

17TH FEBRUARY 2022

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School

Headteacher's Message

It's great to be back in school, and I'm enjoying catching up on everything the children have been working on over the past couple of weeks.

With a number of staff members affected by Covid, it's been a disruptive time for a few of the classes, but the children have adapted brilliantly, and we are very proud of them all.

With positive Covid cases in school thankfully now reducing, we are pleased to have been able to get clubs back up and running this week. Whilst external sporting fixtures have been cancelled recently, it is the intention that these KS2 events will be rescheduled over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for announcements.

I'm sure you don't need reminding that it's half-term next week; I hope you have an enjoyable break from school routines. Remember that Monday 28th February is an INSET Day, so the children's first day back is Tuesday 1st March.

Best wishes,

Simon Trahern

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DATES FOR THE DIARY:

17th February - JSA AGM (6-8pm)
21st - 25th February - Half Term
28th February - INSET Day
28th February - Y6 Cross Country (invite only)
1st & 3rd March - Parents' Evening (Y1,2,3,4,6)
2nd March - Ash Wednesday Service
3rd March - World Book Day
9th March - Astra Colour (individual photos)
15th & 17th March - Parents' Evening (YR & Y5)
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
21st April - Easter Messy Church (10.30am)



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. With positive cases, children may return to school if they have a negative LFT result on day 5 and day 6, or when they have 2 negative tests 24 hours apart. All children can return after 10 days if they are well, even if LFTs are still showing a positive result.

OTHER INFORMATION

EASY LUNCH

The cut-off for ordering KS2 meals for after half-term is Saturday, 19th February. Parents of EY/KS1 children don't need to place orders; standard meals are automatically provided, unless your child has 'opted out'. Please note that Shrove Tuesday is 1st March, so the pudding on this day will be pancakes with golden syrup.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will be going to church on 2nd March to attend an Ash Wednesday Service led by Rev'd Sally. If you are able to help us walk the children to church, we'd be grateful. We'd be leaving school just after 1.00pm, and expect to return to school around 2.30pm. Please let the school office, or your child's class teacher, know if you can assist us. Thank you.



WORLD BOOK DAY

A reminder that World Book Day is being held on Thursday 3rd March, and we invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Please encourage them to think about which character they'd like to choose over the half-term break.



UNIFORM - JEWELLERY

We have noticed that a number of children have started to wear jewellery to school. I would like to remind parents and carers that only stud earrings and watches can be worn to school. Children should not wear bracelets, necklaces, brades or non-stud earrings.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Astracolour are in school on Wednesday 9th March to take individual and sibling photos. Proofs will come home with your child shortly afterwards with a deadline date for placing orders.



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 **£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 still looking for an additional cleaner (term time only) to join their team. The ideal candidate will 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.



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY (SEND) CORNER

Speech and Language

Communication is massively important when learning, the ability to understand language and to be able to make ourselves understood. Not all children develop their speech and language skills at the same speed and there are many factors that can cause delays. At school we use screening tools to try and identify areas for support as quickly as possible. If necessary a speech and language therapist will assist us in creating interventions that will help with development.

There are lots of myths and misconceptions surrounding this area, the following link might help you to answer a few questions. All the information comes from trained speech therapists.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/language-development-faqs/z3222v4>

JSA NEWS

AGM

Between 6-8pm **this evening** we are holding the JSA AGM - all are welcome to attend. It will take place in the school hall. We are looking for a new treasurer as the current treasurer is stepping down. It is compulsory that we fill this position so if any one is interested please contact Natalie Smyth. The JSA is also looking for a Co-Chair to help run the JSA. For more information about either vacancy, please email the JSA - jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com.

Thought for the Week



Love

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13 4-7



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