

17TH NOVEMBER 2023

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

I was so proud of the way Year 5 and 6 led our Remembrance Worship for key stage 2 in church on Friday 10th November. The class performed a song, as well as sharing facts, poems and prayers. The whole of key stage 2 then joined Alison at the war memorial to remember the men from Partridge Green, who died in World War 2. The wreath, made of individual poppies, had been beautifully sewn by Year 5. The comments below reflect why it is so important to involve children in events such as this:

Jude: "It's important to respect, honour and remember those who fought in World War 1 and 2."

Keira: "I felt the silence at the war memorial was important so we could really think about those who gave their lives."

Sennen: "I liked the fact that we were sharing with younger children. It wasn't just about singing songs. The younger children found out the importance of winning the war so we can all live a life of freedom."

Joshua: "Our World War 2 learning and thinking about remembrance makes you empathetic and it makes me think about how we should not insult each other and start fights."

Our children are so wise and I pray will be wise leaders in the future!

Last month, Year 2 led us brilliantly in thanking God for harvest. I'm sure we are also all keenly anticipating our nativity, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Next year, we can also look forward to Year 3 leading our church worship, linked to Easter and Year 4 helping us to celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Curriculum Spotlight

Our interconnected curriculum leads to excellent **purposeful** learning opportunities. This was demonstrated through Year 5 and 6s DT lessons, last week. Through DT, the children developed an understanding of seasonality and basic cooking techniques. This was used to embed understanding of the impact of rationing and led to great fun cooking stew and dumplings!



Congratulations, Ace and Evie D for being our Maths King and Queen in the last two weeks.

Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

DJEMBE DRUMMING CONCERT

Year 3 parents are invited to a drumming concert on Thursday 30th November at 9.15am. If you haven't already done so, please let the office know if you can attend so we provide sufficient seating. Thank you.



OTHER INFORMATION

Sonja Miller, joined the school, a few years ago, to teach Year 5 and 6, part-time and to lead RSHE. In that time, Miss Miller has proven herself to be an excellent teacher who contributes so much to the life of the school. Therefore, it is with great sadness that I share Miss Miller will be leaving Jolesfield at Christmas. Miss Miller required more teaching days than we have available and wanted to work closer to her beloved dogs! Therefore, Miss Miller has started teaching at Gossops Green Primary school and will be increasing her hours from Christmas. We all wish her the very best for the future.

I am delighted to welcome Gayle Grant to our staffing team. Mrs Grant is an experienced teacher, who moved into the local area two years ago. Miss Miller will be working with Mrs Grant to ensure a thorough handover before she starts in January.

We are currently advertising a temporary position for an Additional Needs Support Assistant. This post might be of interest to someone in our parental community, so we have attached a copy of the job advert which provides further information. The job is advertised at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/apps/erecruitment/SchoolsSearchAction>

CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE 'REINDEER FUN'

We will be taking part in a Reindeer Run in aid of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice on Wednesday 13th December. A JustGiving page has been set up if you would like to make a donation - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/debbie-smith-1700146289212?newPage=true>. Sponsorship forms are available from the office if you would rather make a cash donation. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.



HEADPHONES

We are looking to acquire some headphones, as the stock of headphones we have in school isn't huge. If you have any over-ear headphones (not in-ear/ear buds) that aren't being used at home that you'd be prepared to donate for use in school, that would be fantastic; please drop off items at the school office, or send them in with your son/daughter. Thank you!



UNDERWEAR

Our stock of spare underwear is depleted; if you have any unwanted pants/socks/tights (mixed sizes) that you'd be willing to donate to the school, that would be really helpful.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOES & PLIMSOLLS

Thank you for the additional effort everyone is making regarding uniform. Pupils wearing appropriate black, unbranded school shoes is helping our pupils to look much smarter. A parent at our new entrants' meeting recently commented on how smartly dressed our pupils are. Thank you for this.

If you have any outgrown plimsolls or school shoes at home, please consider donating them to the school as we could make use of them - thank you!

ILLNESS AND ATTENDANCE DURING AUTUMN TERM

As we approach winter, the Chief Medical Officer has asked all schools to share the following NHS guidelines around attendance at school when children are unwell. There was a high uptake of the recent flu vaccination amongst Jolesfield children, which, we hope, should help to reduce absences.



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY



29th November - A Christmas Carol (production being shown to the whole school)
30th November, 9.15am - Djembe Concert to Y3 parents
1st December - 'Merry & Bright' JSA Non-Uniform Day
4th December, 9.30am - EY/KS1 Nativity (rehearsal)
5th December, 2.30pm - EY/KS1 Nativity
6th December, 9.30am - EY/KS1 Nativity
6th December (pm) - JSA Pop-Up Shop
8th December - JSA Xmas Fair
9th December - Christmas Tree Festival - St Michael's Church
13th December - Chestnut Tree House Reindeer Run (sponsored event)
13th December - Easy Lunch Xmas Meal
15th December, 9.30am - KS2 Carol Service
15th December - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties

JSA NEWS

Cake raffle tickets are available from the hut, from our Facebook page or email us at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com. Two weeks free entry this half term if you buy for the term in advance.



Christmas Fairs

Friday 8th December – 6-8pm at the school

Grotto tickets are available to purchase from the JSA Hut, priced at £4.00 - this includes a visit to the grotto and a present from Santa.

Saturday 9th December - PG Village Hall 11.00am - 2.00pm

We have a couple of available pitches for stallholders, so contact us as soon as possible if you are interested.

We also need volunteers for these events (especially Friday). Please get in touch if you can help out.

Christmas Cards

Thanks to those of you who placed Christmas Card orders by the deadline. Orders have now arrived and are available for collection from the JSA hut tomorrow morning or afternoon.

Thought for the Week



During Anti-Bullying week we have been exploring ways in which we can show sensitivity towards those around us. BBC Children in Need, which airs this evening, uses its 'Make A Noise About Bullying' campaign to highlight the importance of being there for each other, especially children and young people when they need us most. We started the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, celebrating what makes us all unique; it was great to see this so widely supported. With the cost of living crisis pushing even more families into hardship, let's come together as a community to help those who are struggling, in whatever capacity.

"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

*Taken from 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox & The Horse'
(Charlie Mackesy)*



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 13th December, your school will be hosting a Christmas Lunch for the children, provided by **The Easy Lunch Company**.

Menu

Roast Turkey/Quorn Roast
Roast Potatoes
Vegetables, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Candy cane chocolate cake

If your child is in the Infants and you have opted IN for UFSM, this letter is for your information only. If you have opted OUT and wish your child to take part in this lunch, please let the school office know by 9am Friday 1st December.

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and wishes to join their friends for this Christmas feast please ensure that you place your order online by Saturday 2nd December. **No cash payments can be taken, and late orders cannot be accepted. Please book a standard meal for roast turkey or meat free for quorn roast.**

You can order online at www.theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk (new users will need to register).

Please note that if you have already booked a hot meal for this date the only hot meal provided will be the Christmas lunch. No jacket potatoes are provided on Christmas lunch day, any booked jacket potatoes will be sent as a standard Turkey lunch. Registered Special meal requirements will be catered for accordingly.

Pudding on Thursday 14th December will be yoghurt.

If you require any further information about the Christmas lunch, please call Emma at The Easy Lunch Company 01403 741177 or email emma@theeasy lunchcompany.co.uk

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! FROM EVERYONE AT EASY LUNCH





Additional Support Needs Assistant (Temporary) (Grade 3)

We are delighted to be offering this opportunity for a caring and resourceful individual to join our dedicated and committed staff. Jolesfield Church of England Primary School is a vibrant and friendly school, committed to supporting both pupils and staff to be the very best they can be. We are excited to be offering this full time post from January 2024, which will be primarily based in our Reception class. Applications are welcomed from individuals who are committed to supporting children with moderate learning difficulties to overcome barriers and thrive.

The successful candidate will:

- be positive, energetic, kind and patient
- be able to use their own initiative
- be able to work effectively as part of a team
- demonstrate an interest in special educational needs
- have high expectations of themselves and others
- care about the whole child and their academic, emotional, social and spiritual development

We can offer:

- a happy school at the heart of a supportive village community
- kind and encouraging colleagues
- excellent CPD opportunities to help you grow and develop
- a spacious and well-equipped school site
- the opportunity to really make a difference to the lives of individuals

Visits to the school are encouraged and welcomed. Please contact Natalie Saunders or Debbie Smith in our school office to book an appointment.

At Jolesfield Church of England Primary School, the safety and well-being of our pupils is our absolute priority. We are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This post is subject to references and an enhanced DBS check.

Posted date: Tuesday 14th November 2023

Closing date: Thursday 23rd November 2023

Interview date: Wednesday 29th November 2023



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



18-20 DECEMBER

BOGNOR REGIS - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

18-20 DECEMBER

CRAWLEY - DJ & MUSIC PRODUCTION

21-22 DECEMBER

LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC PRODUCTION

18-21 DECEMBER

WORTHING - ROCK & POP BAND

AGES 8 - 16YRS

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NEW! West Sussex Mind Parenting Peer Support Group 'Circles' near you!

If you are you a parent or care giver to a child or young person and supporting them with their mental health, you may feel alone at times and need some support. Did you know peer support can help increase confidence and can help you learn new skills like coping with challenges? We have started Peer Support Group 'Circles' across the county, where you can meet the team and other parents, all with lived experience.



Please find us at:

ADUR (Fishergate)

The Neighbourhood Gateway Hub, West Street (Gardner Road Entrance), BN41 1PR

- Monday 06.11.23
- Monday 04.12.23

ARUN (Bognor Regis)

Arun West Family Hub, Laburnam Grove, Bognor Regis PO22 9HT

- Monday 11.12.23

NORTH (Horsham)

Upper Floor Hall, Blackbridge Community Centre, Three Acres, Horsham, RH12 1RS

- Monday 13.11.23

WEST (Midhurst)

The Rowan Room, The Grange, Bepton Road, Midhurst GU29 9HD

- Wednesday 13.12.23

WORTHING (Durrington)

Ashdown Centre, Birkdale Road, BN13 2QY

- Tuesday 31.10.23
- Tuesday 28.11.23

If you would like to know more, please contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a parenting referral.

Call our Help Point

**Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652
or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org**

The Parents Service at West Sussex Mind has lots more to offer:

We hold regular Peer Support Groups both during the day (both in person and on-line) and evening (on-line). We have a monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker join us for one of the evening sessions, this year so far we have covered topics such as Self-harm, OCD, Social Anxiety and How to manage aggressive behaviours. These sessions are great as you get to hear more about the subject and a chance to ask any questions relating to your situation.

Another great aspect of the service is the opportunity to have some 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker (again who has lived and professional experience).

These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you.

We have a closed Facebook group for sharing information and to give parents and carers a platform to ask any questions confidentially.

There are monthly newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
18TH - 29TH DECEMBER 2023

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