

11TH JANUARY 2024

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the Spring term. It has been wonderful to see the children return so happily. It's amazing the difference a term makes as our Reception children now exude confidence and familiarity with our school rules and values. There has been much excitement as children have begun their interconnected learning for this term. The term's curriculum overviews will be available for viewing on the website from Tuesday 16th January; class documents are under the tab for classes. Please do use these to talk to your child about their learning.

We have been delighted to welcome a new pupil in Reception and expect another to join shortly. In addition, we have welcomed two new members of staff: Mrs Grant and Mrs Newton. Some of you may also have noticed that there is more good news on the horizon as Mrs Parr is expecting a baby in April! If you are a parent of a child in Ladybird Class, please do see last week's communication regarding class arrangements and our plan for a smooth transition. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Parr and her husband.

As you know, we were thrilled to achieve a 'Good' outcome at our Ofsted inspection in July 2023. As a Church of England school we are also inspected under the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) framework. A new framework was launched in September 2023 and we expect to be inspected shortly. With this in mind, we have revisited our approach to spirituality. For more information about this, please see our policy of spirituality available through our website. A pdf document will be shared with you shortly summarising how we share this with the children. The children have been so keen to share some of the 'ows, wows and nows' in their lives. Please do ask your child about this.

Curriculum Spotlight

Creativity is a key component of our curriculum approach. This is evident through Freddie's art work, which is bringing alive Reception's key text, 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'. After going on a bear hunt around school, Freddie used art materials to create his favourite part of their bear hunt journey. Freddie said he enjoyed all of it! Can you guess the parts of the journey Freddie enjoyed the most? It had to be the real life swirling, whirling snowstorm!



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

WINTRY WEATHER

With more unfavourable weather upon us, a reminder to please ensure your child/ren comes to school wearing a coat. Named hats and gloves are also advisable when the temperature drops, as we like children to go outside at break/lunchtimes to get fresh air even if it's cold and drizzly. Should bad weather mean we have to close the school, we will notify parents via ParentMail, the school website and BBC Sussex Radio.



HEALTHY SNACKS



You will be aware the EY/KS1 receive a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break. Staff have noticed that some KS2 children have been taking items out of their lunchboxes to eat at breaktime. Crisps and chocolate bars are not deemed a healthy snack, so can you please ensure they bring something nutritious (fresh or dried fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, breadsticks etc) to eat mid-morning, if you don't already do so. Thank you for your support with this.

ATTENDANCE & SICKNESS

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 and closed at 8:50am. Teachers will take registers at 8.50am so any children who arrive after 8.50am will 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 as we are here to help.

Regarding sickness, there are occasions when children are brought to school when parents are unsure if they are actually poorly. In these instances, we kindly ask that any conversation around calling home if the child goes downhill, takes place at the office - as if a child overhears such a conversation, they will constantly ask to go home because they don't feel well from the moment they're dropped off! Many thanks.

OTHER INFORMATION

WALLPAPER

We often use wallpaper for display boards or use the reverse for handwriting practice/art activities. If you do have any rolls of wallpaper that might be useful for either purpose, please could we have them.

REINDEER RUN IN AID OF CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE

Many thanks for supporting last year's Reindeer Run fundraising event. As a school community we raised in excess of £300.00 which is a fantastic amount, so thank you for your generosity.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th January - Y3/4 Girls' Football Festival (invite only)
26th January - Cross Country Area Final (invite only)
9th February - INSET Day
12th - 16th February - Half Term
21st February - Dogs Trust Workshop
23rd February - JSA School Disco
6th March - World Book Day being celebrated in school
6th March - KS2 Author Visit
7th - 8th March - Usborne Book Event
11th March - Y4 visit to Butser Ancient Farm (letter to follow)
13th March - Individual Class Photos
20th & 21st March - Parents' Evenings

JSA NEWS

School Disco - Friday 23rd February

Save the date! Tickets will go on sale from next week. We need helpers on the evening, so please get in touch if you can spare the time.

JSA AGM

Our AGM is coming up soon. We are looking for more help (as always), so that we can continue fundraising for the school. We will also need to elect a new Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Chair. If anyone thinks that they could give some time to help out, please get in touch.

Easyfundraising

Please use Easyfundraising for your online shopping. It costs you nothing and raises money for the school. Only 7 people used it to support Jolesfield in the whole of 2023 – Could we do better in 2024? Please take the time to sign up and use when you shop online.

Cake Raffle

Cake raffle tickets are available from the JSA hut, from our Facebook page or by emailing the JSA at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com.

POLITE REQUEST

We appreciate there are occasions when parents need to contact teachers by email, however we kindly request that any communications are sent via the office (not directly to teachers). All messages will be promptly forwarded.
Thank you!



Thought for the Week



During this week's worship, we explored how perseverance helps us in all we do.

We love celebrating children's achievements during weekly celebration assemblies, explaining that these awards wouldn't be achieved without perseverance.

Let's remember this when we are faced with life's challenges, and also encourage those around us to be resilient, persevere and not give up.

"Sometimes", said the horse.

"Sometimes what?" asked the boy

"Sometimes just getting up and carrying on is brave and magnificent"

*Taken from 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse'
by Charlie Mackesy*

CHELSEA FC



FEBRUARY HALF TERM CRAWLEY SOCCER SCHOOL

Tuesday 13th February – Wednesday 14th February

Thomas Bennett Community College, Crawley, RH10 5AD

9.30-15.00 (Registration from 9.00am)

Ages 5-12 Years (School Year R-7)

Total Cost £40

Football sessions for players of all abilities with topics based around different men's and women's first team players each day, designed to develop players individual footballing ability and teamwork in a fun and safe environment.

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT:

www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Course Code: SS-TBCC-X-35

Please bring; sports clothing appropriate to the weather; shin pads; packed lunch (no nuts) and a non fizzy drink.

Please see our FAQ's for more details, any further issues please contact the below.

Community.Enquiries@chelseafc.com

CREST SWIM SCHOOL

We have a special offer on our Tuesday and Thursday classes at Robin's Garth in Small Dole. Including new beginner classes, and baby classes starting and we have a discounted price of just £10 per lesson until half term. Spaces are limited and discounted price only while spaces last. Details on attachment

Tuesday 9.30 – 11.00am baby, toddler and preschool lessons

Tuesday from 3.30pm age 3+ without parent in the pool – non swimmers, beginners and improver swimmers

Thursday from 3.30pm age 3+ without parent in the pool – non swimmers, beginners and improver swimmers

We have other spaces for different levels outside of this offer also incase anyone is looking for different lessons.

For more information and to book please contact Crest Swim School on 01825 790896 or hello@crestswimschool.co.uk



SWIMMING LESSONS

SPECIAL DISCOUNT

ROBINS GARTH TUESDAY
and THURSDAY GROUP
CLASSES - ALL AGES - £10
per lesson
until half term

babies, toddlers and
preschoolers
Tuesday mornings:
9.30am – 11.00am
adults in the pool

CONTACT US

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Age 3+ without
parents in the pool
In afterschool
classes from 3.30pm
– time of class will
depend on ability