



JERSEY  
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# Weekly Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Our new school lunch arrangements have so far been a great success. Today 98 children had a hot school lunch in JCG Dome. With how quickly the lunch was eaten and the smiles on so many faces, I am certain that the new menu tastes good too! If your child would like to try the new menu, please complete your iPay sign up and choose a day to try!

## Upcoming dates

9th October 2023

Parent Teacher Meetings

17.00-19.00

12th October 2023

Parent Teacher Meetings

15.00-18.00

23rd - 27th October 2023

Half Term Week

To help our working parents we have added the dates for the school year to our [website](#)





## Parent Teacher Meetings

On Monday you will be sent information regarding the Parent Teacher Consultations which are being held on Monday 9th October and Thursday 12th October. The booking system for these will open later that day, at 6pm. These meetings will be held in the school classrooms with your child's class teacher.

## iPay and JCG Lunches

Thank you for your patience with the rollout of the new lunch system.

Payments are now being taken at point of sale for Key Stage 2 hot lunches. Any payments for lunches which haven't yet been taken, will be deducted from your iPay accounts early next week. The same will happen with any packed lunches that were initially unable to be booked through the Fusion App which is now up and running for all. Please ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's account. Please note there is a function on iPay to auto top up your account if you wish to use this.

For further information about our lunches please refer to the information on our [website](#)





## Nurture Room Development



We thought we would share some photographs of our new Nurture Room. Mrs Gray our Pastoral Lead has been busy turning it into a relaxing haven for our children for their well-being sessions and for parents who wish to visit. It is still very much 'work in progress' but I'm sure you will agree it is already looking fabulous!

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## Action Short of Strike

There have been a number of questions from parents about the Action Short of Strike (ASOS) which is currently being undertaken by the NASUWT and NAHT teaching unions. Information was first sent out to parents regarding this issue in June and reminders were added to the newsletter both at the end of Summer and start of Autumn term and is also on the school website, but to clarify;

The action means that teachers may choose not to participate in any activity that is not part of their contractual obligations. The action began on Monday 26th of June and continues until an agreement has been made between the NASUWT and the States Employment Board (SEB).

This means that while the school will remain open there may be some disruption to normal activities, for example teachers may not attend any meetings outside their contractual hours or undertake any tasks that are not directly related to their teaching duties, for example teachers may not respond to emails or messages outside of school hours. We understand this may cause some inconvenience and disruption to parents and pupils.

Extra curricular clubs provided by JCP teaching staff will not be available including those that take place before school, after school and during lunchtimes. However, music clubs and some sports clubs will be available due to subject specific teachers being part of the JCP team.







·Little Leopards will remain open as it is operated by the Jersey College Foundation, not Jersey College Prep School.

·Clubs provided by external agencies (Brazilian, Samurai, Fit Kids, Motion Studio and Chinese School) will continue.

·Bus club will continue.

We will inform parents of any changes to these circumstances as soon as we are able.

It is important to remember that there are three teaching unions in Jersey, who are all taking action against the Government in differing ways. Some unions are taking ASOS action, others are not.

All teachers choose which union to be affiliated with so union representation is not the same at every school. Therefore, every school will provide a different clubs offer to children during the ASOS action.



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## Music News

A highlight this week has been the Year 4 instrumental project which is being run in conjunction with the Jersey Music Service. 4J had their first French horn lesson and 4P had their first clarinet lesson.



## Instrumental Lessons

Polyphony and JMS lessons have all started.

Timetables are displayed in the shared areas for Years 3 and 4, and 5 and 6. Please contact Rosie Willmott, the Polyphony administrator at [r.willmott@jcgfoundation.com](mailto:r.willmott@jcgfoundation.com) for all enquiries regarding Polyphony lessons.

I need to remind parents that children must not have hot lunches on the day of their instrumental lesson. Thank you for your support with this.

There is limited availability for drums, brass (cornet, trumpet, French horn) and woodwind (flute, clarinet and saxophone) lessons. Violin, cello, guitar, singing and piano lessons are all fully subscribed and a waiting list will begin.

Please register your interest using the link below.  
[Microsoft Forms](#)



## Music Clubs

It's not too late to sign up to music clubs which begin next week.

Please use the links (on the name of the club) below to complete the registration forms.

Ukulele club only has 3 spaces left. All other clubs are not restricted by numbers, but please sign up this weekend.

Bookings will now close at 6pm on Sunday 24th September.

Monday: [Ukulele club](#) 3 - 4pm (Years 3-6)

Tuesday: [Strings ensemble](#) 12.30 - 12.55pm - Violin, viola and cello players

Tuesday: [Senior Choir](#) 3 - 4 pm (Years 5&6)

Wednesday: [Wind Ensemble](#) 12.30 - 12.55pm - Flute, clarinet, saxophone, and all brass players

Thursday: [Junior Choir](#) 12.30 - 12.55pm (Years 3&4)

Friday: JCP Orchestra 8.00 - 8.45am - open to invited players, an email will be sent to parents early next week for registration.







## PTA News

The PTA are looking for more parents to join their super friendly, thriving committee. Please do get in touch with Amy Hall (Chair) at [JCPrepPTA@outlook.com](mailto:JCPrepPTA@outlook.com) if you would like to come along to the next meeting and support future fundraising initiatives. Your help (even if you can only commit to the odd hour or so here and there) would be very much welcomed.

In addition, the PTA are looking for someone to take on the role of Secretary as Alex Curzons is soon to leave the role to take up a two-year period of study. If you would like to chat to Alex about this role, please contact her (or Amy) at [JCPrepPTA@outlook.com](mailto:JCPrepPTA@outlook.com). We would be delighted to hear from you."

## Jersey College Foundation Raffle - Win a Free Term

You could win a FREE term whilst supporting our current students. Just 200 tickets are available at £35 each. There is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase. These tickets sell out every year so don't delay or you could miss out!

To purchase your raffle tickets to win a FREE school term, please click on the following link to purchase your tickets

<https://shop.jerseycollege.je/products/school-fee-raffle-summer-november-2023>



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