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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.

As you will be aware, we were inspected by Ofsted this week.

The 'visit' was carried out remotely, predominantly via online calls but also through the sharing of videos. Thank you to all the staff, parents and children for their input, and also to the school Governors for their support. This was a monitoring inspection so will not affect the grade of the school but it will judge the progress we have made since the last inspection. We hope that the report will be published in about a month's time.

The children have been busy producing more beautiful artwork this week, and under Mrs. Carey's guidance, some inspiring 3D sculptures have been created.

The teachers and I have been really impressed by the children's fabulous work ethic, and I'm delighted by the ever-growing list of children achieving their RAISE rocket awards - keep up the great work, everyone!

Simon Trahern

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DATES FOR THE DIARY:

22nd February - Inset Day
15th - 19th February - Half Term
4th March - World Book Day



REMINDERS

Thank you very much to those who recently completed the Ofsted Parentview. The inspectors (and us!) really appreciated the feedback. Now we are able to refocus on our own survey about ethos and Christian distinctiveness. Please complete the survey at the link below. Your answers are anonymous (it shouldn't ask for an email now) and are really useful in helping us shape our ethos, vision and policies.

<https://forms.gle/7Pjx9qChgUY6Nonw9>

OTHER INFORMATION

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE



I'm pleased to announce the new school website is up and running - www.jolesfield.w-sussex.sch.uk I hope you agree it's easier to navigate and contains all the information that those accessing the website would expect to find; any feedback on the site would be very welcome. We will continue to add content over the coming weeks.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - 1-7TH FEBRUARY

This year's theme is 'Express Yourself' with a focus on getting children and adults to find creative ways to share their thoughts, feelings and emotions through activities like music, art, dance or photography. The Duchess of Cambridge, Patron of charity Place2Be, got this week's campaign up and running with a message of support encouraging all of us to share and discuss how we feel, especially during this difficult time. Feel free to send in photos/videos to show what you've been getting up to as a family during lockdown as we'd love to see them.



BIG SCHOOLS' BIRDWATCH - 6TH JANUARY - 21ST FEBRUARY

Alongside the Big Garden Birdwatch, the RSPB has been running a Big Schools' Birdwatch, and we have until 21st February to get involved. Fun activities for the whole family can be found under the Fun & Learning section (Big School Birdwatch/Birdwatch Resources) -

www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-birdwatch/

Thought for the Week



Having heard this week that more than 10 million people within the UK have received the Covid19 vaccine, we can look to the future with more optimism and renewed hope. Whilst we are all facing challenges during the current lockdown, seeing snowdrops appearing it's good knowing that Spring is just around the corner.

"Tomorrow will be a good day. We will get through this and come out of it stronger, more united and ready to face any challenge together."

Quote from Sir Captain Tom Moore