternoon</p> <p>10.07.23 Last week for clubs</p> <p>11.07.23 Annual reports sent out</p> <p>13.07.23 Children to spend time with their new teacher</p> <p>13.07.23 Open afternoon drop in for current parents <i>from 2:30 – 4pm</i></p> <p>18.07.23 Sports day and parent picnic (<i>parents invited from 11:45</i>)</p> <p>19.07.23 6CB and 6R Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30</p> <p>20.07.23 6E and 6B Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30</p> <p>21.07.23 Last day of term</p>

<p>school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking)</p> <p>20.12.22 Last day of term</p>	<p>28.03.23 3:30-4:00 5G & 5C parents invited into class for music performance</p> <p>30.03.23 Y5 and Y6 to walk to St Michael's church for Easter service. (This is a pupil and staff only service & will take place during the school day- children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking)</p> <p>30.03.23 3:30-4:00 5T & 5B parents invited into class for music performance</p> <p>30.03.22 Y3 and Y4 Orientation day <i>(This takes place outside and on our school site as part of the geography curriculum. Children will need trainers and a warm / waterproof coat-approx cost £1.50 per pupil)</i></p> <p>31.03.22 Y5 and Y6 Orientation day <i>(This takes place outside and on our school site as part of the geography curriculum. Children will need trainers and a warm / waterproof coat-approx cost £1.50 per pupil)</i></p> <p>31.03.23 Last day of term</p>	
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OVERWATCH 2

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MULTIPLE PASSWORDS

Overwatch 2 supports convenient cross-play across consoles and PC – as long as users link all their devices under a unifying account on the Blizzard battle.net platform. This has other benefits (preserving a player's original skins for use in the new game), but if your child does want to link their accounts, be warned: the process can be extremely tricky and requires multiple passwords.

VOICE CHAT

As a shooting game which focuses on fast-paced, competitive play, teamwork is central to getting the most out of the Overwatch 2 experience. Many players use voice chat to coordinate with other users – often with friends, but sometimes also with strangers. In either case, this means your child is in contact with others, who may – for example – use offensive language in the heat of the moment.

IN-GAME PURCHASING

Like many free-to-play games, Overwatch 2 offers in-game purchases for unlocking its colourful skins. While new characters arrive as part of a free 'battle pass' each season (normally lasting around three months), players can unlock them much earlier by buying a premium version of the pass. There are also in-game bundles (with varying costs) themed around certain characters or events.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

Overwatch 2 heavily features combat, although the on-screen shootouts are relatively sanitised. Most of its characters are of a fantastical nature (there's a gorilla scientist with a laser weapon, for instance, and a DJ on roller-blades who fires sound energy), but some – such as Reaper, an assassin in a wrath-like metal mask – are a little on the darker side and could unnerve younger players.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ASSIST WITH ACCOUNT LINKING

If your child is trying to link their accounts from different devices together, it might be wise for you to help them set it up. Not only should it enable the process to run more smoothly (and save you being asked for the passwords for each account), but you'll also be able to make sure that the website for linking is correct. We've put the right web address under the expert's bio at the bottom of this guide.

MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS

Playing Overwatch 2 with friends is almost universally the most popular way to enjoy the game. If your child is playing with a new friend they only know online – or a stranger – you may want to monitor the chat to make sure they aren't being exposed to anything unsavoury. You might also decide to adjust the in-game voice chat settings so only confirmed friends can speak to your child.

USE IT AS INSPIRATION

Overwatch characters represent many races, nationalities, gender identities and sexual orientations. This eclectic roster of heroes offers a superb jumping-off point for discussing racial, sexual or gender diversity with your child. Whether it's finding Nepal on a globe together or talking about non-traditional relationships, the game could be an excellent conversation starter.

LIMIT IN-GAME SPENDING

The loot boxes featured in the first Overwatch have been replaced by a rotating storefront – so users only have a set time to purchase a skin or item before it becomes unavailable. Your child can still earn plenty of items, however, through the free battle pass. In any case, we'd advise removing any payment methods – or at least setting limits in advance – if you're deciding on in-game spending.

WATCH SOME GAMEPLAY

Overwatch players fight with an array of weapons and explosives, but the battles are presented in a way that forgoes blood, gore or dismemberment, regardless of the mode or characters selected. The game also usually avoids the word "kill" – referring to "eliminations" instead. Watching footage of Overwatch 2 on YouTube could help you decide whether it's suitable for your child before they play.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of gaming, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including iGn and TechRadar, among others.



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Be part of something new



You're invited to our
Recruitment Open Day

Wednesday, 2nd November

8am - 5pm at

White Hart Hotel, Bocking End, Braintree CM7 9AB

Complimentary tea, coffee & biscuits will be available

Bring your CV or be prepared to complete an application form on the day, ahead of the interview.



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