

1ST DECEMBER 2022

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Curriculum Spotlight

As I spend time in various classes, I see so much evidence of how Jolesfield achieves our school vision of cultivating a love of learning. One of our curriculum values is learning should be fun! Creating memorable experiences, linked to learning, helps to build 'sticky knowledge' - knowledge that stays with the children as they move through the school. These are just a few great examples that I have spotted recently.

Year 1 (Ladybird Class) have built their own small world of London in 1666. They used wooden blocks for the Tudor houses and fire. The children were able to talk about how water was used from the Thames and the maid who didn't put the fire out at the bakery properly. They could also explain how buckets were used and what water squirter are.

Year 2 used drama to enact how fires were tackled in the 17th century and draw contrasts with modern fire fighting equipment. A visit from a modern fire engine helped deepen understanding. Knowledge of life in London was further expanded for key stage 1 through the building of iconic London structures.

Year 4 and 5 were surprised by a visit from a Roman soldier, launching their Roman focus and preparing them to to write an account of 'The Day in the Life of a Roman Soldier'.

Year 6 have been learning how to play chords on a recorder. Max summarised this brilliantly, 'It hurts your ears but it's fun!' Year 3 expanded their understanding of balance through using the wall bars and the difference made from balancing on 'points and patches'. They were able to explain this brilliantly to me and give examples of points (your toes) and patches (your tummy).

It is wonderful to see and hear our children talking about their learning so enthusiastically. Thank you for the enormous part all our parents play in supporting this.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

SWITCHING ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



The Partridge Green Christmas Lights are being switched on at 6.30pm this Saturday 3rd December by Myron, Roman, Avdii and Sasha. This has always been a popular event, to which everyone is welcome.

EASY LUNCH CHRISTMAS MEAL - 14TH DECEMBER

REMINDER - For any KS2 child who would like to participate in this, please place your order online by Saturday 3rd December. Children in EY/KS1 who have opted in will automatically receive a Christmas meal; for those who have opted out, you have until tomorrow (2nd) to let the school office know.



KS2 CAROL SERVICE

This year's Carol Service is taking place at 2.00pm on Thursday 15th December at St Michael's Church. If you'd like to attend, please submit your ticket requests over the coming days.

OTHER INFORMATION

MISS SHORT

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Becca Short will continue to teach Year 1, 5 mornings a week. The children have a very positive relationship with Miss Short and therefore, I am pleased that we have been able to commit to extending the present arrangement for the remainder of this academic year.

OFSTED PARENT VIEW

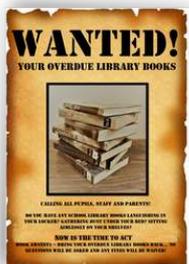
Thanks to everyone who has completed the Ofsted Parent View. All feedback is appreciated, as we continue to improve as a school. A reminder that we operate an open door policy, and all staff welcome regular interaction with parents. If you have any worries, I encourage you to make contact with the school so that we can help to resolve any concerns in a timely manner.

CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE 'REINDEER FUN'

Chestnut Tree House is the children's hospice for East and West Sussex, and South East Hampshire. They care for local children living with life-limited conditions. With it costing over £4 million per year to provide all the care services, and only a small proportion coming from central government funding, we are pleased to be supporting this year's fundraising event.



The Reindeer event is being formally launched in assembly next week, with the actual 'run' taking place on Wednesday 14th December. This is also our Christmas Jumper Day. All children will given antlers and red noses to wear. A sponsorship form will be sent home this week. A Just Giving page, 'Jolesfield Primary Reindeer Fun' has also been set up. We are aware that the cost of living is on the rise, so appreciate all donations, however small, that your child/ren is able to collect. All money raised will go straight to Chestnut Tree House. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

We still have some missing library books, so have decided to offer an amnesty to everyone with an overdue book. This means that you can bring back to school that book that's been languishing in a cupboard at home, or that you had forgotten you had borrowed. If you come across anything, please leave it on the desk in the library area. Thank you!

LOST PROPERTY - FINAL CALL

Any lost property not reclaimed by the end of this week will be donated to our second hand uniform stock.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 2nd December - 'Merry & Bright' Own Clothes Day
- 3rd December - Switching on PG Lights (selected pupils)
- 5th December - EY/KS1 Nativity (dress rehearsal) - 2.00pm
- 6th December - EY/KS1 Nativity - 9.15am
- 7th December - JSA Pop-Up Shop
- 8th December - EY/KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm
- 11th December - Christingle Service at St Michael's Church, 4pm
- 13th December - KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties (KS1 - morning, KS2 - afternoon)
- 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th December - Chestnut Tree House Reindeer Run
- 14th December - Easy Lunch Xmas Meal
- 15th December - KS2 Carol Service, 2pm at St. Michael's Church
- 6th January - EY/KS1 Teddy Bear Workshop



JSA NEWS

Friday 2nd December – Merry and Bright Day

Don't forget this Friday! Wear your brightest, most colourful, sparkliest, neon or multi-coloured outfit to school and brighten up even the gloomiest of winter days! In return, we are asking for donations of stock for our Christmas Pop-up Shop.



Wednesday 7th December – Pop-up Shop

This event is a favourite with the children as they get to buy secret presents for their parents or carers. The presents are wrapped for them and all cost only £2 each. As always, we need donations of items for our shop. Suitable items are new, or perfect condition nearly new gifts including toiletries, books, gadgets, mugs, jewellery, candles, picture frames, chocolates, home accessories, and anything else you would enjoy receiving yourself! We tend to end up with fewer gifts for men, if you have anything suitable. Donations to the JSA hut please, or email jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com if you have a large amount of items that would need collecting.



Jolesfield Christmas Raffle

We are now selling tickets for our Christmas Raffle. Some really great prizes have been donated, this year, for example, £100 cash, £100 Sainsbury's voucher and loads more! The draw will take place on Saturday 17th December. Tickets are available from the JSA hut this Friday, by email at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com or comment on our FB posts.



Thought for the Week



Last Sunday marked the start of Advent. The four candles represent the four weeks before Christmas, and one candle is lit each Sunday. It is a time for reflection, renewal of hope and the start of a new beginning. Today in Collective Worship we lit the candle that symbolizes Faith. We need to remember that Faith is more than just knowledge about God and 'doing the right thing'; Faith is all encompassing.

*"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.
What if Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"*

Taken from Dr. Seuss, 'The Grinch'

WE WANT YOU



FOR OUR NEW U8 GIRLS SIDE

We are looking for **enthusiastic, passionate, dedicated players** looking to make new friends and develop their footballing abilities as part of a team.

This is typically year 3 at school under 8 at midnight on August the 31st 2022.

Every Monday night starting on the 28th November to 22nd March at Horsham Rugby Club - 1700-1800

If you would like to join our new team, please contact Andy Baker, Director of Girls Football, at andrew.baker34@yahoo.co.uk to provide your details. He will then provide you with further information.

IF YOU PREFER A PHONE CALL, THEN PLEASE RING ANDY ON 07813 060396.



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The background of the top section is a close-up of a bingo card with numbers and red bingo balls. Overlaid on this are the words 'LIVE BINGO' in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below this, 'Christmas' is written in a green, cursive font. At the bottom of this section, '2022' is written in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. There are also green holly leaves and red berries scattered around the text.

LIVE BINGO

2022

PG PRE-SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**Come along to another fun night of BINGO
in the village hall!**

This time why not kick off your festive season with us and enjoy a mince pie and a cup of something warm and Christmassy with a team of your friends? We will encourage Christmas jumpers and hats!

BYO alcoholic drinks and snacks (£5 corkage per table)

****CASH PRIZES****

£10 for 8 games (tickets available on the door).

****Doors open 7:30PM, eyes down at 8PM****

Please remember this will be a cash only event!

Please email pgpreschool14@gmail.com to let us know you would like to reserve a table.