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NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

As we end our second week of school lockdown, we are delighted to see how well you are embracing the new routines. We appreciate what a juggling act it is for parents who are having to work from home as well as supervise the Google Classroom home learning, so please contact us if you have any concerns as we are here to support you.

I hope that you are able to enjoy some time outside over the weekend, and we look forward to seeing you back online on Monday.

Simon Trahern

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REMINDERS

SUITCASE OF SUCCESS



I am aware that some children may be signing up to some out-of-school online initiatives during this lockdown period. If any certificates are awarded, remember that we are still running the 'Suitcase of Success', so do send in photos of your achievements and I'll share these during Friday's assembly.

OTHER INFORMATION

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



We really miss seeing Rev. Alison and Rev. Sally in school on Thursday mornings, so instead, they are recording assemblies for children to enjoy remotely. This week they have shared the Joseph Story and this is available to view on the Google Classroom.

LAPTOP DONATIONS

We have been staggered by the kind donations of laptops that we've received over the past few days, some of which have been donated to us from outside the village. We feel very lucky to be part of such a supportive community. Someone within the village has kindly offered to convert the laptops we receive to Chromebooks. As soon as the 'new' devices are ready for use we'll contact families who we are aware are in need of one.



RAISE POINTS

The children have all been engaged with their home learning, and I'm delighted at how much of the work being completed at home (and in school for some pupils) is being recognised with RAISE points. Keep up the great work!



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. If you're making Amazon purchases during lockdown, it would be great to take advantage of this as an easy way to raise funds for our school.



IMPORTANT

Tips for Parents and Students



Establish routines and expectations: start times, breaks and lunch at school are at clear times. Maintaining this routine can help maintain a positive work ethic. Avoid spending the day in your pyjamas!

Identify a clear physical space in which to work: this will make it easier to focus on your learning, without other distractions.

Talk about the plan for the day, and the lessons ahead: spending extended time working at home is unfamiliar territory. Talking about how things are going can help pre-empt any problems.

Set times to be on and offline: There will be more screen time than normal whilst working at home. You may have to share devices with family members, and setting time limits in advance can help manage this successfully. Equally, spending time offline is important to maintain a sense of balance in the day.

Remember to exercise: Your wellbeing is enhanced by physical activity, so do make time for this. Teachers have planned some excellent activities. This can really help if you are feeling anxious, which is completely normal whilst you are working from home.

Talk about things on your mind: it is a big adjustment working from home every day, and having done it before does not necessarily make it easier. Talk about how things are going. The international and local situation is highly changeable. It is normal to feel uncertainty about this too. Be conscious of how much of the news you watch and talk about what you are watching.

Read a book: Escape, relax, unwind. Look after yourself.

General Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of our pupils remain the school's top priority. If you have any concerns for the safety of a child if it is an emergency dial 999. For other concerns contact the school office by phone or email and we will get back to you.

Thought for the Week



*God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those
who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.*