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NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well. The children have been producing some fantastic work in the Google Classroom which is lovely to see. Keep up the great work!

I believe we're due some wintry showers over the weekend, so if this is the case do share your snowy photos with us next week, and keep warm!

Simon Trahern

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REMINDERS

READING BOOKS

Just a reminder that we have set up a small library in the school lobby. Do come along to swap any books you've finished with. If there's a certain book you'd like to borrow, but it's not on the shelf, please email the school office and we will try to locate it for you in the main library.



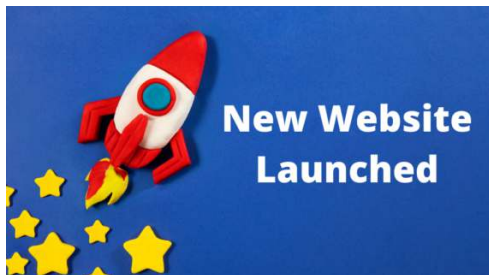
LAPTOPS

We have offered out additional laptops to all those who put in a request. If you feel your child would benefit from one of the school laptops, please email the school office who will reserve you one, whilst stock allows.

SUBMITTING WORK ONLINE

Please remember to upload your work online daily as the teachers love seeing what you've been getting up to during the school day and want to be able to provide you with timely feedback. Thank you.

OTHER INFORMATION



SCHOOL WEBSITE

You may have noticed that the school website is currently down. We are just resolving a couple of technical issues and we will have a new site which we hope to launch in the next couple of days. We hope you will like it and find it easy to navigate. I will write again once it goes live. In the meantime, if you require any information please contact Natalie in the office.

INSET DAYS

Academic Year 2020 - 2021

22nd February, 1st April, 21st June

Academic Year 2021 - 2022

2nd September, 3rd September, 4th January, 28th February, 20th June

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



As already mentioned, some wonderful work is being completed at home and school currently; this is fantastic to see. I am aware of the challenges many of you are facing, and I'm also conscious that the longer lockdown continues, the harder it may be for us to remain positive ...

As Dr. Seuss wrote -

*"Don't give up.
I believe in you all.
A person's a person
No matter how small."*