

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Celebrating our Attendance Raffle winner today!

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are finally here – the end of term.

Firstly I must thank you. It takes three groups of people to create a successful school - students; parents and staff.

I have been overwhelmed by the support of our parents over the last six months. It has been brilliant to meet with some of you also in our face-to-face events including parent forums, celebration evenings and shows.

You have supported and trusted us in what we do and this makes it all possible. THANK YOU!

Secondly, our students are simply brilliant. I really mean that. I have worked across a number of schools over the years and JFC students are so warm, fair minded and fun – they are simply a pleasure to work with. They have contributed enormously to our focus on respect, routines and manners and as a result the whole place feels awesome. I cannot wait to show some of you round in Open weeks in the Autumn – what our students have achieved in terms of culture is really exciting.

Finally our staff have been amazing in what has been a time of change both in society and at JFC. I am grateful that in such a difficult time from a teacher retention viewpoint, that our team is as excellent as it is.

As I mentioned last week, I am SO excited about opening up again for the Autumn term. I know that our teaching team will be the strongest that it has ever been; our Futures Building looks awesome and the study areas and Library are coming on a treat! Additionally, I can't wait to welcome our students back again and particularly our awesome new Year 7.

What's In This Week's Issue:

- Mrs Stansfield's Statement
- Key Dates for Your Diary
- River Jumping Advice
- Online Safety
- JFC 22/23 Memories
- Kids Eat Free
- Hub Summer Scheme
- School Libraries Competition
- New Bus Route?
- IGD Virtual Work Experience
- Pathways Summer Sports Club

All things considered, I am extremely confident that our school will soon be one of the best in the country!

Please have a very lovely holiday and in particular I hope that everyone stays safe – I would want to welcome every one of our students back in the Autumn - safely!

Thank you again for everything that you are doing to support us.

Mrs Stansfield
Executive Headteacher – John Ferneley College
CEO - Mowbray Education Trust



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2023

- **Wednesday 12th July** - Last Day of School
- **Tuesday 29th August** - First Day Back at School
- **Tuesday 5th September** - Year 7 & Year 11 School Photos





stay safe

Following the unfortunate incidents that occurred during the last couple of months, we would again strongly advise you to avoid river jumping/swimming this Summer. We understand that, as the weather gets nicer and as it gets warmer, people increasingly want to be outside and may be tempted to cool down by having a swim or jumping in the river. **Please DON'T.**

Rivers are dangerous and unpredictable. There are strong undercurrents that could pull you down and away from shore and there are things, such as rocks and plants etc., that you cannot see and that you may hurt yourself on if you jump in. We want everyone to be as safe as possible in the lead up to and throughout summer. Please, please be sensible and stay safe.

If you do see someone in trouble, the safest thing for you to do is immediately call the police. Jumping in after them will only endanger yourself and give authorities more dangerous situations to tackle. Make sure you know where you are at all times - use the **what3words app** if you are unsure of your location.

Please enjoy the sunshine **safely.**



Online Safety



Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer? An influencer is somebody prominent on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions and ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account. Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share their own opinions, which could be misogynistic or racist for example. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact. It is important to talk to your child about the spread of misinformation online and how we should fact check what we see and hear online. What we see on social media platforms is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, so we don't see a balanced picture.

You can find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/> Further information The NSPCC have created an article detailing what you need to know about online influencers. You can read it here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/onlinesafety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>



Money savvy online

Have you been scammed online? As scammers become more sophisticated, it's important that we learn about the different approaches that they might use and what to look out for so we can protect ourselves. Barclays have listed some of the most common scams on their website: <https://www.barclays.co.uk/fraud-and-scams/scams-protection/>

MoneySense from NatWest - NatWest have an area on their website full of useful articles and guidance to support your child and enhance your understanding. Articles include avoiding fraud and online scams, information on digital game currency, the dangers of fraud and do you know what a money mule is? The site also includes activities to complete with your child to enhance their understanding of money including a 'savings challenge' for ages 5 – 8 and 'money and your mental health' aimed at young adults. You can find this information and lots more here: <https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/parents/>





Online Safety



Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. What is Fortnite? There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to one hundred players compete against each other. What do I need to be aware of? • Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour. • In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases. Parental Controls Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on. Further information Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>



From the Financial Times – 'Capture: who's looking after the children?

This is a 15-minute drama produced by the Financial Times looking at online harm, regulation and responsibility. The drama features Jodie Whittaker and Paul Ready. You can watch it here: <https://www.ft.com/video/ea39f3a9-8993-477d-a763-317ba51c2e75>

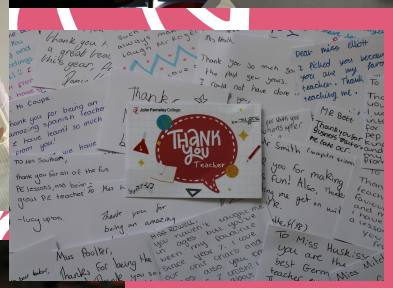
REMEMBER! →

- The legal age to use Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Tik Tok, Instagram and many others is 13. (Whatsapp was recently changed to 16.)
- It is advised that you regularly check your child's devices (phone/iPad/xBox/PlayStation etc.) to ensure that they are not putting themselves at risk when using technology.
- It is good to talk regularly with your child about internet safety and who they may be talking to online.

If you or your child spot any material that appears unpleasant or is of a graphic/inappropriate nature please do the following:

- 1 Report to the police
- 2 Report on the social media platform
- 3 Remove the account, block and delete all elements.

JFC 22/23!





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns



Running from Monday 17th July to 10th August

Summer Scheme

30 places available

At the Venue

Doing multiple activities like:


- sport
- crafts
- cooking
- trips



This information is for families of pupils currently receiving FREE SCHOOL MEALS only -
"Please check your emails for an opportunity for your child to take part in a summer camp over the holidays – The email has been sent by Hello@holidayactivities.com or direct from the school in some cases.

You can then follow instruction on the email to receive a voucher and code to participate. The activities are free and run during the summer holidays. Members of staff from The Hub and John Ferneley will be supporting and there are 10 places for John Ferneley pupils.

Once you have your voucher and code please contact - Michael.connolly@mlh.org.uk at The Hub and he will confirm your place and give more details.



This summer, we're offering five schools the chance to start rebuilding their libraries by inviting teachers, parents, carers and communities to nominate their school for our big prize draw. Each winning school will receive £1,000/€1,000 in National Book Tokens and a year's free membership to the School Library Association – PLUS one overall winner will also get £500/€500 to help them create a fun and welcoming library space for all.

Nominate your school using the form below, and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100/€120 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop! Remember, the more entries received for your school, the higher the chance they'll win – so don't forget to spread the word. If you work in a school, check out our downloadable banners and posters below.

Winners will be drawn at random after Monday 31st July and announced in September 2023. Check out the full terms and conditions below.



**WIN £1,000/€1,000
FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY!**

In association with

**Read
for Good**

New Bus Route?

Families interested in a potential bus service from the Vale into John Ferneley College

The Trust is currently looking at how it can support families with transport both to and from John Ferneley as well as to Post16 providers outside of Melton.

As part of this work, we are supporting the investigation into the potential demand for a bus service that could transport young people from the Vale villages into John Ferneley College. Currently there is no commitment, but Sharpes of Nottingham have kindly agreed to collate interested responses to see if it is viable for them to offer a service.

They are looking at a bus route that might be able to offer a service from the following villages or a nearby pick up point.

Redmile

Barkstone

Plungar

Stathern

Eastwell

Harby

Hose

Long Clawson

Scalford

Holwell

Waltham on the Wolds



If you are interested in knowing more, or if your village is not listed but you would be interested in a service, please contact Sharpes of Nottingham directly using this email: enquiries@sharpesofnottingham.com



IGD

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

**Develop skills with
industry experts and
gain CV experience**



**Daily from 10.30-12pm
10th - 14th July**

We're back with Work Experience better than ever!

From Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July, join us every single day between 10.30am - 12pm for a daily dose of fast-paced interactive sessions developing key skills with the help of Industry Experts from companies like Mondelez, Pepsico and Tesco to name a few.

Each day we'll delve into different themes, with experts from each field showcasing industry innovations, sharing employability tips and tricks to stand out - and you'll receive a certificate as evidence for your CV.

Monday: Intro To Industry	 Sign up
Tuesday: Sales & Marketing	
Wednesday: Food Science	
Thursday: Engineering	
Friday: Employability Skills	

Virtual Work Experience week is a set of live, interactive and engaging online sessions. Throughout the week you'll meet experts, gain skills and get a certificate as evidence of your participation for your CV.

Sign up using the button below, as an individual or as a teacher.

Sign up now

In advance, we'll send you a simple one-click Zoom link to join. You don't need to download anything - you can even join from a browser.



Summer Sport Club

Level 2 Sport Leadership Community Award

When?

July 17th - 21st
10:00am – 4:30pm

Where?

At De Montfort
University

**Who is
it for?**

Year 10 and 11

**How can
I apply?**

Scan the QR code or go to:

<https://www.pathwaystohe.ac.uk/opportunities/summer-sport-club-level-2-sport-leadership-award/>

**What
is it?**

A sport club where you will receive a **Level 2 Sport Leadership Community Award** upon completion*

This is a free opportunity for Leicester and Leicestershire students, where you'll take part in a number of activities and exercises throughout the 5 days in order to receive the award and get to work with our university sport students to find out about sport careers and courses in higher education.



**Please note that you must be willing to evidence leading on a sport or physical activity in a community setting for 4 hours once the 5-day course at De Montfort University is complete*