

22ND SEPTEMBER 2022

# NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



## Headteacher's Message

Thanks to the drier weather, our children have been able to spend a lot more time outside. We are enormously grateful for all the parental contributions and the work of the JSA. This has made it possible to purchase many exciting new resources for our key stage 1 outside area and there are further improvements planned. Whether you have a child in Key Stage 1 or not, please do feel free to have a look at the developing outside area.

Some of you may be familiar with 'Loose Parts Play', particularly if your children attended Bluebells nursery. This is the setting up of a type of play which encourages divergent thinking, team building, problem solving and creativity. At its heart, is the concept of giving children everyday, mixed objects, both natural and man-made, without an obvious end goal. I have been visiting schools to see the benefits of this for all pupils. Therefore, we are planning how to extend this beyond the Key Stage 1 area so all children can benefit. Please see the list, at the end of the newsletter, in case you are able to donate any of these items.

Another exciting piece of news which I am pleased to be able to share with you relates to Robert Clarke, who currently shares Bumblebee class with Lyndsay Hibbs. After being unable to recruit for this post, Rob was appointed as a temporary teacher until the position could be filled. However, Rob has proved an invaluable part of our team and is enjoying teaching Bumblebee class so much that he has accepted our invitation to remain. We are also considering how we can use Rob's forest skills across the school.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Parents' event this Monday at 6pm.

Many thanks,  
Vicky Price



# REMINDERS

## PARENTS' MEETINGS

Year 1 - Year 6 parents are invited 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.



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



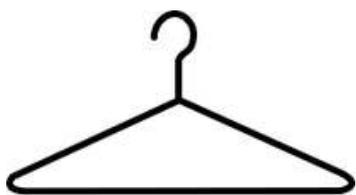
## SGS OPEN MORNING - MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Next Monday's Open Morning will give Year 6 children and parents the opportunity to see the school in action on a normal day, and to meet the staff and current students. There will be refreshments, a short presentation by the member of the school leadership team, a tour of our site and a chance to ask questions. Please confirm your attendance at this event with the Jolesfield school office, if you haven't already done so.

# OTHER INFORMATION

## VOLUNTEER HELPERS

You may be aware that we have a number of volunteer helpers who come into school to help on a weekly basis. Currently, Dragonfly Class doesn't have any volunteer helpers. If there were one or two parents with a morning or afternoon free to come in on a voluntary basis, that would be very helpful. Please contact the office if this is something you'd be interesting in doing.



SECOND HAND  
UNIFORM

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We keep a good stock of quality second-hand uniform in school so if you're looking to replace items of uniform for your child, please contact the school office who may be able to assist you. If your child has grown out of their uniform, we welcome all uniform donations. The same goes for school shoes - if your child has grown out of their shoes but there's still wear left in them, we'd be grateful if you donated them to the school. Thank you.

## GUITAR OR KEYBOARD LESSONS

The Rock & Pop Foundation provides KS2 Guitar and Keyboard tuition in school on Tuesday mornings. If of interest, there are a few spaces still available this term for group lessons. Please speak to Natalie if you'd like to receive more information about the tuition that's available.



## BOOKS

Please let Natalie know if you have a couple of hours to spare, during the week, and would be able to help with book areas and our library.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

26th September, 6pm - Y1 - Y6 'Meet the Parents' Meeting  
4th October, 9am - Reception Parents' Meeting  
11th October, 9.15am - Prospective New Parents' Open Morning  
12th October - Y6 Heights & Weights  
13th October - Y3 Rainforest Workshop  
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

Thank you to those who joined us yesterday for our first JSA meeting of the new school year. It was lovely to meet a couple of new faces. We discussed events for this term and fundraising ideas going forward.

**Friday 21st October - Autumn Disco.** Please look out for a flyer advertising this event in the coming days. Tickets will be going on sale from tomorrow.

**Friday 4th November - Fireworks Night.** Ticket details to follow shortly. We hope you can all attend and support this event. It is a big fundraiser for the school and great fun for the kids (and adults!). We are still also looking for kind volunteers to help out on the evening.

Tesco Community Grants - Jolesfield School has been very lucky to have been chosen for this In-Store Grant Scheme. The school will receive at least £500, but it could be as high as £1,500! Between October and January you can vote for the school at the Tesco store in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath. More details to follow.

Please join our Facebook group to get the latest information about events and ticket details, email us at [jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com](mailto:jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com) or come and see us at the JSA hut on a Friday. Thank you so much - we really need your help, as always.

## Thought for the Week



As we continue the period of national mourning, some of us may be reflecting on the moments we were inspired by Queen Elizabeth II. In one of her memorable quotes, Queen Elizabeth II talks about children as our future. By unlocking a child's love of learning and helping them to develop a natural curiosity for things around them, they will develop life-long skills that will help them to adapt to change, face new challenges and always work hard to reach their goals.

*"They teach us all a lesson - just as the Christmas story does - that in the birth of a child, there is a new dawn with endless potential."*

*Queen Elizabeth II*

## WISH LIST



Milk Crates



Guttering Parts



Wooden Crates



Log Slices

**Thank you for any of the above you  
are able to donate to the school!**