

## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



### Headteacher's Message

Our curriculum is underpinned by our vision of 'children developing a passion for learning, growing in confidence and inspiring the adults around them.' (Please see the website for our full vision.) This passion is evident in the learning I have seen throughout the school, in the last two weeks, inspired by some fabulous class texts.

#### Ladybirds

'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. One afternoon, the children discovered their classroom had been wrecked! In role as detectives, the children discovered a series of clues indicating Goldilocks was responsible! After presenting these clues to the police, the children wrote letters to Goldilocks explaining why they were upset and why it is important to be kind! This was linked to Jesus' golden rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do to you'.

#### Butterflies

'The Toy Maker'. Year 1 have been incredibly creative and have made puppets inspired by their text. Currently, they are writing a story using their puppets as the characters.

#### Millipedes

'The Fire of London'. This non-fiction text has helped to fully immerse Year 2 in this historic event, initially through inspiring some super art work. Through drama and roleplay activities the children have developed a rich language and understanding of events, which they have used to write newspaper reports. The eyewitness accounts with these are particularly convincing.

#### Bumblebees

'The Iron Man'. Year 3 adored this powerful text. They loved the language of onomatopoeia and came up with some great suggestions of their own, for example, 'clatter' which they used to create poems about the demise of the Iron Man.

#### Grasshoppers

'Stone Age Boy'. This rich text inspired a 'Stone Age Day' where year 4 were challenged: How would you survive the Stone Age? This led to a day of den building, hunting and foraging!

#### Dragonflies

'The Final Year'. Year 5 and 6 loved this unique, edgy text which is written in a mix of street-style poetry and prose; a new style for the class. Next week, the class will be writing their own street-style poetry.



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

Ladybirds, Millipedes and Dragonflies all enjoyed the visit from the fire service.



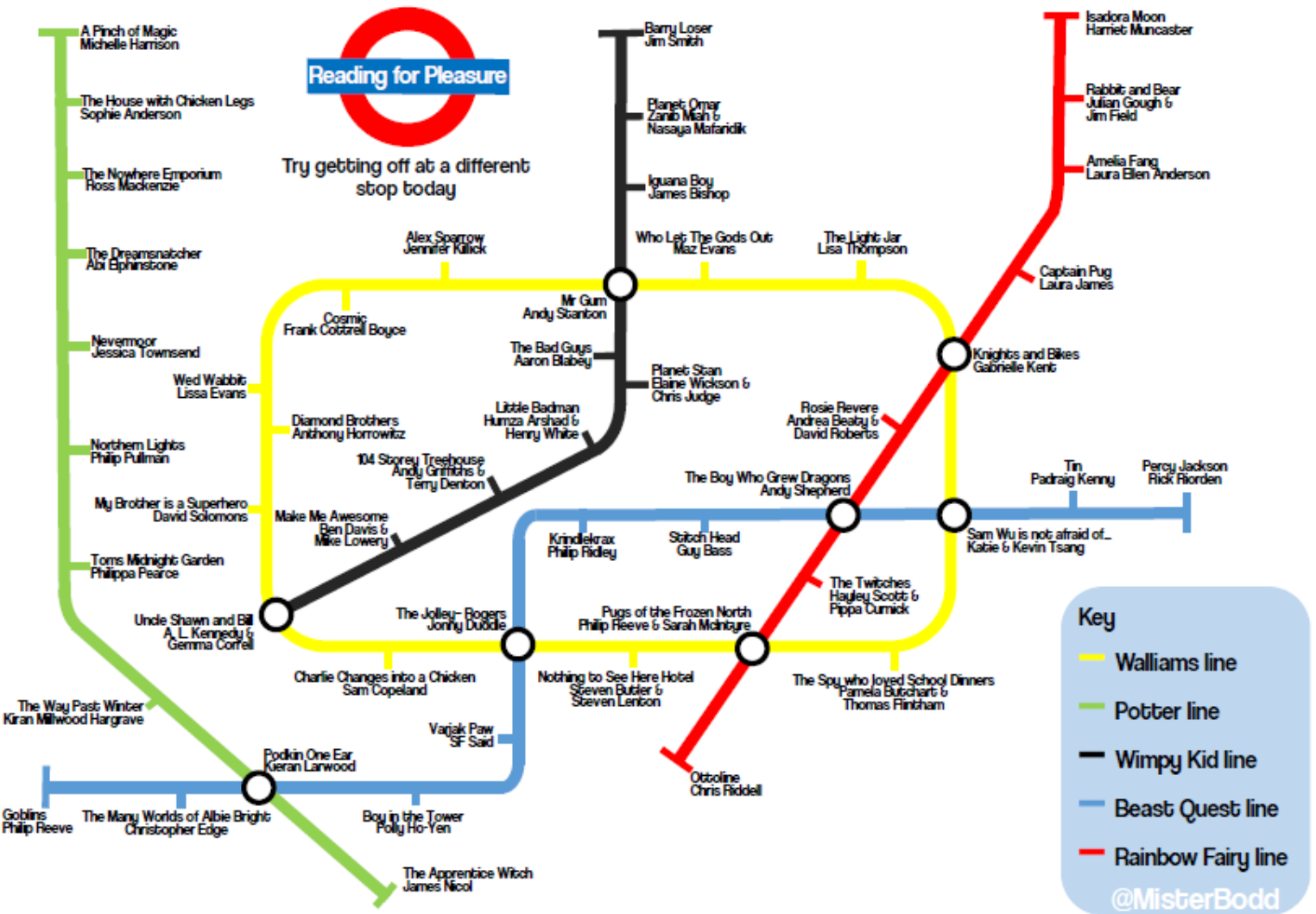
Ladybirds have reflected our school values so well in the welcome they have given to both Aurora and Dolcie - our newest members of the class.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

It's great when children develop a love for a particular author or series of books. However, sometimes children can struggle to move beyond these! The following tube map gives some other suggestions for similar texts to 'Beast Quest' etc to help broaden a child's reading. A copy can also be found here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AqUL\\_16MN5HDCGNJBpkes971s7lp\\_Kei/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AqUL_16MN5HDCGNJBpkes971s7lp_Kei/view?usp=sharing)

Another great source of recommended book lists can be found on the website of Peters Bookshop [peters.co.uk](http://peters.co.uk). We also are fortunate to have several local libraries with very knowledgeable staff. If you are not a member of a local library, please consider joining!



## REMINDERS

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Don't forget next week's World Book Week - we look forward to promoting and sharing a love of reading. On Wednesday we encourage all children to come dressed as their favourite book character! Please bring a £1 donation. This will be used towards purchasing a set of David Fuller's books for our school library. David Fuller ([www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://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.

### 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!



## JSA AGM



A reminder that the JSA AGM will be taking place at school next Wednesday, at 7.30pm. Please attend this meeting if at all possible; the school relies on money raised through JSA fundraising events, and without more parental involvement, it will become impossible for the PTA to operate as it currently does. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## PE KIT

A number of children continue to forget their PE kits. PE is an important part of the school curriculum and in order for children to safely take part in lessons it is essential that they have their proper kit in school. If you know your child's kit is at home, can you please help them to remember to bring it in; it can remain in school until the Easter break. Thank you for your support with this.



## REMINDER - BOOK MARK 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.

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

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

## '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.

## OTHER NEWS

### HEADLICE IN SCHOOL

It has been brought to our attention that there is a case of head lice in the school, so we ask all parents to be vigilant and check children's hair. For children with long hair, we recommend this be tied up when in school. The attached information sheet may be helpful.



### REQUEST FROM MR YARROW

We are repairing the walls outside KS1 (adjacent to the ramp) and need about 18-20 bricks. If anyone has any spare (undamaged) soldier bricks they would be happy to donate, Mr Yarrow would be happy to collect them. Please let the office know if you can help. Also, if anyone has a spare water butt, we are looking for two!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th/29th February - NHS Healthy Child Screening - Ladybird Class  
1st March - YR Forest School sessions start  
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  
12th March - Guitar & Keyboard concert (invite only)  
13th March - Individual Class Photos  
20th & 21st March - Parents' Evenings  
22nd March - Y3/4 Boys' Football Tournament (Jolesfield)  
27th March - Easter Service at St Michael's Church (1.30pm)  
28th March - Last Day of Spring Term  
15th April - First Day of Summer Term

### REMINDER:

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

## JSA NEWS

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

## Thought for the Week



Each leap year, the month of February has 29 days instead of 28; this usually occurs every four years, as calendars take into account an orbit around the Sun taking more than 365 days to complete.

Happy Birthday to all the so-called 'leaplings' out there who are celebrating their 'once-every-four-years' Birthday today.

Let's make this extra day count ... Perhaps by learning a new skill with friends or family members, or consider showing a small act of kindness towards someone else.

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."*

*Dr Seuss*

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



## Head Lice Procedures

Head lice are not dangerous and do not spread disease, but cause anxiety and distress amongst parents. They can cause discomfort to the child.

### The role of the school:

### The role of families: What you can expect from us:

#### What we expect from you:

- Check for head lice, ideally using detection combing on wet hair, once a week
- If live lice are discovered, treat the infestation as soon as possible
- Undertake contact tracing (see details below)



## What are head lice?

A head louse is a tiny, wingless insect that can attach itself to a person's hair, where it feeds on extremely small amounts of blood from the scalp.

They can only move to another head by crawling from hair to hair when the heads physically touch.

Head lice lay eggs around the roots and on the hair – it is the eggs that are more commonly seen in children than the lice.



### Some head lice facts.....

- Head lice have nothing to do with cleanliness. Anyone can have lice. Lice love everyone!

The eggs take 7 to 10 days to hatch.

- "Nits" are the empty egg of a head louse after hatching.
- "Nymphs" are immature head lice, reaching maturity between 7-13 days. Before this they are unable to lay eggs, or move to another head.

They can live for up to 40 days.

- Lice are programmed to want to move to another head
- and can move quickly when disturbed – a louse can travel up to 23cm in a minute.

They cannot jump, swim or fly, only crawl from head to head, so they are not quite the all action heroes we might think.

After mating, a female louse can store the sperm in a container in her body, so she does not need to mate again to continue producing eggs.

Head lice only live on human beings, not on other animals.

- Advise parents on the nature of head lice infestations and the means of controlling them (this leaflet/newsletters). We will no longer send out head lice infestation alerts.
- If staff suspect a child has head lice, we will contact the parent and ask them to assess and/or treat the child ASAP.
- Individual reports will be kept confidential.
- Staff will be vigilant for untreated/persistent cases of head lice infestation and will arrange a meeting with the school nurse for parents of children who persistently have head lice.
- Children will not be excluded because of head lice.

## How to treat head lice

### We recommend 2 methods of treating head lice:

#### Head lice treatment lotion:

Use a medicated lotion or spray that kill head lice in all types of hair. You can buy these from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Comb thoroughly after treatment, one section of hair at a time.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to check whether they are suitable for use on your child and how long they should be left in the hair.



#### Wet combing for treatment.

Using a good quality head lice detection comb, such as the Nitty Gritty comb, comb the whole of the head in sections from the roots to the ends.

This method works better on wet hair, as the head lice find it more difficult to stay on the hair. Using conditioner and combing before rinsing it out is also very effective.

Repeat every day or two for two weeks.





# ★ JOLESFIELD BOOK FAIR

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LOCAL  
USBORNE PARTNER  
KATIE JENNINGS -  
★ THE BOOK NOOK CORNER

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT ★

**7th and 8th March**

**Straight after school ★  
till 4.30**

PLACE OF EVENT:

**Library**

**FOR EVERY  
£10.00 SPENT, UP  
TO £6.00 GOES  
BACK INTO THE  
SCHOOL.**



## 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](mailto:helppoint@westsussexmind.org)



Horsham  
District  
Council

# DID YOU KNOW?

Claiming **FREE** school  
meals means up to  
**£1,455** for your  
school each year!



In West Sussex, extra holiday activities and food programmes are available to those claiming free school meals through West Sussex County Council, **so please apply!**

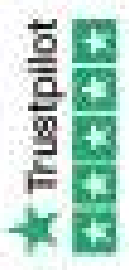


To check if you are eligible and find out how to apply, **scan this QR code** or visit **[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)** and search '**free school meals**'.





**BOOK NOW!**  
for great discounts!



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDCARE EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL DISCOUNT!



USE CODE:  
**SCHOOL10**



**LOCAL CAMP AVAILABLE!**  
Use code for an **EXTRA £10 off**  
your booking!  
\*Minimum of 2 days



SCAN ME &  
LEARN MORE!

Visit **barracudas.co.uk**  
or call 01480 467 567



\*Not to be used in conjunction with other offers



Join Henfield Electric Community car club and have access to hire an Electric Vehicle when you need it. The cost to join HECCC is just £30 and to hire a vehicle it is only £5 per hour. The average running cost of a vehicle is now more than £3,500 annually. Joining HECCC is a great way to save money, become greener and reduce the amount of vehicles within our community.

Can't drive? Don't worry, we have local volunteers on hand to take you where you need to go.



## Keeping Communities Connected



For more info Contact Catherine  
01273 087096 or [henfield@heccc.org.uk](mailto:henfield@heccc.org.uk)

# ***EASTER NETBALL CAMP***

**Date: Wednesday 10th April**

**Venue: Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road**

**Time: 9am to 1pm**

**Age: 7 to 16 year olds**

**Cost: £20**

**To book fill in the google form in the email or for non members email [starsnccamps@gmail.com](mailto:starsnccamps@gmail.com)**



**Stars NC**




# Girlguiding



## Rainbows

For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



## Brownies

For ages 7 to 10



## Guides

For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



## Rangers

For ages 14 to 18

Find a group near you [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

Registered charity number: 306016