

25TH JANUARY 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



### Headteacher's Message

Part of Jolesfield's Christian vision is our belief that we all inhabit God's world and he gave it to us to explore and cherish. Therefore, we are always looking for opportunities to support children in developing a love and appreciation of the natural world. We are fortunate to have Mr Clarke (Year 3 teacher) on our staff team, who owns and manages a number of beehives. Last year, he shared some amazing information about bees and his work as a beekeeper. Mr Yarrow, our premises officer, is equally passionate about the beauty of our natural world. He is a keen and talented photographer. This week, Mr Yarrow has supported Reception with their learning about bears by sharing some of his photographs of brown bears taken in Finland and polar bears taken in the arctic circle. The range of questions the children generated in advance was impressive and their interest in the natural world was inspiring. The children were fascinated by Mr Yarrow's experiences of photographing a range of animals including walruses, reindeers and wolves in their natural environment. If you have a hobby or work-based knowledge that links to one of our areas of learning shared on the website, please do get in touch!



### Curriculum Spotlight



Congratulations to Henry, who has joined our TTRS Royal Family!

Our pupil groups are an important part of our wider school curriculum and reflect our value of teamwork. This week, our Digital Leaders planned and led a brilliant worship, sharing with the whole school guidelines linked to managing technology safely in school. Thank you Jamaal, Tom, Kalina, Ella, Aaron and Amelie for your leadership and to the whole school for showing respect.

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.

# OTHER INFORMATION

## PARENT SURVEY

Please find below a survey link about wraparound childcare. We would be grateful if you could complete this - thank you!



<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/family-information-service>

## MMR VACCINATIONS - MESSAGE FROM WSCC PUBLIC HEALTH

A reminder to parents to ensure your child has received the MMR vaccination ...

Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting us all against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, including measles, mumps and rubella. Check your child is up to date with their MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/)

Older children and adults who haven't had both doses of the MMR vaccine could be at risk of measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for lifelong protection and it's never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.

For more information please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/)

[Download the UKHSA MMR vaccination leaflet.](#)



## MIGRATION FROM PARENTMAIL TO 'MY CHILD AT SCHOOL'



Over the next few weeks, we will be moving from ParentMail to 'My Child at School' accessed via Bromcom for school communications and payments. Please look out for a further communication from us with instructions on how to sign up for this App.

## SCHOOL WORLD BOOK DAY

With only 6 weeks to go until World Book Day, it's time to start thinking about which book character your child/ren would like to come dressed as on this day. We'll be celebrating World Book Day in school on Wednesday 6th March.



## RED ACADEMY - HALF-TERM WORKSHOP

Red Academy is running a one-day dance and drama workshop in Barns Green on 15th February (please refer to the attached flyer for more information). If you'd like to enrol your child on this, please click on the link below:

<https://www.red-academy.co.uk/event-info/half-term-workshop>

## FAREWELL TO MR FAREY

Many of you who have had children at Jasz club or older children will be familiar with Nick Farey. Nick has been involved in the life of the school for many years as a parent, volunteer and later as a play leader at JASZ Club. Unfortunately, Nick has been extremely poorly and has not been able to work for some time. As a result, he has taken early retirement on the grounds of ill health. If you would like to contribute to our leaving collection for Nick, please do so by making a contribution via Iris +Pay. We are very grateful to Nick for his commitment to the school and his love and care for the children, which has shone through every interaction; we wish him all the very best for the future.

## PARKING

**NOTICE** A gentle reminder that the staff car park should not be used for dropping off or collecting children, unless by prior arrangement. This is for the safety of our children. In addition, we have had further complaints of driveways being blocked, parking in the 'Residents Only' car park and generally inconsiderate parking. We do not know if this is parents of children attending Bluebells, school or other visitors. Therefore, if it is you, please could we urge you to help our community relationships by showing respect to our local residents. Thank you.

## E-SAFETY UPDATE FROM MR CLARKE

*"Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing"*

*"My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?"*

*"What does an influencer do and how can they affect children's behaviour?"*

Answers to these questions and more can be found at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be joining schools and youth organizations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.



This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents).

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Mr Clarke

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th January - Y3/4 Girls' Football Festival (invite only)

26th January - Cross Country Area Final (invite only)

7th February - Y5/6 Netball League (The Towers)

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

6th March - Y5/6 Netball League (The Towers)

7th - 8th March - Usborne Book Event

11th March - Y4 visit to Butser Ancient Farm

13th March - Individual Class Photos

20th & 21st March - Parents' Evenings

## JSA NEWS

### School Disco - Friday 23rd February

Save the date! Tickets are on sale. 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](mailto:jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com).

## Thought for the Week



Today marks Robert Burns' Birthday, when many people, worldwide, will celebrate with high-spirited 'Burns Night' feasts, featuring haggis and other Scottish delicacies. Robert Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist, recognised for his work focusing on love and nature; he also wrote the words for one of the most-sung songs in the world: the New Year anthem Auld Lang Syne!

Supporting people and nature with the arrival Storm Isha and Jocelyn earlier this week was challenging, not just in Scotland but across the UK. Let us be sensitive towards those people who have been battling the aftermath of strong gales and floods, and use the example of Jesus to encourage us to do our best to help those struggling/less fortunate than ourselves.

*"The voice of Nature loudly cries,  
And many a message from the skies,  
That something in us never dies"*

*Robert Burns*

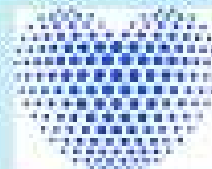
## webinars for parents/carers SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes.

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PARENT/CARER  
LIVING IN  
SUSSEX

- 22nd February avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID)
- 26th March managing challenging behaviour
- 16th April bereavement
- 15th May supporting primary to secondary school transition
- 13th June support for kinship carers
- TBC July Cyber safety



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### NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: [CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk](mailto:CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk)

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)



**Disco Time!**

Tickets will be on sale from this Friday.

Get your tickets from the JSA hut in the playground, from the JSA FB page, or email [jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com](mailto:jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com).

We are still looking for a couple of helpers for the KS2 disco, so please get in touch if you can spare the time.

Thank you

The JSA

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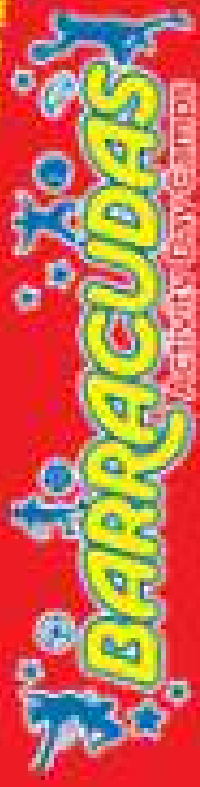
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& TO BOOK:**

### WHERE

Hassocks Sport  
Centre  
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### WHEN

12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024  
09:00-15:15\*  
Wrap around available

@gs\_cricketcoaching

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Call George on 07866445945



# LIVE BINGO

## 2024

**CASH  
PRIZES!**

**FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024**

**PG VILLAGE HALL**

**DOORS 7:30 (EYES DOWN 8PM)**

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

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available to buy

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