

8TH SEPTEMBER 2022

# NEWSLETTER



## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



### Headteacher's Message

Welcome to a new academic year; how wonderful it is to have the school full again with the buzz generated by children learning. Thank you so much to all of you who have spoken to me and welcomed me to the school. Starting the week with a worship on 'New Beginnings' provided a great start to the term. Whether you are a new parent to the school or a 'veteran', this is a new chapter for the school. The children were able to list an amazing variety of recent, new experiences (pigeon and peach sausages anyone?) and demonstrated a super attitude to the year ahead.

During our recent Inset, teaching staff reviewed the latest research from educationalists and economists on the values and skills which are needed to succeed and be happy in society. These were considered in the context of, 'What are the values and capabilities we expect from a Jolesfield pupil?' These discussions are planned to take place with pupils, all staff and governors. Therefore, we would also appreciate your thoughts in order to shape a comprehensive vision which underpins our curriculum and approach to teaching and learning - literally 'The Jolesfield Way.' From Monday 12th September to Friday 23rd September, there will be a box available on the front desk of the office for you to add your suggestions to.

#### Free School Meals

The impact of the rising cost of living is universal and therefore, we are all having to make individual decisions on how to manage (feel free to ask me about using an air fryer!). Tomorrow, the office will share information about free school meals. Please read this information carefully in case it applies to you. If you are eligible, this category allows the school to access other additional welfare and therefore can be extremely beneficial. For example, on occasions, there are opportunities to access free provision, such as holiday activities.

In addition, if you would like to make a contribution to a food bank or use this resource, please note our nearest foodbanks are: outside St. Michael's Church and the Co-op, Partridge Green.

Ms Vicky Price

## REMINDERS

Earlier this week you should have received a communication about Times Tables Rock Stars. We would love it if all children came dressed as rock stars next Tuesday, 13th September. Thank you for your support with this.



### EASY LUNCH ORDERING



If you would like to order meals, please order online by visiting [www.theeasylunchcompany.co.uk](http://www.theeasylunchcompany.co.uk). If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they eat for free under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme (UIFSM) - unless you have opted out by informing the school office. Meals for KS2 children must be ordered and paid for online. Please refer to the Easy Lunch website for further information.

### CHOIR REHEARSALS



KS2 Choir Rehearsals, led by Mrs Eyre, are being held every Tuesday, starting next week. The 13 Autumn Term rehearsals cost £19.50. If your son or daughter would like to join the choir, please pay online via Iris +Pay. Free School Meal children can get the cost of the choir covered by the school if required.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Gadgeteers Reading Programme over the summer break. If you have a certificate you would like presented to you during Friday's assembly, please drop it off at the school office.



### PARENTS' MEETINGS

We are inviting Year 1 - Year 6 parents into school to attend a meeting with class teachers on 26th September. The meeting will start in the hall, before parents then split off into their respective classrooms. The hour long meeting will start at 6.00pm. This will be an informative session, providing the opportunity for you to hear from Ms Price about key updates and learn more from class teachers about the learning experience planned for this year. Due to the new class structure, there will also be the opportunity for Year 1 and 2 parents to hear more through "A day in the life of a Year 1 or 2 child" presentation. In addition, there will be opportunities to ask general questions.

For our new Reception parents, Mrs Parr and Mrs Johnston will be running a session at 9.00am on Tuesday 4th October.

We hope you are able to attend the meeting that relates to your child/ren. For any parents unable to attend, we will endeavour to share some of the class information via Parentmail.



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**13th September - Rock Stars Non-Uniform Day**

**22nd September, 9.30 - 10.30am - New Parents Open Morning**

**26th September, 6pm - Y1 - Y6 'Meet the Parents' Meeting**

**5th October - Y3 to Marwell Zoo (letter to follow)**

**11th October, 9.15am - New Parents Open Morning**

**14th October - Y4/5 to South Downs Planetarium (letter to follow)**

**20th October - Harvest Festival (letter to follow)**

**21st October - JSA Disco**

**24th - 28th October - Half-Term**

**31st October - Inset Day**

**4th November - JSA Fireworks**

**14th - 18th November - Anti-Bullying Week**

**21st November - Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations**

## **JSA NEWS**

A warm welcome to everyone from the JSA.

We are back and busy planning events for later this term - The School Disco and Fireworks Night will be first up! Details to follow very soon.

Our Cake Raffle is running as always - you can buy tickets from the JSA hut on Friday mornings, or contact us on Facebook or you can email us at [jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com](mailto:jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com).

Please do join our JSA Facebook page if you can. We use it to share loads of information, event details and to sell tickets as well.

We are also always looking for new people to help us out with events and in other volunteering roles. If you think you could spare us some time, we would really love to hear from you!

Thank you all very much - from the JSA

## **Thought for the Week**



A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. Let us look forward to what the new academic year holds for us, and play, learn and grow together.

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more you learn, the more places you'll go."*

*Dr. Seuss, 'I Can Read With My Eyes Shut'*