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NEWSLETTER



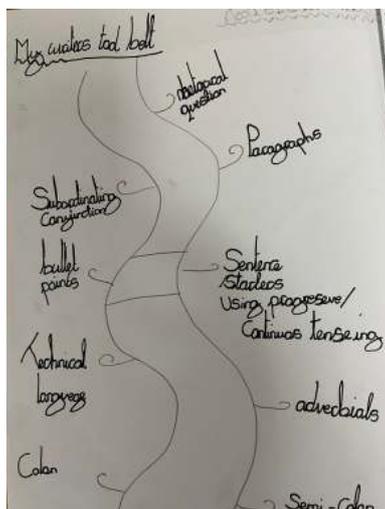
Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you were able to enjoy special time with family and friends. It's great to see the children back in school eager to learn. As I walk around the school, I am so frequently reminded of our school value of kindness by the way the children demonstrate this constantly. Whether it is through caring for a friend, who is hurt; helping find a younger child's lost belongings or volunteering to help in the dining hall - evidence of kindness is all around us at Jolesfield. This includes the extremely kind family members who helped so much with transport to various events. The football on Astroturf was able to go ahead this week but unfortunately the cross-country was cancelled by the hosting school, due to the abysmal weather. Your kindness in supporting the JSA is also much appreciated. There are so many additional things we are able to provide for the children because of this support. Imminently, every class will receive a different magazines to help broaden their reading experience.

Soon, we are going to be saying goodbye to a member of staff, loved by the children for the kindness she personifies. Louise Insall has decided to leave us at February half-term in order to pursue a career in nursery education. Louise is working at Bluebells Nursery so we will still be able to see her. Louise has worked at Jolesfield for 7 years and has taught every year group, whether as their Reception teacher or through teaching art and music as PPA cover. Even this morning, some Year 6 children were telling me about the amazing Reception year they had with Mrs Insall! We are fortunate that for the rest of this academic year, Mrs Hibbs has kindly agreed to cover PPA time for Year 6 and Mrs Johnston for Ladybirds and Millipedes. This means the children will continue to be taught by a familiar adult.



Curriculum Spotlight



One of the areas of focus on our Inset day was writing. We focussed on the way Ideas books are used across the school to raise standards of composition. Here is a picture of Joshua's toolbelt (Year 5) which will help him produce a non-chronological report. Toolbelts are a super example of our aspirational curriculum.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please support us in ensuring that your child/ren come to school appropriately dressed and ready to learn. School skirts should be knee length, not shorter. Shoes should be black and boots, heeled, coloured shoes/laces and trainers are not part of school uniform. The school 'hoody' should only be worn for sporting events and PE lessons. Bows in hair should be small, and if children wear earrings, these should be small studs. Nail varnish should never be worn in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARKING

I would like to remind parents that the entrance to the school car park should not be used as a turning circle or to drop off children at any time of the day, or after school. It is for staff parking only. The Jolesfield entrance is marked with yellow zigzag lines, so we thank you for observing these restrictions to safeguard our children.



WET WEATHER

It is so important that the children have the opportunity to run around in the fresh air even on wet days, we try to get the children outside for a time. Therefore, please ensure your children always comes to school with a named waterproof coat. A named hat and gloves are also appreciated on cold, wet days.

OTHER INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

It is extremely important for children to attend school regularly to be successful academically and socially. When children are absent from school they miss out on learning which can lead to gaps in their understanding. It has been shown that children with higher attendance at school have the best chance of success.

The School day starts at 8.50am. The gates/doors will be opened at 8.40am to allow time for children to enter school in good time. Teachers will take registers at 8.50am so any children who arrive after 8.50am will miss the register and be recorded as late.

If your child is frequently late for school it adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year

The school monitors attendance regularly and we will contact parents and carers if it is becoming a concern. If you wish to discuss anything at all concerning your child's attendance/punctuality, please contact the school office. We are here to help.

SPARE UNDERWEAR

We have run out of spare underwear and tights. If you have any school underwear at home, please return. If anyone has any spare underwear, suitable for boys or girls, in sizes from age 4 - 10, we would be very grateful to receive it.

FOREST SCHOOL

Look out for details as we approach half-term of forest school starting. Again, kindly funded by the JSA, Mr Clarke will be leading forest school sessions, starting after half-term. We are aiming for all children from Year R to Year 4 to be able to develop skills through the forest school programme.



BRIGHTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH - SATURDAY KITCHEN

From this 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:

16th January - Y5/6 Netball League @ SGS (invite only)
26th January - Y3/4 Cross Country @ Steyning Primary (invite only)
30th January - Y3/4 Boys' Football @ Henfield (invite only)
31st January - WS Fire & Rescue (YR, 2 & 5 only)
1st February - Y5 Diversity Conference @ SGS (invite 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)
10th February - Y4/5 Cross Country @ Windlesham House (invite only)
10th February - EYFS/KS1 & KS2 JSA Discos
13th - 17th February - Half Term
24th February - Y4/5 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop
27th February - Y5/6 Netball @ SGS (invite only)
2nd March - World Book Day
8th March - Astracolour (individual photos)
w/c 20th March - Y6 Bikeability Course
w/c 20th March - Scholastic Books - Book Fair



JSA NEWS

Cake Raffle - The JSA hut is open every Friday morning if you haven't yet had the chance to purchase raffle tickets for this term. Alternatively, you can email the JSA if you don't catch anyone on the playground - jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com. Tickets can be purchased by bacs - Jolesfield School Association, a/c number 07538413, sort code 53-50-39.



JSA Disco - The next school disco will take place on Friday 10th February: EY/KS1 - 5.45 - 6.45pm, KS2 - 7.00 - 8.00pm. Tickets are priced at £5.00 and are on sale from the JSA hut.

Thought for the Week



Focusing on our school value of Kindness this month, January has brought with it some gloomy days, so let's all remember that kindness also spreads sunshine into people's lives regardless of the weather! Don't forget to be kind to yourselves, too!

"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

The Twits, Roald Dahl

**JOLESFIELD
SCHOOL DISCO
FRIDAY 10TH
FEBRUARY**

TICKETS £5

KS1 5.45 - 6.45

KS2 7.00 - 8.00

TICKETS FROM THE JSA HUT,
JSA FB PAGE,
JOLESFIELDJSA@GMAIL.COM