

28TH APRIL 2022

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School

Headteacher's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. We are looking forward to an action packed term, and we are delighted that parents and carers will be able to come into school to attend upcoming events in person, rather than via online links.

You may have noticed the school's perimeter fence was replaced over the holidays. A tree in the adventure playground has also been trimmed, allowing us to open this area up to the children once again. New football goals have been purchased (thanks to the JSA) and these have been getting lots of use over the past few days!

We hope to make good use of the school swimming pool later this term; Mr Cooper will be working hard to get it up and running for us to enjoy when the days become warmer.

Don't forget that the JSA will be selling ice-creams on the playground from tomorrow and will be accepting payment by cash or card. A nice end-of-week treat!

Finally, don't forget it's a bank holiday on Monday, so school will be closed - enjoy the extra long weekend!

Simon Trahern

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DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 29th April - Y5 Taster Day at SGS
- 3rd May - WS Fire & Rescue - YR, 1 & 5
- 5th May - Y5 Adur Residential meeting for parents
- 5th May - Y6 Isle of Wight meeting for parents
- 6th May - Travelling Books
- 9th May - Y6 SATS week
- 16th May - Y5/6 Cross Country
- 17th May - Y6 Chanctonbury Music Festival at SGS
- 19th May - Sports for Schools whole school event
- 20th May - Guitar Concert (2.30pm)
- 20th May - JSA Discos
- 21st May - JSA Car Boot Sale
- 25th May - Y4 Rounders at Upper Beeding
- 27th May - Y1 Multi Sports
- 4th June - PG Village Fete



UNIFORM AND PE KITS

We have plenty of pre loved uniform in school, so please just contact the office if you need some.

Children are expected to wear:

- Green jumper/cardigan
- White or green short-sleeved polo shirt
- Trousers / skirt / shorts: black or grey
- Summer dress: green / white check
- Shoes: black shoes (no heels / no canvas shoes / no trainers)
- Black, white or grey socks/tights (footless tights and leggings are not permitted)

PE Kit: children should wear a white T-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers or plimsolls

REMINDERS

SPONSORED ATHLETE EVENT

On 19th May we will be welcoming Luke Delahunty to Jolesfield. Luke is a paralympic athlete who has also participated in the Invictus games. Luke will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils and follow-up with a talk and question and answer session for the school. The aim is to inspire the pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life.



DIGITAL CAMERAS

As previously mentioned, as part of our computing and art curriculum, children are expected to learn how to take and manipulate digital images and video. Thank you to those who have donated a camera to the school. If anyone else has an unused working digital camera you would be happy to donate to us, we'd be grateful.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school next term to join our celebration assemblies. These take place at 2.45pm every Friday, and all are welcome.

OTHER INFORMATION

STAFFING NEWS

Miss Short gave birth to baby Mason before the Easter break, and we're delighted to report that Mum and baby are doing well! We look forward to Miss Short returning to school at half term



It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying a fond farewell to a couple of teachers at the end of this term:

Liz Carey, who has worked at Jolesfield for 12 years, has decided to move on at the end of the term to spend time with her family. Liz will remain as a governor, and has said she will help us out on a supply basis, so we hope to continue to see her in school.

Deborah McMahon has also decided that the time has come to retire and will be leaving us at the end of term.

Both Liz and Deborah have played key roles in helping the school move forward, and we will be sorry to see them go. I am sure you will join me in wishing both of them well for the future.

GUITAR CONCERT

Children who are receiving guitar lessons in school will be performing to the whole school and their parents on Friday 20th May. Rob, the Rock & Pop Foundation teacher, will also be holding a demo, so if this might be of interest your child, you're welcome to join us. The Celebration Assembly will follow immediately after the concert.



LOST PROPERTY



We have a large volume of lost property built up again. Named items have been returned to children, but if you know your child is missing uniform, please feel free to come into the office to look for it. We urge you to name everything your child/ren brings to school, so that if anything is misplaced it can quickly be returned to its rightful owner. Thank you.

VOLUNTARY HELPERS IN SCHOOL

Now that Covid restrictions have been removed, we would like to expand the number of volunteers we currently have helping us out in school. Teachers are very grateful for an extra pair of hands (or ears!) in the classroom, and with swimming lessons expected to start after the May half-term we are on the lookout for additional helpers in school. If this is something that appeals to you, please contact the school office for more information.

JSA NEWS

Ice-Cream Sales - A reminder, that the JSA will be selling ice-creams on the playground after school on Fridays, starting tomorrow. The JSA will also visit Jasz club so any children with money for ice-creams will have the opportunity to purchase one after school, too.



JSA Meeting - a meeting will be held on 4th May at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend or for further information, please speak to a member of the JSA.

JSA School Discos - Please make a note in your diaries that the KS1 & KS2 school discos will be held in school on Friday 20th May. Details will be sent out in due course.



Car Boot Sale - On 21st May, the JSA will be holding a Car Boot event on the school playground. Please keep an eye out for further details.

PG Village Fete - If you are free and willing to help on the BBQ at the village fete on 4th June, please speak to a member of the JSA. Thank you!

Thought for the Week



May Day, is generally celebrated on the first Monday in May and is seen as a celebration of spring and the rebirth taking place in nature. May Day only became a bank holiday in 1978 but its origins as a day of celebration go back over two thousand years! It falls roughly between the spring equinox and the summer solstice, and celebrations were associated with seeds of the new crops having been planted. Farm labourers were given a day off, hence why it's known as 'labour day' in some countries.

However you spend May Day, enjoy yourselves!

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3: 23-24