

9TH FEBRUARY 2023

# NEWSLETTER



## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



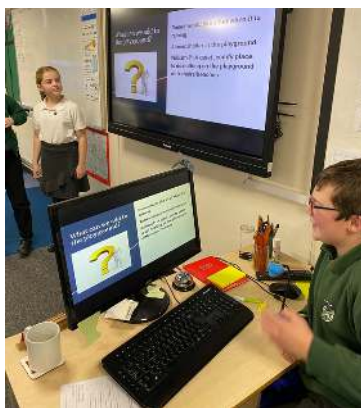
### Headteacher's Message

This week, we have marked Children's Mental Health Week and its theme of 'Let's Connect'. In our worship on Monday, we explored the power of feeling connected to others and the different types of connections we have whether it is just waving to a neighbour or a chat to a friend on the way to school. Children shared how playing football, celebrating a birthday together, sharing a meal, texting a friend or the words their parent says every night at bedtime are all powerful connections. We also discussed how lonely it would be to feel disconnected from your community and therefore the difference a smile in the street can make to someone. Today, your child has brought home a puzzle piece. Over half-term, please could you support your child in decorating this and writing a sentence explaining one way through which your child feels a sense of connection to others. We are going to build these into a wonderful display to remind ourselves of all the different connections that support our emotional well-being.



### Curriculum Spotlight

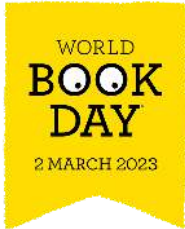
Collaboration is a cornerstone of our curriculum approach so gaining pupil voice is an important element of this. I am so proud of our wonderful pupil groups. This half-term, digital leaders have produced guidelines for all pupils to sign about the use of technology in school; sports crew have set up and run daily activities on the playground; librarians have supporting reading every lunchtime and community ambassadors have recently put forward a number of changes to the playground.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

# REMINDERS

## WORLD BOOK DAY



A reminder that World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 2nd March. £1.00 book tokens are being sent home with your child today - they entitle your child to a free World Book Day 2023 book, or £1.00 off a book costing £2.99 or more. Tokens are valid between 16th February - 26th March in participating bookshops. Children may dress in an outfit of their (or your!) choice in order to celebrate the amazing power of reading.

## Y6 BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1 & 2 TRAINING COURSE

Year 6 will be participating in Bikeability Training from 20th - 24th March. We are grateful to the JSA who has kindly agreed to pay for this (£20.00 per child), meaning that the course fee doesn't have to be passed onto parents. Please complete and return the consent form as soon as possible. Thank you.



# OTHER INFORMATION

## SPORTING FIXTURES



It has been fantastic to be able to send so many children off to so many different sporting events over the school year and in particular in the past few weeks. We have had lots of children competing across KS2 in cross-country, netball and football. We would like to say well done to everyone who has taken part in an event, it's not easy as a small school to compete against other schools who might have cohorts three or four times the size of Jolesfield. Without exception, children have given 100% in every event and most importantly have displayed fantastic spirit and have been so supportive with their teammates. We still have lots of events to come, there will be more netball, rounders tournaments, benchball matches, athletics (including a KS1 fun run) and much more. We will always try to ensure that children who want to represent their school have an opportunity to do so.

Finally, thank you so much to all the parents who ferry children backwards and forwards to these events. We simply couldn't join in these activities without your time and generosity and it is massively appreciated.



## PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are holding our Parents' Evenings on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March this term. A letter will be going out after half-term with instructions on how to book your appointment with your child/ren's class teacher.





## DOGS TRUST WORKSHOPS

Thank you to the Dogs Trust who visited us this week. They delivered a whole school assembly on Monday, and followed this with some age appropriate dog safety workshops to individual year groups.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- 10th February - EYFS/KS1 & KS2 JSA Discos
- 13th - 17th February - Half Term
- 22nd February - Ash Wednesday
- 24th February - Y4/5 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop
- 27th February - Y5/6 Netball @ SGS (invite only)
- 2nd March - World Book Day
- 3rd March - Bags of Support Collection
- 8th March - Astracolour (individual photos)
- 9th March - Y3 Benchball @ Jolesfield
- w/c 20th March - Y6 Bikeability Course
- w/c 20th March - Scholastic Books - Book Fair
- 20th March - Y5 Choral Day @ Christ's Hospital (invite only)
- 20th March - Parents' Consultation Evening
- 21st March - Parents' Consultation Evening

### JSA NEWS

**JSA School Disco** - We are looking forward to hosting tomorrow's school discos. If you haven't yet purchased tickets, they will be on sale from the JSA hut tomorrow morning.

**Bags of Support** - A collection has been organised for Friday 3rd March. Please leave bagged donations of clothes and textiles outside the front of the school before 9.30am.

**Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile** - If you do any online shopping, please sign up to these great schemes; they both donate money to the school, without it costing you any more money. Just go to the website or download the App and choose Jolesfield as your charity.



### WATER BOTTLES

Please be reassured that children have access to their water bottles throughout the day. If any child forgets their water bottle, they are provided with a drinking cup. After half-term, water bottles will go out onto the playground at breaktimes.

## Thought for the Week



We've spoken to the children about how to cultivate meaningful connections in their lives to support their mental health and wellbeing. They understand that connecting with others is a key part of living a fulfilling life and feeling loved, cared for and safe. We have all learned how much stronger we are if we connect and work in harmony together.

*"Together we'll finish the journey, wherever it started from.  
Together we are tomorrow, together we are one."*

*By Matt Goodfellow*

**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



Ages  
4+



# February FUN DAY

9am-3pm | 14th-16th February | Bohunt School Worthing |  
£60 for the full week - just £20 per day!

For a day jam packed with fun and high energy activities!

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to book!



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