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NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



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A new look to the newsletter, I hope you like it. I will aim to publish a newsletter each week to keep you informed of all that is going on here at school.

This year will inevitably feel a little different but we are working hard to ensure that the children are happy and safe at school so they can learn effectively and flourish in all they do.

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful seeing everyone back at school this week. The children have adjusted really quickly to the 'new normal'. I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience while we iron out a few of the little issues.

I will keep you updated through these weekly newsletters. Please contact the school office via phone or email if you have any questions or queries.



REMINDERS

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

This seems to be working well. Please make sure you are keeping social distance when waiting for older and younger siblings on the playground. We are making the dots more visible on the playground to help with this. With the new restrictions coming into place next week this is becoming more important

If possible we would request that parents wear masks when dropping off and picking up, especially if you are waiting on the playground.

Please also try to keep as close to the timings for drop off and collection.

BAGS

Space is really limited in school and we have had to layout our classrooms differently. Please could you make sure your child only brings a **small** bag to school.

PENCIL CASES

Thank you everyone for providing children with pencil cases and equipment as requested. Again please can we ask that these are small as space in trays is limited.

CAR PARK

The school car park is for staff use only. Please do not park or turn in the car park.



HEADPHONES

We have a slight issue that children are not able to share headphones without them being cleaned in between each use.

It would really help us if you were able to provide your child with some small headphone to use. (They will be kept in your child's tray.) Please name them clearly.

UNIFORM

A reminder that children should be wearing black school shoes not trainers.



The Reflection Garden

With the help of West Sussex volunteers the reflection garden is nearing completion. The boat has been transformed as a space where children can sit and read, the area has been fenced and tidied.

This garden area will be a quiet space that children can use at playtimes and classes can use during the school day.

As part of the project children will be planting. We need your help. We need bulbs and cuttings, compost to plant in and tools to use.

If you can help with any of the above please contact Mrs Brady through the school office.

OTHER NEWS

HOME LEARNING SURVEY

We very much hope that we will not return to the full lockdown we experienced last term, however we need to be prepared for the possibility of it happening. We would like your help in evaluating home learning, so we can keep what worked well and improve or ditch the bits that didn't.

I would be really grateful if you could complete the short google survey which can be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/6pqu4FaTgLjGijcQ9>

I will also send this link out on parentmail and the facebook page.



WELCOME MEETINGS

We are not be able to have parents in school for our normal welcome meetings this year, The teachers are putting together an information pack which will contain the things you need to know for this year. We will be aiming to hold parents evenings in some form after half term. In the meantime please contact teachers if you have any questions or queries.



BUILDING WORKS

You cannot have failed to notice the current works going on. The school roof is currently being replaced. This is due to be finished in about 3 weeks time. It is a little disruptive at the moment but it will be worth it in the long run.

The school has also had a new fire alarm system put in over the summer and the alarm sound has changed. We also now have smoke detectors in every room.

We have had a new liner and cover for the swimming pool which we look forward to being able to use again next summer.

The JSA have contributed to new Early Years equipment and this will be put in place over the next couple of weeks. If you can spare a couple of hours helping put flat pack sheds together please let us know.



Our Values and Vision

We are proud to be a Church of England primary school and our vision is firmly based upon the Christian principle of 'life in all its fullness'.

Jesus said: "I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness."

John 10:10

Over this half term we have changed our curriculum in response to the experiences that children have had. Through this recovery curriculum we are exploring what it means to be a community. We are revitalising our school values of Respect, Aspiration, Independence, Skills for Life long Learning and Environment.