

30TH NOVEMBER 2023

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

One of the lovely things about being a smaller school is the number of opportunities children have to learn and play together across year groups. This is constantly evident at playtimes. This week, a group of children set up an agility course, which children of all ages have been enjoying. Work has started on our outdoor wooden play area, which has been out of use for some time. This will open in the Spring term and I am really looking forward to seeing all our children enjoying this space.



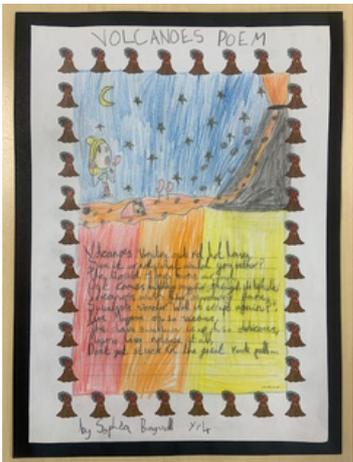
Our sporting teams are always another great example of teamwork. On Monday, our football team took part in a competition at Angmering School. They put in a great performance, and we're proud of them all! Thank you to our parent drivers, as without you, we'd be unable to participate in these events!



Congratulations to Uma and Rowan, who joined our TTRS Royal Family!

Curriculum Spotlight

We are delighted with the outcomes emerging through our interconnected approach. Year 4 have been exploring the overarching question 'What is the legacy of the Romans?' Work in Geography linked to volcanoes and the exploration of the text 'Escape from Pompeii' inspired Sophia to write this fantastic poem. Learning in History encompassed the Romans use of mosaics as a sign of wealth and importance. In Art, pupils worked on creating their own mosaics. These will be framed in frames made in Design and Technology. A great example of a curriculum with purpose and children loving learning!



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE 'REINDEER FUN' - SPONSORED EVENT



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.

OTHER INFORMATION

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY - CHILDRENS' COMMISSIONER

The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please click on this link or QR code so young people can have their say:

<https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



SWITCHING ON THE PG CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



The Partridge Green Christmas Lights are being switched on (outside the fire station) at 6.30pm on Saturday 2nd December by Sennen, Daisy, Oliver and Matilda. This has always been a popular event, to which everyone is welcome.

WEST SUSSEX MUSIC 'TOPS' PROGRAMME

Applications for the 2024 Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme (TOP24) are now OPEN.

If your child or the child you care for loves music and is aged between seven and 11 years old, TOP24 is an amazing opportunity to nurture that curiosity and help them develop skills which will last a lifetime.

TOP24 is for complete beginners in Years 3 to 6. It includes free instrumental lessons and free instrument loan with membership of the TOP Orchestra.

TOP24 lasts for three terms starting in January with the first term being absolutely free.



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

Thank you to those who donated money towards the Anti-Bullying Alliance - £63.00 was raised, and will be passed to the charity.

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

This morning, we were treated to a production of A Christmas Carol, performed by M&M Theatrical Productions. The excellent costumes, superb scenery and age-appropriate humour combined to create a very enjoyable performance with lots of noisy audience participation! The story also linked so well to Jesus's golden rule that we often refer to in school: Treat others as you would like to be treated. Although the highlight for many was Mr Clarke and Mrs Kill performing Gangnam Style!

We are so grateful to the JSA, who funded the cost of the entire performance for the whole school. Thank you very much to everyone who contributes to the JSA fundraising events. The JSA are desperate for more members to help organise and take part in events. If you could spare, one hour, please email the JSA jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com or make contact through the Facebook page. So much of the rich, vibrant life at Jolesfield is due to the efforts of the JSA.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

30th November, 9.15am - Djembe Concert to Y3 parents
1st December - 'Merry & Bright' JSA Non-Uniform Day
2nd December, 6.30pm - Switching on PG Christmas Lights
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 - Christmas Jumper Day
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

**** Don't forget tomorrow's 'Merry & Bright' Dress Down Day ****

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.

Thought for the Week



This Sunday marks 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. Tomorrow, in Collective Worship we will light 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'



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



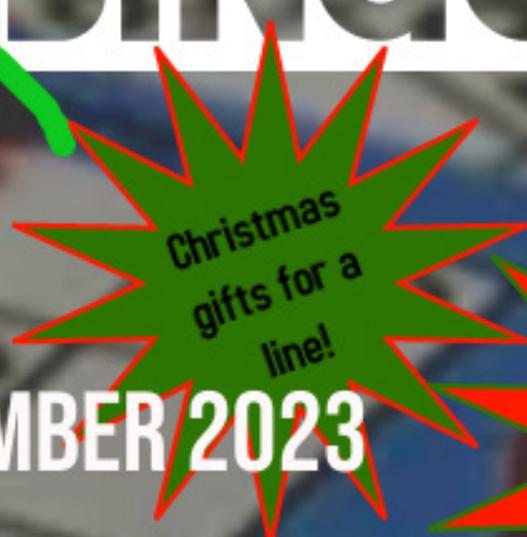
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Christmas

BINGO



2023



FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023
PG VILLAGE HALL
DOORS 7:30 (EYES DOWN 8PM)

£12 for 8 games (tickets available on the door)



Bring your own alcoholic drinks and snacks (£5 corkage fee per table)

Soft drinks, tea and coffees available to buy

Have a mince pie and a mulled wine to get into the Christmas mood!



Email pgpreschool14@gmail.com if you would like to reserve a table for a group!

Early Help Service



Horsham Family Hub's

Horsham Family Hub, Three Acres, Horsham RH12 1RS

Christmas SEND Events

Join us for lots of seasonal sensory and messy play.
Visit our sensory room and have fun inside and out.
Session ends with festive songs

Tuesday 19 December

10am – 11.30am and 1pm – 2.30pm

Open to all families with a child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) up to age 11, and siblings.

To book your place at this FREE event
please call the Hub: 01403 213590

Allergen advice: food will be used in sensory play
Reaching Families, SENDIAS and Early Help Advisors available





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CHRISTMAS CRICKET MASTERCLASS

18 Dec 23

09:00-15:15*

7-13 YEARS OLD



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CHRISTMAS MULTI-SPORT CAMP

19 & 20 Dec 23

09:00-15:15*

6-13 YEARS OLD



Hassocks
Sports Centre,
BN6 8LP

SPRING CRICKET ACADEMY



8th Jan-25th March 24

JUNIORS

6-10 Yrs

17:30-19:00

SENIORS

11-15 Yrs

19:15-20:45

Mondays

Steyning Leisure Centre , BN44 3AA



Call George on 07866445945

gscricketcoach@gmail.com

www.gscricketcoach.com

LEWES AC POLE VAULT GROUP

POLE VAULT TASTER SESSION



Sunday 10 December:
10am-12pm Extra session

~~12pm-2pm~~

AT THE POLE VAULT BARN NEAR LEWES

OPEN TO GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 10-15

Cost: £15 for a two-hour taster session, by the end of which you will be vaulting. Those of you who have fun will then get the chance to join one of the very best pole vault training groups in the UK - and compete for your club!

**EMAIL DAVID TUTTON AT DAVID.TUTTON@WANADOO.FR
TO SIGN UP AND FOR DIRECTIONS TO OUR BARN.
INSTAGRAM: LEWESPOLEVAULTGROUP**

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