

18 SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



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KEY DATES

- Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - Half Term
- Week Beginning 9th November - Parent Consultations
- Monday 7th December - Flu Vaccinations Y1-Y6
- Wednesday 16th December - Pop Up Shop
- Friday 18th December - Last day of term

Headteacher's Message

It certainly has been a busy couple of weeks. Thank you to everyone for following our protocols to keep us all safe. There have been a few updates to the protocol and the revised documents are on the school website.

We are busy working on the remote learning offer and policy for children who are isolating or in quarantine. My aim is to get this out to you all next week.

As always your child's teacher is available to discuss any concerns you might have. Please email or phone the office to arrange for a callback.



REMINDERS

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

A slight change to pick up times. Please note the new time for your child.

Ladybird Class - 3.00pm

Millipede Class - 3.00pm

Bumblebee Class - 3.10pm

Grasshopper Class - 3.15pm

Dragonfly Class - 3.20pm

COVID SYMPTOMS

If your child has a temperature or cough or loss of taste and smell, then you must isolate them and the household and arrange for them to be tested, even if you think it might just be a cold.

I appreciate the difficulties with the testing system at the moment but we must insist on children being clear before returning to school for the safety of other pupils and staff.

I sent a guidance sheet out earlier in the week. This is available on the school website and facebook page too.

OTHER NEWS

STAFFING NEWS

I am delighted to be able to let you know that Miss Churcher and her fiancée are now proud parents of baby Jack. He has arrived a little earlier than expected but is doing really well. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them in this exciting news.



Mrs Parr is leaving today for her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the best at this exciting time.

Mr Fawcett will be teaching Grasshopper class full time from Monday whilst Mrs Parr is away.

We have also welcomed Mrs Smith to the staff team this week. She is covering for Miss Churcher in Ladybird class on Thursday and Fridays.



Mrs Smith and Mr Fawcett

JSA NEWS

In the current circumstances it has been a challenge for the JSA to fundraise. However as always they have continued to do an amazing job.

Recent fundraising has included

- A Sky dive by Natalie, Sarah, Anna, and Helen which raised £1153
- The weekly cake and book raffles
- Clothes recycling
- Virtual Balloon Race
- Cake and Uniform sales
- School Lottery

Thank you to all the organisers and supporters of these events.

Unfortunately we are not going to be able to go ahead with all the usual Autumn term events this year, due to COVID restrictions. There will be no discos, fireworks or Christmas fair this year.

The committee are busy organising other fundraising events in their place.



The wonderful Skydivers

HOME LEARNING SURVEY

Thank you everyone who has responded to the parent survey on home learning. We had a fantastic response from over 70 people.

We are busy putting together our school policy on home learning which I hope to get out next week after it has been approved by the governors.

We are taking on board all the comments made. I am looking at:

- how we can provide regular live and video input from teachers,
- how we can better support reading
- how we can support parents to help their child
- how we provide planning and resources in advance



IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

What you need to know: Free school meals are only available in England and Wales. Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please remember that even if your child doesn't want to have the free meal they could still benefit in other ways, through the Pupil Premium funding we would receive as a school (£1,320 for every eligible pupil).

For more information please speak to Debbie Smith (School Business Manager) or me in confidence.

Thought for the week

In assembly this week we explored the theme of lighthouses and how it links with Jesus saying he is the light of the world. In this uncertain time we look for comfort and security. Jesus can offer that keeping us safe in a time of darkness.

Dear God,

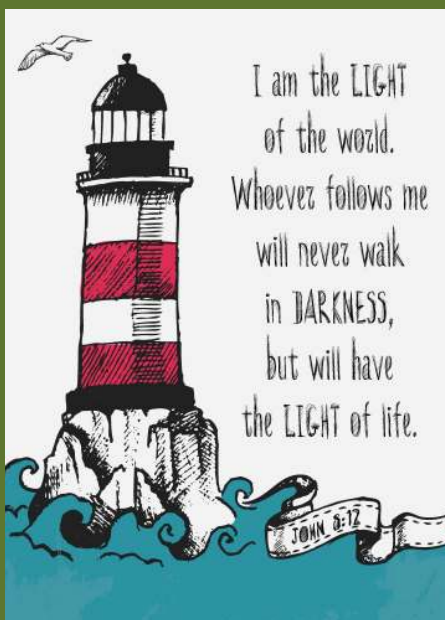
Thank you for people who took the time to build lighthouses to keep us safe at sea.

Thank you for people who still work at the lighthouses and look after them.

Thank you for sending Jesus as a light for the world.

Thank you that he can still light up the darkness, show us the way and keep us safe.

Amen





NOW RECRUITING

FULL TIME EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR



We are currently recruiting for full time Early Years Educators to join our team.

The EYE must have a level 3 Childcare qualification and be able to demonstrate a good knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.

If you're interested in this opportunity, or know anyone who might be, please contact Kira on the contact details below for more information

All successful applicants will be DBS checked prior to working with children



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