

3RD FEBRUARY 2022

# NEWSLETTER



## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School

### Headteacher's Message

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It has been a challenging time for many of our families who have been affected by Covid in recent days. The Google Classrooms have been activated once again, and have ensured children (who have remained well) have been able to continue with their learning. We look forward to welcoming the children affected back into school when they are allowed to return.

We took the decision to cancel all our before and after-school clubs (apart from Jasz Club) this week. Thank you for your support, and apologies for any disappointment caused.

I expect most of you will now be aware that I am leaving Jolesfield at the end of this academic year. I just wanted to reiterate that I remain absolutely committed to ensuring that Jolesfield continues to move forward and be the best it can be in the coming months. The governors will shortly begin the process of finding a new headteacher and we will keep you updated as this goes on.

Simon Trahern

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 7th - 11th - Children's Mental Health Week
- 14th February - Y3/4 Cross Country (at Steyning)
- 17th February - JSA AGM (6-8pm)
- 21st - 25th February - Half Term
- 28th February - INSET Day
- 9th March - Astra Colour (individual photos)
- 18th March - Y5/6 Hockey (at SGS)
- w/c 21st March - Y6 Bikeability Course
- 21st March - Y4 Benchball (at Jolesfield)
- 21st March - Y5 'Voices Together' (WS Music)
- 29th March - Y5 Choral Day (invite only)
- 30th March - YR trip to Amberley Working Museum



# REMINDERS

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Thank you for keeping your child/ren off school if they display Covid symptoms of a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell. If your child has COVID symptoms you should arrange for them to get a PCR test.

The Google Classroom is active for children who are having to isolate at home, and new work is added by the class teacher regularly, so please encourage them to log on if they aren't able to be in school.

If any member of your family tests positive for Covid-19, all members of the family should take a LFD tests daily. Children can continue to attend school providing they are symptom free, and carry out lateral flow tests before school each morning.

We are grateful to families for carrying out regular lateral flow tests at home - to clarify we don't need to see evidence of the result. If positive your child should isolate for at least 7 days - they may return to school if they have a negative LFD test on both day 6 and 7 - 24 hours apart.

As a school we have been advised that all adults in school (unless exempt) should wear face coverings when moving around the premises, so thanks for your cooperation with this.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### WHITE ROSE MATHS APP

White Rose have produced a simple free App for children to practice subitising, addition and subtraction. They are all simple, 1 minute games. The games are mainly for KS1 but would also be good fluency for older children who still struggle with number bonds.



### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7-13 February 2022. This year's theme is Growing Together.

Many people don't feel comfortable talking about their feelings, but it's healthy to know and say how you're feeling, so over the course of the week we'll be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow .

Over the coming days, I will be sending out a Mental Health questionnaire to parents and pupils. Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, affecting how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through to adulthood. Mental health problems are common, but there is always help available, and we will be covering this as part of our Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) curriculum.



### PARENTS' EVENINGS - 1ST & 3RD MARCH

Parents' Evening Consultations will be taking place next month. The booking system will be going live the week before the half-term break so please keep an eye out for further announcements over the next couple of weeks.

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!



## RED NOSE DAY - 18TH MARCH

We are pleased to be supporting this year's Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Red Noses will be available to purchase from the school office for a donation of £1.50 after half-term. Donations go towards helping to tackle important issues including homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health stigma, all of which have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

### CLEANING VACANCY AT JOLESFIELD

Halls Cleaning Services are looking for an additional cleaner (term time only) to join their team. The ideal candidate will ideally have cleaning experience and be available to work 6-8pm Monday - Friday. The pay is £10.00 per hour plus 4 weeks holiday. Please contact Michelle at Halls Cleaning if interested - michelle@hallscleaningserviceltd.co.uk.



### HEADLICE

We've had a few cases of headlice in school this week, so please be on the look out and treat any unwanted visitors! All the good work is undone if there is an untreated child, so thank you for being vigilant.

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY (SEND) CORNER

We wanted to share this link with you this week. It will take you to a really useful website that provides helpful advice on a whole host of potential worries that a parent may have. Some of them relate to issues such as anxiety, but there are also more general topics such as high school transition and coping with a child meltdown. Hopefully, they will help you understand an issue better and provide you with some strategies to help with them.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

### JSA NEWS

#### POSTPONED

**JSA DISCO** - It is with regret that next Friday's disco has been postponed. A new date will be set when things have settled down. Watch this space!



## Thought for the Week



Children's Mental Health Week is a week to provide young people with knowledge, skills and tools to manage their own mental health and wellbeing. In the week ahead we should all try to be sensitive to each other's feelings, and ask our friends how they're doing. How we make others feel says a lot about who we are, so let's all be there for each other!

*"For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control."*

2 Timothy 1:7