

10TH MARCH 2022

NEWSLETTER

Jolesfield Primary School

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term! Thankfully the half-term holiday acted as a natural firebreak, and Covid numbers have been significantly reduced since our return to school.

As you know, we took the children to church last week, with Rev'd Sally leading us in the Ash Wednesday service. We also celebrated World Book Day. Staff enjoying talking to the children about their favourite book characters, and I was very impressed by the creativity and imagination of the costumes. Thank you for the part you played in encouraging your child/ren to participate.

The photographer was in school yesterday, and proofs will be sent home with your child/ren over the coming days.

We're starting up Forest Schools this week, which the JSA is kindly funding, and Mr Clarke will be returning to run these sessions for us. All year groups will receive one of these sessions before the end of this term.

Simon Trahern

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DATES FOR THE DIARY:

15th & 17th March - Parents' Evening (YR & Y5)
18th March - Red Nose Day
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)
25th March - Wear A Hat Day
29th March - Y5 Choral Day (invite only)
30th March - YR trip to Amberley Working Museum
21st April - Easter Messy Church (10.30am)



ONLINE SAFETY



Is your child spending more time on tech at the moment? The Legends Family Adventure from Google and Parent Zone will help you all become Internet Legends – and have fun along the way!

The Legends Family Adventure – Google and Parent Zone's new animated series – is perfect for families to watch together. It's part of the Be Internet Legends programme – helping children to be safer and more confident online.

When Lumen's bear goes missing, the whole family must brave Interland to get it back. Along the way, the family learns lessons from the Legends Code – including helpful tips on what to do with cyberbullies, how to spot scams and set strong passwords, as well as important lessons on kindness. And, Lumen discovers they're stronger and braver than they ever thought they could be.

Embark on this adventure as a family by visiting g.co/legendsfamilyadventure

REMINDERS

RED NOSE DAY - 18TH MARCH

We are pleased to be supporting this year's Comic Relief Red Nose Day. Red Noses are on sale from the school office priced at **£1.50 each**. 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.



RED ACADEMY CLASSES

A reminder that Red Academy classes (for all ages) will be starting at Jolesfield, with a free trial lesson being offered next Tuesday, 15th March from 3.30 - 5.00pm. The classes will be a mix of dance and musical theatre, and are perfect for anyone who loves to sing / dance, encouraging confidence and building performing skills in a fun environment. There's been a great response following the demo in assembly - if this club is of interest to your child/ren, but you haven't yet registered for the free trial, please sign up using the link below as soon as possible: <https://www.red-academy.co.uk/event-info/free-trial-2>

OTHER INFORMATION

WEAR A HAT DAY

We will be taking part in Wear A Hat Day for brain tumour support on Friday 25th March. We're hoping that all children (and staff!) join in by wearing a hat, for a £1 (or more!) donation.

Sennen in Bumblebee Class will also be selling the official pin badges (which are the royal jubilee themed) and wristbands for £1.00 each on the playground the week leading up to 25th March.

Sennen has also created an online JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sennen-wahd. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.



FOREST SCHOOLS

We look forward to welcoming Mr Clarke back to Jolesfield later this week. He will be running our Forest Schools, and will initially be working with Bumblebee and Millipede Classes. All classes will receive Forest School sessions before the end of this term.



SUSSEX SCHOOLS AREA FINALS

Mrs Green took three Year 6 children to the Sussex Schools Cross Country Area Finals in Brighton last week. This was a huge event, involving over 300 children from across Sussex. Chloe, Felix and Jack did really well, finishing in the top 50% in their races ... and Jack finished wearing only one shoe!! Congratulations to each of them on getting to the finals; a great achievement!



PARTRIDGE GREEN U9s FOOTBALL TEAM



We have been informed that a new PG Under 9s football team is being formed. If you have a child in Year 4, and they'd be interested in playing for a local club, please contact Scott Percy on percy1867@hotmail.co.uk for more information. Training is on Thursday evenings, currently at Steyning on the astro pitch, but will be moving to Jolesfield Common when the clocks change. Matches take place on Saturday mornings.

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT WAR IN UKRAINE

Your child may be aware of what is going on in Ukraine. They may well have questions as they try to make sense of what they have seen or heard. It can be difficult to know what to tell them and how much to share in an age appropriate way. The Young Minds website has some guidance on how to talk to your child about the war. I will also be sending out further information and guidance in the coming days.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

JSA NEWS

Thank you to all those who attended the recent AGM. We are pleased to report that Ro Wheatland is now Treasurer, taking over from Dan Calver. Natalie Calver has been elected as Co-Chair.

We are having an Easter raffle on the **8th April** and sending smarties tubes home that day. Please look out for further details.



The JSA is funding Forest Schools at Jolesfield and some sessions are getting underway later this week. Thank you for your ongoing support as without this we couldn't support the school in the way we are currently able to.

Thought for the Week



Lent started on Ash Wednesday, and lasts 40 days (not including Sundays). It represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. During Lent, many people decide to give something up that they love - perhaps chocolate, sweets or even using social media. Others might decide to take up something, like helping out more at home or making an effort to be nicer to their brother or sister.

Whatever we have chosen to give up (or started doing) during Lent, let us pray for the Ukrainian people, many of whom have fled their homes to escape the fighting, leaving behind all that they know and love.

*"May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you."*

2 Thessalonians 3:16