

16TH DECEMBER 2022

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

With the end of term upon us, we can look back on an action packed 12 weeks! Some exceptional work has been produced by the children, and it's been wonderful to see how engaged they've all been with their learning. We were also thrilled to have snow! The thought of 149 children out altogether was rather problematic so we organised for every class to spend time outside separately. The children (and staff!) loved playing together in the snow. there are several photos on Facebook if you haven't seen these already.

It was wonderful to watch EY/KS1 performing their nativity last week - what a great job they all did! A huge thank you to the teaching staff for the part they played in pulling it all together. We also enjoyed yesterday's Carol Service at St Michael's Church, led by Rev'd Alison - thank you also to our choir and to all the children, staff and parents(!) for singing beautifully.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the JSA for their fundraising efforts again this term; we would be lost without you!

Next term will start with a small change as we are moving to two lunchtime sittings: KS 1 & 2. This will mean children will no longer eat in their classroom but can eat with their peers, regardless of whether they are eating a school dinner or packed lunch.

Last but not least, all that remains is for me to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you are able to enjoy special family time.

Curriculum Spotlight

Key stage 1 have been learning about different ways to prepare for Christmas.

As well, as exploring the meaning of advent and the additional things Christians might do to prepare for Christmas. One of the outcomes for Millipedes was to design a card reflecting what they felt was the good news of Christmas. As you would expect every card is different! In addition, Year 6 have been making savoury muffins. Again the children were able to make choices around the ingredients and I can assure you that they all looked very different but smelt amazing. This made me reflect on the amount of choice we build into our curriculum in order to **personalise** learning.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

SPONSORSHIP - CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE 'REINDEER FUN'

The 'Reindeer Fun' event that took place on Wednesday was a great success, and we hope to raise lots of money for Chestnut Tree House. 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 to those of you who have already made donations - we will let you know how much we raised when we return to school in January.



WINTRY WEATHER

With the wintry weather upon us, a reminder to please ensure your child/ren comes to school wearing a coat. Named hats and gloves are also advisable when the temperature drops, as we like children to go outside at break/lunchtimes to get fresh air even if it's cold and drizzly. Should bad weather mean we have to close the school, we will notify parents via ParentMail, the school website and BBC Sussex Radio.

EASY LUNCH ORDERING - SPRING TERM

A reminder that the deadline for ordering meals when we return to school on 3rd January is Sunday 25th December - thank you.



OTHER INFORMATION

THANK YOU - RECENT POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised an incredible £247.69 which is brilliant!



RECEPTION & YEAR 6 'BUDDIES' PROJECT

The Year 6s have been working on a project with their Reception buddies this term - personalising aprons for them to use in school. The Year 6s drew a sketch which was coloured in the following week. Fun was had by all!



WELLBEING

Whilst Christmas is a time of celebration, we also recognise that the holiday period can have its challenges. We are constantly improving and updating our website. Recently, under the key information tab, we have expanded our wellbeing page. There are many useful links to sources of support including a guide to ways to support your mental health as well as your child's.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

This term, we have given away so much unclaimed lost property. Items clearly named with first name and surname are quickly returned to their owners. Please help your child to locate their missing items by putting name labels in clothing..

BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

From Saturday 14th January, Brighton Road Baptist Church will be providing a free **Saturday** lunch-time meal for pre-school and primary school age children and their parent/carer. For more information or to book meals, please contact the church office -

Email: office@brbc-horsham.org.uk

Tel: 01403 211150 Contact BRBC

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

3rd January - Inset Day

4th January - Start of Spring Term

6th January - EY/KS1 Teddy Bear Workshop

10th January - Y3/4 Cross Country (invite only)

30th January - Y3/4 Boys' Football @ Henfield (invite only)

31st January - WS Fire & Rescue (YR, 2 & 5 only)

2nd February - Y3/4 Girls' Football Match @ Jolesfield (invite only)

w/c 6th February - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

6th February - Y5/6 Netball @ SGS (invite only)

13th - 17th February - Half Term

24th February - Y4/5 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop

w/c 20th March - Y6 Bikeability Course



We raised £580 at the **Pop-Up Shop** (which is up from last year!), so thank you to everyone who helped, and to the children for making it such a lovely experience - as always the children's manners were impeccable.

Christmas Raffle - today's the last day to buy tickets for the raffle which will be drawn tomorrow.

On behalf of all the JSA committee, a big THANK YOU for everyone's help, and donations. It's meant we could fund a lot for the school this year, which included:

New books

Chrome books

Bike ability

Workshops

KS1 play area

To name a few!

We've enjoyed putting on events again this year, and look forward to lots planned for the new year. If you'd like to join or help out in the JSA, please speak to one of us on the playground.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

From the JSA x

Thought for the Week



"Once in our world a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

C.S. Lewis

What an amazing gift we have already been given!

Barns Green Players Present

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Great Family
Entertainment

by Nigel Currie

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just
£14 & £10

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Bar

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January 2023

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4 evening shows and 3 matinees (Saturdays & Sunday)

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Carol Service



PARTRIDGE GREEN
METHODIST CHURCH
SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER
3pm

Everyone welcome, come
and join us!

Followed by tea and mince pies!