

8TH FEBRUARY 2024

NEWSLETTER



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

World Book Day is fast approaching, which is a fantastic opportunity to again highlight the joy of reading. However, at Jolesfield, reading isn't something that is important once a year but celebrated every day! All classes have a routine of quiet reading twice a day and also are read to by an adult from a class book daily. Decoding and reading comprehension lessons take place at least once a week in all classes. Additional support is provided for all children who need it to build fluency and confidence. This year, we have also introduced reading suitcases to help build excitement around reading. Our pupil librarians are fantastic at helping to hear readers, promote books and keep our library tidy. The focus of our upcoming Inset day is reviewing our culture of reading for pleasure and overcoming barriers to reading enjoyment and fluency. But why is this so important to us? Research shows that proficiency in reading is vital to success in school and in later life. Pupils for whom reading is not sufficiently fluent and effortless by the end of Year 6 can struggle to access the full curriculum at Year 7. However, we also know that enjoying reading can open the door to a new world of knowledge, adventure, travel, inspiration, interests and skills. Children, who enjoy reading, are rarely bored! Therefore, please can I ask you to continue to prioritise both hearing your child read, sharing books and discussing books regardless of whether your child is 4 or 11! This might include reading a joke book, magazine, crossword puzzles, word searches, sports reports, instructions for a game, a recipe or a blog. Information about specific events, during World Book Week, can be found on page 3. Please make a note of the ones relevant to your child or children on your calendar to save upset.



Curriculum Spotlight

Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day, each class completed activities designed to allow them to think about how the internet may influence or change us. Year 4, 5 and 6 considered online influencers, YouTube videos and social media posts. KS1 looked at what to do if your feelings change when you see something new online. Year 3 thought about how fast technology changes and what it may be like in 20 years - Robot teachers, virtual reality classrooms and A.I. helpers were some of their ideas!



Congratulations to Max & Ella, who have joined our TTRS Royal Family!

Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Please use the half-term holiday to check that your child's clothes, lunch box and water bottle are all clearly named. On a weekly basis, we continue to reuse, recycle and dispose of unnamed items. Any named items are immediately handed to the child.

MIGRATION FROM PARENTMAIL TO 'MY CHILD AT SCHOOL'

After half-term we will be moving from ParentMail to 'My Child at School' accessed via Bromcom for school communications and payments. We will be sharing instructions on how to sign up for this App when we return to school, w/c 19th February.



OTHER NEWS

SPORTS UPDATE



Well done to everyone who took part in the netball and football events this half-term. As always, our pupils demonstrated great sportsmanship, remembering to compete in the right way; hard but fair! I have been so impressed with the skills developed by the children who have attended the netball club - they really have listened and learnt. There will be a lot more events coming up over the course of the school year, and we'll be entering teams for many competitions, including NFL flag football, netball, football, benchball, rounders, cricket, athletics and multi-sports for our KS1 children! As always we rely on the ongoing generosity of parents to help to transport children to these events; thank you - we really do appreciate it.

EXTREME READING COMPETITION

Books are for anywhere as long as you are safe! Do you like to read in an unusual place? How imaginative can you be? Bring in a photo, during World Book Week, to add to our library and share your joy of reading. You may win a prize!



PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are holding our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March this term. A letter will be going out after half-term with instructions on how to book your appointment for your child/ren's class teacher through the new 'My Child At Home' App.

DOGS TRUST WORKSHOP

We are looking forward to the Dogs Trust visiting us the week after half-term; they'll be delivering a whole school assembly, followed by some age appropriate dog safety workshops to individual year groups.

'WEAT A HAT' DAY - 28TH MARCH

We would like to invite all children to take part in Wear A Hat Day for brain tumour support on Thursday 28th March. We're hoping that all children (and staff!) join in by wearing a hat, for a £1 (or more!) donation. Sennen & Hayden in Dragonfly and Bumblebee Class will also be selling the official pin badges and wristbands for £1.00 each on the playground the week leading up to 28th March.

Their fundraising page is <https://www.justgiving.com/page/sennen-hayden-wahd24> if you would like to make an online donation.





SCHOOL WORLD BOOK WEEK - W/C 4TH MARCH

Our focus of the week will be to promote and share a love of reading. However, our primary focus, this year, is on poetry in all of its glorious forms from limericks to narratives to shape poems! Please look carefully at the events below as not all events are for every class!

Monday 4th March

Whole-School Worship - Poetry Extravaganza

On-Line Event - Fairy Tales and Traditional Stories, led by Michael Rosen (**Years 2, 3 and 4**)

Bedtime Story Event - Come to school dressed in warm pyjamas, lounge wear or a onesie and bring your favourite cuddly toy. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided! (**Year R and 1**)

Wednesday 6th March

Whole School - Come dressed as your favourite book character!

Please note, some staff will be dressed to represent an adjective rather than a character. This links to an activity, which will be on-going for the day. Please bring a £1 donation. This will be used towards purchasing a set of David Fuller's books for our school library.

Author talk - David Fuller (www.alfie-jones.co.uk) (**Years 3, 4, 5/6**) David will be selling his books on the play ground or in the library after school and would be happy to talk or sign books for anyone.



Thursday 7th March

Whole School - Usborne Book Fair - All classes will visit during the day and help show their class teacher books they would like in their class libraries. The book fair will be open at the end of the day. World Book Day vouchers will be available to give a £1 discount on books purchased. The more books purchased by parents helps us to purchase more books for school!

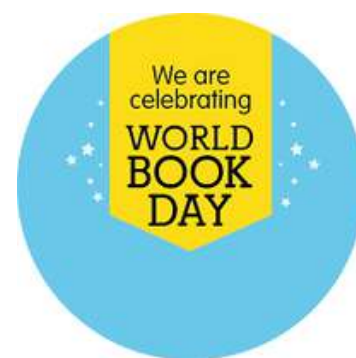
Friday 8th March

Whole School Worship - Poetry Celebration

Please note this is instead of our usual celebration and therefore is not open to parents

Whole School - Usborne Book Fair

These are the events that have been organised across the school. However, class teachers are also planning individual lessons and experiences that promote a love of reading and in particular of poetry.



Bookmark Plea

We would love to be able to start a collection of appealing child-friendly bookmarks. If you have any at home that you would be prepared to donate, please hand in to the office. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th February - INSET Day
12th - 16th February - Half Term
15th February - Messy Church (Methodist Church)
21st February - Dogs Trust Workshop
23rd February - JSA School Disco
28th/29th February - NHS Healthy Child Screening - Ladybird Class
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

DISCO – FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Tickets are available from the JSA hut (cash or card accepted), from the JSA Facebook group, or email us at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com. KS1 disco 5.45-6.45, KS2 disco 7-8pm.

JSA AGM – 6TH MARCH

The JSA AGM has been planned for 6th March. Everyone is very welcome to attend. We need to vote in a new Chair, Vice chair, Secretary, Treasurer and need more active committee members. As it stands, we have no one who has expressed an interest in taking on any of the roles. The JSA cannot carry on without filling these vacancies, and the children are going to really miss out without the money that is raised each year. Please take a moment to think whether you can help out at all. If so you can email us at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com, or see us at the JSA hut.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Join the School Lottery for a chance to win cash prizes and special prize draws each week. Tickets are only £1 each. Join at yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Jolesfield.

EASYFUNDRAISING

You can raise money for the school without it costing you any money! Please sign up at easyfundraising.co.uk or download the app and search for Jolesfield. Use the donation reminder when shopping online and a percentage goes to the school. Thousands of retailers take part including supermarkets, holiday companies, insurance providers, takeaways, and lots more. A disappointingly low number of people use this at the moment, so please take 5 minutes and sign up if you can, then use for all your online purchases.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **no** Celebration Assembly on 9th March - awards achieved during this week will be presented on 16th March instead

Thought for the Week



With Valentine's Day falling during half-term, this week we have shared a poem with the children; a kind of love letter from God.

Children are choosing sections that are meaningful to them, and are now in the throes of transferring these onto pink hearts which are going to be displayed in the school entrance - a kind of Christian Valentines display, which we hope visitors to the school will enjoy!

God showers us all with love and as Valentine's Day is celebrated, let's all remember to **extend love and kindness to all those around us.**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13 4-7



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.

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



**CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH
PARTRIDGE GREEN**

**Together with St Michael's CoE
THURSDAY 15th February 2024
10.30am—1pm**

All aboard!

Intrigued? Join us and find out
We'll have fun as we explore the Bible
through stories, Messy crafts, songs and games,
followed by a lunch together.

Ages: Primary School mostly, but younger ones are
more than welcome too!

Big or small, Messy Church is for all - *It's a 'Family
Thing' :-)* (children must be accompanied)

Our sessions are free;
donations on the day are welcome.
but NOT ESSENTIAL!!

Winter Timetable: Parenting Peer Support Group 'Circles'



If you are 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 from others who are experiencing similar situations can help with increasing confidence and learning new skills like coping with challenges? We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support Group 'Circles' across the county, where you can meet the team and other parents, all with lived experience, who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

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

- Peer Support Groups both during the day (both in person and on-line) and evening (on-line)
- Monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker Zoom evening sessions, i.e. Self-Harm, EBSA, Autism and mental health, Masking, Supporting siblings and more . . .
- 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker (who has lived and professional experience). These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).

Come and join us at:

ADUR (Lancing)

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street,
Lancing BN15 8AJ

- THURSDAYS - 22/02/24 and 14/03/24
AFTERNOONS - 12:30-14:00

ARUN (Bognor Regis)

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

- THURSDAYS - 18/01/24 and 21/03/24
MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Crawley)

Bowbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square,
Crawley RH11 8XW

- TUESDAYS - 02/01/24; 06/02/24; 05/03/24
MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Horsham)

Hock, Hurst Cafe, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DN

- TUESDAYS - 09/01/24, 20/02/24, 12/03/24
AFTERNOONS - 13:00-14:30

WEST (Midhurst)

South Downs Centre, North Street,
Midhurst GU29 9DH

- TUESDAYS - 30/01/24; 27/02/24; 26/03/24
MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

WORTHING

Methold House (The Annex), North
Road, Worthing BN11 1DU

- TUESDAYS - 23/01/24 and 19/03/24
MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

To access the Parenting Service you will need to register with us. If you would like to attend one of our groups, you can drop into a session and then register with the service, or contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a Parenting referral to access the groups. Please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org