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# NEWSLETTER



## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



### Headteacher's Message

We've had another busy week in school with the blessing of our Reflection Garden, flu vaccinations, the book fair and our Christingle celebration.

The KS1 Team have done a marvellous job of pulling together this year's virtual Nativity Play. The footage is currently being edited and we will let you know when it's ready to be viewed on the Google Classroom.

With only a week to go before the end of term, I wanted to express my thanks to you all for the support you have shown the school during what has been a very unusual term. The children have adapted brilliantly to the new routines and I am proud of them all!

Simon Trahern



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- Access to the School Carpark/Entrance
- Reflection Garden
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### KEY DATES

- W/C 14th December - Christmas Jumper Week
- Wednesday 16th December - Easy Lunch 'Christmas Lunch'
- Wednesday 16th December - JSA Pop-Up Shop
- Thursday 17th December - Christmas Parties
- Friday 18th December - Last day of term
- Saturday 19th December - JSA Raffle
- Monday 4th January = Start of the Spring Term

# 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](https://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.

We hope that everybody remains well over the Christmas break. However, if there are any positive cases in the first week of the holidays we will need to track and trace all recent contacts in order that they can isolate.

If your child tests positive for COVID anytime up to the 23rd December please notify us immediately on the email:

[covid@jolesfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:covid@jolesfieldschool.co.uk)

This email will be checked daily until midday on the 24th December.

## HEADLICE

We've been made aware of a case of head lice in school this week. I would ask parents to be particularly attentive and keep a close watch for and treat any 'little visitors'. I'm afraid that all the good is undone if there is an untreated person on the loose, so thank you for being vigilant.

## STATIONERY

Thank you for supplying your child/ren with pencil cases at the start of the year. We'd be grateful if you could restock these over the Christmas break, especially glue sticks and pens. Thank you for your help with this.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK



A reminder that next week we're allowing children to wear their Christmas jumpers every day. All other uniform as normal.

## SCHOOL CARPARK AND ENTRANCE

Please refrain from using the school car park when dropping off or picking up your child unless by prior arrangement. **The entrance should also not be used as a turning circle.** As a school community, please be considerate of others, remembering that illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger, and be mindful that a number of our older children walk to/from school alone.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### REFLECTION GARDEN

We came together as a school community on Monday to bless our Reflection Garden. It was the perfect opportunity to thank all the people who helped create this space for us. We were also joined by two special visitors from East Clayton Farm - the children loved meeting Bramble and Bobbin!



### CHRISTINGLE

Yesterday's Christingle celebration was enjoyed by all the children. I would like to thank parents/carers for providing the sweets for this. Our thanks also goes to Jeremy's Two and the Partridge Green Co-op, who donated the oranges we used during the service.

### POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised £216.35 which is a fantastic amount, so thank you for your generosity.



# CHRISTMAS CARDS

If your child is still wishing to send cards to friends, the cut-off day for sending these into school is Tuesday. After this date we won't be able to take them, as there won't be time to quarantine them.



## JSA NEWS

**Christmas Merchandise** - Earlier this week we received the Christmas merchandise from the supplier. If you ordered any cards, or other items, these should have come home with your son/daughter. If there are any queries with your order please contact the JSA as soon as possible - [jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com](mailto:jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com).

**Smile Amazon** - 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.

**JSA Pop-Up Shop** - You've all been fantastic and donated loads of items for the shop, so this fundraiser looks to be a huge success.

**JSA Santa's Super Sleigh Tour** - On Saturday 12th December Santa's Super Sleigh will be touring Partridge Green. The fun starts at 5.00pm. Please come out of your houses to wave to Santa as he makes his way around the village. Don't forget that Santa's helpers will be handing out treats for children and collecting on behalf of Jolesfield CE School.



Route Map:



## Thought for the Week



As we approach the third week of Advent, we are focusing on Joy. Let's all work together to be happy and joyful in the coming week.

In a quote taken from *The Rainbow Fish* (by Marcus Pfister), the Rainbow Fish teaches us that beauty is only skin deep and that nothing feels better than giving to friends -

*"Finally the Rainbow Fish has only one shining scale left. His most prized possessions had been given away, yet he was very happy."*

