

14TH DECEMBER 2023

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

What an unbelievably busy but happy end to the autumn term! Well done to any parents who are still keeping up with events! The build up to Christmas started with a superb pantomime version of 'A Christmas Carol' paid for by the JSA. This was rivalled for the spot of top performance by our own nativity! The whole of KS1 worked so hard on this and the children dazzled with the way they remembered lines, dances and songs. It was a super retelling of the Christmas story and a good reminder of the meaning of Christmas. Next, a multitude of decorations were made for the Christmas tree festival at St. Michael's Church and our school tree. The JSA Christmas Fair was another highlight. The school eco-team were so excited to sell some of the decorations they had made using bottle lids! The reindeer run, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner added to the fun and chaos. We look forward to the week ending with party games and our carol concert. Happy Christmas!



Curriculum Spotlight



Music is an important part of our school curriculum. This is reflected by the way, despite financial challenges, we have continued to invest in 'Term to Learn' which enables all children to learn an instrument free of charge for a term. Therefore, it was such a joy to see year 3 recently perform a Djembe concert to their parents with such joy and skill. Well done, Year 3!

Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE 'REINDEER FUN' - SPONSORED EVENT



The children took part in the Chestnut Tree House Reindeer Run yesterday, dressed in antlers and red noses, and a great time was had by all! It's not too late to support this charity if you haven't already done so; literally every penny counts! 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>.

Thank you for your support.

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.



LOST PROPERTY / UNIFORM

The office continues to receive items of lost property where uniform is being brought into school unnamed. Please help us to return items to rightful owners by ensuring everything brought into school is labelled correctly. We don't hold onto lost property as named items are returned to children and anything, not named in good condition is placed in our second hand uniform stores. If you need any school uniform, please do ask to look through this.

OTHER INFORMATION

THANK YOU TO OUR JSA

As this is the last newsletter this calendar year, I think I speak for us all in thanking the JSA for all they do to raise money for our school.



This is often a thankless job, with a huge amount of work going on behind the scenes. Many of the JSA volunteers have full-time jobs, as well as helping to run events for our PTA. Much of what the children receive is down to the JSA and their fundraising efforts. We have 143 children in the school at present and only a very few actively involved JSA members. Over the Christmas period, please consider stepping up to help the committee if you're not already involved; without more support, the JSA cannot continue putting on events to the extent that it has been, which will have a knock-on effect in terms of what additional money is raised for our school. A few hours commitment a year could make a radical difference.

Regrettably, it will be the children missing out if fundraising events have to be curtailed moving forward - we've been used to the JSA helping us out financially for a variety of things, but let's not take this for granted and assume it will continue .. because without more parents getting involved, it sadly won't.

Thank You To Everyone Involved In The JSA!!! You're all AMAZING!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

Many thanks to all those who supported this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; as a school, we raised £179.87!





A letter and menu were shared with you earlier this week. For anyone wishing to place KS2 lunch orders, please ensure you do so by 25th December, as this is the cut-off date for meals to be provided the first week back.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

15th December, 9.30am - Carol Service
 15th December - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties
 2nd January - First day of Spring Term
 25th January - Y3/4 Girls' Football Festival (invite only)
 9th February - INSET Day
 12th - 16th February - Half Term



JSA NEWS

On behalf of the all the JSA, thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas fundraising. The Pop-Up Shop, Christmas Fair and Christmas card sales raised a combined total of nearly **£2,500** for the school.

Cake raffle tickets are available from the hut, from our Facebook page or email us at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com.



Thought for the Week



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

What an amazing gift we have already been given!

C.S. Lewis



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

GIVING BACK TO OUR
COMMUNITIES

FREE KIDS' SAUSAGE & CHIPS

NO PURCHASE REQUIRED

EVERY SUNDAY - THURSDAY
UNTIL DECEMBER 22ND

FOR UNDER 13s

*Child must be accompanied by an adult. One portion per child, no purchase required. Offer runs every Sunday - Thursday from 6th December - 22nd December. Available all day within operating hours. Takeaway only. Not available for online orders.

Stars NC

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TASTER

Tuesdays Term time

5pm-6pm

Reception to year 2

Dial post village hall (Jan
2024)

contact:

starsncminis@gmail.com



NETBALL MINI'S

New venue
- Jan 2024