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NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



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KEY DATES

- Friday 4th December - JSA 'Dress Down' Day
- Monday 7th December - Flu Vaccinations
- W/C 7th December - Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday 16th December - Pop-Up Shop
- W/C 14th December - Christmas Jumper Week
- Wednesday 16th December - Easy Lunch 'Christmas Lunch'
- Friday 18th December - Last day of term
- Saturday 19th December - JSA Raffle

Headteacher's Message

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

The children have enjoyed spending time in the Reflection Garden during their well-being sessions this week and have been busy planting bulbs that have been donated to us. We look forward to seeing the result of their hard work in the Spring when our garden bursts into a colourful display of flowers.

This week is Road Safety Week, I will be talking about road awareness during Monday's assembly, which coincides with the start of the roadworks within the village. Class teachers will also be discussing road safety with children over the course of the week.

I believe most parents have now had the opportunity to catch up with their child/ren's class teachers, but if you haven't yet managed to arrange a time, please contact the school office as we can organise this for you.

Simon Trahern

REMINDERS

COVID SYMPTOMS

Thank you to all of you for keeping your child/ren off school if they display Covid symptoms.

Visit

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a test online.

You should book a Covid-19 test if your child has:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to their sense of taste or smell

If you are using the NHS track and trace App and you are visiting school, we have a QR code for you to scan. You will find it on the screen in the front entrance.

As Covid rates in our area are rising, we need to keep visitor numbers within school to an absolute minimum. We hope that most queries, will be able to be answered/resolved either by telephone or email. If this isn't possible, we will invite you into school. Thank you for your understanding at this time.

In line with current government guidelines, children should not be mixing outside of school, so to limit the contact your child has with other households. Please refrain from organising play dates after school for the time being. Thank you for your cooperation.

STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2021

The application process for children due to start school in September 2021 closes on Friday 15th January 2021. West Sussex County Council no longer sends individual letters to parents/carers, so if you have a child due to start school next September, please apply online at:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

If you need any assistance please get in touch.

OTHER INFORMATION

ROAD CLOSURE

The planned roadworks on Shermanbury Road will be taking place from 24th - 27th November. West Sussex Highways confirms that footpaths will remain open for pedestrians during the works.

The signed diversion will tell motorists to head to Cowfold, travel along the A272 to the Buck Barn traffic lights and then head south on the A24 before coming along the B2135 to Partridge Green. However, I am sure that local traffic will use Littleworth Lane past the school and this will inevitably cause congestion in the village.

Please leave plenty of time to get to and from school, and if you are having any difficulties, please get in touch with us.

If your child is in Year 5 & 6 and walks home unaccompanied, please take into consideration there may well be increased traffic on the roads and remind your child about how to cross them safely.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Earlier this week we circulated a 'pre-browse' order form with a complete list of books that will be available to purchase at the Fair. The Fair will feature the same number of books as in past years, and the cases will be packed with the same great value, classics, activity titles and most recent bestsellers.

We hope this listing helps children narrow down their selection, as well as giving you an idea of the value of gift vouchers you might need to purchase if paying by this method.



EASY LUNCH 'CHRISTMAS LUNCH'



A reminder that on 16th December, Easy Lunch will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch. This will be the only food option on this day, and will comprise of roast turkey (or a vegetarian alternative) with all the trimmings. If your child is in KS2 and would like to receive a festive meal on this day please place your order online by Saturday 5th December. If your child is in YR, 1 or 2 and already receives universal free school meals, you don't need to do anything as a lunch will be provided. If, however, your child has opted out, you will need to contact the school office by 9am on 4th December to ensure they're catered for.

JSA NEWS

Christmas Card Designs - Earlier this week, your child should have brought home a form with a unique code allowing you to order cards and other items with your child's design in time for Christmas. **The online shop closes next Monday (23rd November)** so if you'd like to place an order, please do so by this date. All money raised will go towards resources for the school to benefit the children, so thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative if you can.

Amazon Smile - For those of you who like to shop online, we wanted to remind you that if you shop with Amazon Smile, Jolesfield receives money back. You just need to log into Amazon Smile and select Jolesfield as the community project you would like to support. In the run-up to Christmas it would be great to take advantage of this as an easy way to raise funds for our school. Early 'Black Friday' deals are available now on Amazon Smile.

Dress Down Day - on Friday 4th December we are holding a Dress Down Day - the theme for this day is 'Merry & Bright', so we encourage children to come into school wearing bright or fluorescent clothing, or even clothing that lights up! All we ask is that children are dressed appropriately for school - no crop tops or mini skirts (unless worn with leggings) - thank you. For this privilege, the JSA is asking for a voluntary contribution towards the Pop-Up Shop of perfect condition or nearly new gifts, or towards our Christmas treat hamper prizes for the raffle we are holding on Saturday 19th December. Your ongoing support is much appreciated!



Thought for the Week



Did you know that tomorrow is World Hello Day? 180 countries around the world use World Hello Day as an instrument to show kindness to others.

Let's try to remember Roald Dahl's quote about thinking kind thoughts over the coming week and be thoughtful to all those around us -

"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely." (taken from The Twits)



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Unfortunately due to the current circumstances we are not able to run our usual open events. But we are pleased to welcome parents for individual tours. Please contact the school office to make a booking.

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