

27 NOVEMBER 2020

# NEWSLETTER



## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



### OVERVIEW:

#### Headteacher's Message

We heard this week that West Sussex will be moving into Coronavirus Tier 2 on 3rd December, which sees a loosening of some of the national lockdown restrictions. As a knock-on effect, I'm pleased to report that the after-school football and karate clubs will be able to resume next week.

We were unable to hold our collective worship this week as yesterday the school was 'virtually' visited by Ofsted. This was not an inspection so there won't be a report sent to parents, but a letter will be published in a few weeks time outlining the things we're doing as a school to support the children and their education at this time.

West Sussex Highways should complete their road works today; I hope this week's disruption hasn't impacted on your journey to/from school too much.

Simon Trahern



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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

## 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](http://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 please apply online at:

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions).



## OTHER INFORMATION

### GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

There have been a number of changes to the school Governing Body this half-term which I wanted to share with you:

Most of you will be aware that we had two Parent Governor vacancies. We received two nominations, so we congratulate Emma Chandler and Kate Fowler on their appointments. The Governing Body and the School look forward to working with them both over the next four years.

Colin Brookes has also been appointed as a Staff Governor, and we welcome Norma Nunn as a Foundation Governor. Norma has been a Governor at Jolesfield School in the past, so we're delighted to have her back on the Board.



### PARENT SURVEY - PSHE

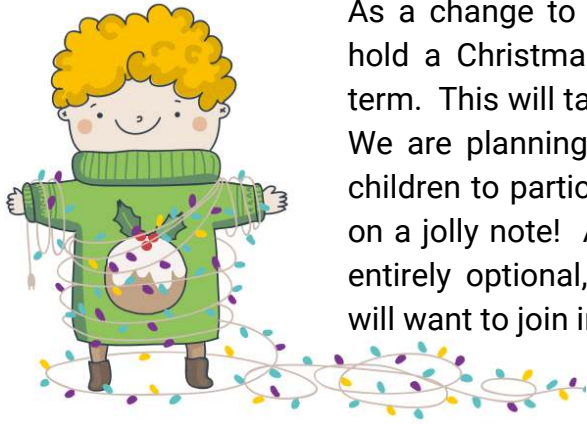
I am going to be sending out a PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) survey over the next few days, and would be grateful if you could take a moment to complete this. Your input will help us to further develop this part of your child's curriculum learning, so we look forward to receiving your responses.

### PE KIT

As there can be occasions when PE lessons are swapped during the week, it is important that children have their PE kits in school every day. As the weather is colder and we're not currently using the school hall for PE lessons, your child is allowed to wear dark jogging trousers/base layers for the sessions.

If your child has pierced ears and is unable to remove his/her earrings before PE lessons, they need to tape these up. If this is the case we kindly ask that they have their own supply of micropore tape in school. Thank you for your help with this.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK



As a change to previous years, we have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper 'Week' at the end of this term. This will take place from 14th - 18th December. We are planning some fun, festive activities for the children to participate in with the aim of ending 2020 on a jolly note! As with all our dress up days, this is entirely optional, but we hope many of the children will want to join in.



## JSA NEWS

**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.

**Dress Down Day** - on Friday 4th December we are holding a Dress Down Day - the theme for this day is 'Merry & Bright', and 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 taking place on Wednesday 16th December, or towards our Christmas Raffle that is being held on Saturday 19th December. All donations are gratefully received!

**JSA Pop-Up Shop** - Information was sent out yesterday regarding the re-opening of this year's Pop-Up Shop. We are looking for donations of new or perfect condition 'nearly new' gifts for children to purchase at the shop. A collection box will be available on Friday 4th December and every day during drop-off and pick-up times week commencing 7th December. The more donations we receive, the more successful the event will be, so thank you for your ongoing support!

## Thought for the Week



This Sunday is the start of Advent, which marks the beginning of the Christian church calendar. It is a time for reflection, renewal of hope and the start of a new beginning. We will be lighting our Advent Wreath during our collective worship on Thursday mornings.

*"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!  
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.  
What if Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"*

*Taken from Dr. Seuss', The Grinch*



*Learning to live life to the full*



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Be a part of our ambitious and exciting school community. At Jolesfield, we are committed to ensuring a caring, inclusive and welcoming school where every person feels valued. We work hard to create an atmosphere where children are happy, safe and secure so that they can thrive in everything that they do.

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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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