

16 OCTOBER 2020

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



OVERVIEW:

Headteacher's Message

Rev. Alison led our Harvest Service yesterday. As the weather was kind to us, we were able to hold this collective worship on the playground, enabling us to all come together as a school for the first time since March which was wonderful!



Thank you to everyone who donated food items. Your much needed donations will be taken to Horsham Matters Food Bank over the coming days, and are much appreciated.

- Headteacher's Message
- COVID reminders
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Parents' Evening Appointments
- Flu Vaccinations
- Responsible parking

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

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 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.

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME - MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER

If you haven't yet returned your flu consent form, we urge you to do so as soon as possible as the vaccination team will be collecting these from the school office over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

JSA NEWS

The JSA will be selling the next block of cake raffle tickets in half-term which will take us up to the Christmas break.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 12th December from 5.00pm -
Santa's Super Sleight Tour around Partridge Green. Further details to follow.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

We all know how important it is to support mental health and wellbeing, and during the current pandemic it is likely that many children and young people's mental health will be affected. With this in mind, as a school we continue to explore ways of working with our children to create opportunities for play including free, child-led play and outdoor activities to allow them to re-connect and adjust to the new normal.

I am pleased to inform you that Will Carey will be working with us every Tuesday after the half-term break. He will spend time with the children, building bug houses, bug hunting, developing a composter, planting winter plants and making bird feeders, as well as other activities. The focus will be on wellbeing and enjoying time outside.

OTHER NOTICES



STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2021

The application process for children due to start school in September 2021 opened this week. West Sussex County Council no longer sends individual letters to parents/carers, so if you have a child due to start school next September, please apply online at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for admissions is Friday 15th January 2021. If you need any assistance please get in touch.

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

We will be holding our Parents' Evenings w/c 9th November. These meetings will take place virtually using Google Meet. You will be invited to book your slots from next Tuesday, and appointments will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

You will receive a link from your child's class teacher after half-term to allow you to join the call at your allotted time. Please contact the school office if you experience difficulties booking a slot, do not have access to Google Meet or would like to book separate parent appointments.



RESPONSIBLE PARKING

I was sorry to receive a complaint from one of our neighbours yesterday about irresponsible parking by some parents at school drop -off/pick-up. Cars have been carelessly parked, blocking access to driveways. Please consider walking your child to school if time allows. If this isn't an option, please give yourself time to park further away, if there is nowhere to park your vehicle responsibly. All reported car details will be passed on to West Sussex Police's Operation Crackdown. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Thought for the Week

In this week's assembly we reflected on world mental health day. This has been especially relevant this year. We linked it to the value of courage and finding our Brave. Reminding children that it is ok to ask for help and we don't have to face challenges on our own.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-8***





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PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO BOOK A TOUR



JOLESFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY

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.

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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