# 6TH OCTOBER 2022

# **NEWSLETTER**



# **Jolesfield Church of England Primary School**



## Headteacher's Message

It has been so exciting to see our pupils engaging in a greater variety of activities at break times. 'Loose Parts' is proving very popular as children from all year groups have been demonstrating their creativity and imagination. Basketball and activities such as colouring have helped broaden the choices available and suit the needs of all our pupils. The various activities have encouraged greater interaction between our younger and older pupils, which is lovely to watch. This is an area of provision that we will continue to review and expand.





Key stage 1 had a surprise visitor when my tortoise Bertie joined them. Reception did a great job of bathing him and everyone enjoyed a cuddle. Some amazing questions were asked and it was a lovely opportunity for children to share their wider knowledge and experiences.

Thank you to everyone who suggested values for the school to adopt. Following a full consultation, the following values have been chosen: **kindness, thankfulness, team work, positivism and respect**. During next week, our school ambassadors will be looking at how to promote these further across the school. More information will follow!



Many thanks, Vicky Price

## REMINDERS

#### APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES



A reminder to Year 6 parents that secondary school places need to be applied for by Monday 31st October.



#### **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.



## OTHER INFORMATION



#### **AUTISM & SOCIAL COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE**

An 'Emotional Regulation Through Autism Lens' conference will be held on Thursday 20th October at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Crawley. The event cost £35.00 for parents, which includes lunch. The event offers a great opportunity for families to increase their knowledge and understanding. If this might be of interest, you can book your place using the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-regulation-through-the-autism-lens-tickets-359316735027

#### **COLGATE - ORAL HEALTH**

We have signed up to this year's Colgate 'Bright Smiles, Bright Futures' programme. The aim is to support the delivery of oral health education to 5 to 7 year-olds. Over the course of the year, EY & KS1 will undertake engaging, activity based sessions within class. We have been sent more toothbrushes and toothpaste than we need, so do pop along to the office if you would like to take any off our hands!





#### **VIOLIN LESSONS IN SCHOOL**

We have been approached by a peripatetic music teacher about starting violin lessons at Jolesfield. If this might be of interest, can you please email the school office. With sufficient interest, we will look to introduce these lessons at school.

#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Last week, we sent out a letter about the Harvest Festival service taking place at St Michael's Church on 20th October. If you are able to help walk children to/from church, please inform the school office. Thank you for your support!

### **Maths Fluency**

Mr Taylor shared at our 'Meet the Parents' Evening, many practical activities which can help reinforce fluency and understanding in maths. In addition, here are some web-sites which can help support fluency and embed knowledge:



https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/maths-games-ks1/

https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/

https://www.mathsontoast.org.uk/

https://www.playideas.com/25-fun-money-activities-for-kids/

www.topmarks.co.uk

#### **JSA INFORMATION**

Don't forget to get your tickets for the free School Disco - they are available from the JSA hut on Friday mornings and afternoons.

Fireworks Night - tickets will be on sale this week! See posters, Parentmail and JSA Facebook posts for details.



#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

11th October, 9.15am - Prospective New Parents' Open Morning

12th October - Y6 Heights & Weights School Nurse Visit

13th October - Y3 Rainforest Workshop

14th October - Y4/5 to South Downs Planetarium

20th October - Harvest Festival

21st October - JSA Disco

24th - 28th October - Half-Term

31st October - Inset Day

2nd November, 9.30am - Prospective New Parents' Open Morning

4th November - JSA Fireworks

14th - 18th November - Anti-Bullying Week

21st November - Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations

21st November - Parents' Consultation Evening

24th November - Parents' Consultation Evening



# **Thought for the Week**



Today is National Poetry Day, a day on which to encourage everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends, to help to bridge understanding within communities.

As this is the week, during which we have announced our new school values, we would love to celebrate these through poetry. Therefore, if you or your child are feeling inspired, please reflect on our 5 values, displayed on the first page and share any resulting poetry with us!

Let us remember to use these throughout the coming week: Thankfulness - Team Work - Respect - Kindness - Positivism

"Values are like lighthouses; they are signals giving us direction, meaning and purpose."

Author. Unknown





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