

## Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



### Headteacher's Message

Our World Book Week was a fantastic opportunity to promote reading and a thoroughly enjoyable week. Thank you to everyone, who donated £1, as this helped us to purchase a set of books, written by our visiting author, David Fuller. In addition, funds raised through parents purchasing books at the book fair has helped us to buy more graphic novels for the school. Poetry was our primary focus and the range of poems presented to the whole school, last Friday, was incredible. The ability of teachers to inspire combined with the children's creativity and ability to play with language shone through. Reception performed 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear' and wrote an excellent shape poem, linked to bears. The theme of performance continued into Year 1, who shared a dramatic reading of AA Milne's 'When I was 6' alongside some other poems. Inspired by the season, Year 2 wrote 'Spring' poems. Year 3 produced a very engaging performance, using percussion instruments of 'The Railway Track'. Year 4 linked their work on poetry to their History curriculum on the Stone Age. This led to some entertaining and informative stone-age poems, written in the style of 'Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan. Year 5 and 6 have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow. The fact that this is written in verse challenged many of the preconceptions that we can have about poetry. Dragonflies wrote some excellent poems in the style of street rap, inspired by their reading.



### Curriculum Spotlight

Our engaging curriculum was exemplified, this week, through Year 4s trip to Butser's Farm in Hampshire. This incredible, unique museum brings stone age history to life in a way that was so meaningful to the children. Our trips depend on voluntary contributions so we are very grateful to all the parents for supporting this visit. The children discovered so much:

"The olden day houses made me feel I was back in time."

"I enjoyed being in the Round House and sitting on the skins. They were really soft and comfortable."

"I liked doing the wattle fencing and the earrings. I think it was hard to lift up and get the wood on and off. In the Stone Age, you would have needed to chop down the wood too!"

"The jewellery making was good. It was pretty and it made me feel like I was travelling back to then."



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



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

## REMINDERS



### PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are holding our Parents' Evenings next Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March this term. You should have received a letter with instructions on how to book your appointment for your child/ren's class teacher through the new 'My Child At Home' App. The booking system will go 'live' at 8.00am tomorrow.

### '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.

### DONATIONS 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. We are also on the lookout for 2 water butts, small/medium-sized watering cans and a small fleece blanket. Thank you.

## OTHER NEWS

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

As you are aware, budgets are stretched across all schools but this is particularly true of schools such as ours where we operate with less than 30 children in every year group. Therefore, we are hugely grateful for the contributions which allow us to continue offering opportunities such as school trips and swimming. However, we fully recognise that whilst school budgets are under significant pressure, so are the vast majority of household budgets. Later today we will share a number of links and contacts of organisations that can assist with all sorts of things from school shoes to help with energy costs. Please do share this with anyone for whom you think it might be useful. If you are having difficulty with contributing towards any school events or managing within your household budget, please do speak to me (Vicky Price) as there are contacts, who schools can refer families to, for support.

### MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL



We have a number of children currently learning an instrument within school. They put on a concert for the rest of the school and their parents earlier this week, and all performed beautifully. If any other children would be interested in taking up an instrument, please contact the school office, or visit the Rock & Pop Foundation website for further details - <https://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/studentsandparents>

### RECENT BOOK FAIR

An update on the success of last week's book fair - we've received £473.43 in pre-orders, giving us £142.03 (30%) to spend on free books - so thank you to all those who supported this event.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

20th & 21st March - Parents' Evenings  
22nd March - Y3/4 Boys' Football Tournament (Henfield)  
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  
26th April - NFL Tournament at Windlesham House School (invite only)  
26th April - EY/KS1 visit - 'The secret life of the Hedgehog'  
1st May - Y3 trip to Bluebell Railway

## JSA NEWS

The JSA held their AGM last week and thank those of you who attended. They have some kind parents who have taken on the committee roles of Treasurer and Vice Chair. They are still, however, looking for a new Chair and also Secretary, as well as more general committee members. Once the position of Chair has been filled, the JSA can continue fundraising for the school and for the children.

A letter will be sent home to all parents/carers with more information soon. In the meantime, if you were unable to attend the meeting, but are willing to get involved in the running of the JSA in any way, please email [jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com](mailto:jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

The JSA x



## Thought for the Week



It's almost time to celebrate Red Nose Day - the big annual charity event organised by Comic Relief. Each year people take part in all sorts of events and fun challenges to raise money for children facing poverty in the UK and around the world.

Whilst we're not selling red noses in school this year, you may still be doing something to help raise money for this worthwhile cause to help those in need, which is wonderful.

*'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted'*

*The Lion and the Mouse, Aesop's Fables*



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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**'.



**LEWES POLE VAULT JUNIORS**

# INDOOR POLE VAULT TASTER SESSIONS

**GREAT FUN FOR SPORTY KIDS**

Extra session added due to demand!

**Sunday 14 April: 10am-  
12pm 12pm-2pm**

**AT THE POLE VAULT BARN NEAR LEWES**



**OPEN TO GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 10-13**

Cost: £15 for a two-hour taster session, by the end of which you will be vaulting. Those youngsters who have fun and want to take up this exciting sport will then get the chance to join one of the very best pole vault clubs in the UK, with many national age-group medallists in our ranks !

**EMAIL [DAVID.TUTTON@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:DAVID.TUTTON@ICLOUD.COM) TO SIGN UP AND FOR  
DIRECTIONS TO OUR BARN.**

**INSTAGRAM: LEWESPOLEVAULTGROUP**




# 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

For ages 7 to 10

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.

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!

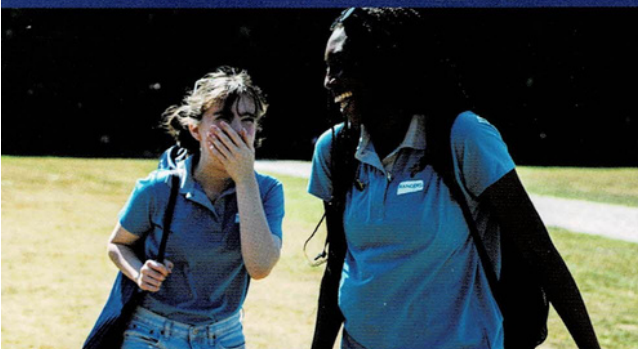


## Rangers

For ages 14 to 18

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.

For ages 14 to 18



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

Registered charity number: 306016

# LIVE

# BINGO

# 2024

**CASH  
PRIZES!**

**FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024**

**PG VILLAGE HALL**

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

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

Soft drinks, tea and coffees  
available to buy

**RAFFLE  
PRIZES!**

**Bring your own alcoholic  
drinks and snacks (£5  
corkage fee per table,  
ice/glasses provided)**

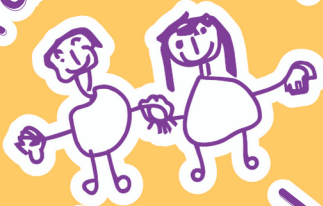
Email [pgpreschool14@gmail.com](mailto:pgpreschool14@gmail.com) if you would like  
to reserve a table for a group!

GOOD FRIDAY - 29th MARCH 2024  
PG Village Hall 10am - 1pm

Hall 10am - 1pm

ENTRY  
TO  
TRAIL  
FREE

Partridge Green



Pre-School

# Easter TRAIL

GAMES CRAFTS REFRESHMENTS'OMBOLA



Collect your trail map and clue sheet from the Village Hall  
£1 to enter your clue sheet into our prize draw to win a fabulous Easter prize  
Easter treat for all participants (while stocks last)





Delivered by a level 2 ECB coach and his team, this is aimed at young cricketers (7-13 yrs old) who are keen to develop their all-round cricket skills and really improve their game, in a fun and inclusive

### SESSIONS COVER

- Precise batting
- Target bowling
- Fun fielding drills
- Cricket games
- Hard nets for U11 +

### PRICE

1 Day: £40  
Full Camp: £100

environment!



FOR DETAILS  
& TO BOOK:

### WHERE

Hassocks Sport  
Centre  
BN6 8LP

### WHEN

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
09:00-15:15\*  
Wrap around available

[www.gscricketcoach.com](http://www.gscricketcoach.com)

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[gscricketcoach@gmail.com](mailto:gscricketcoach@gmail.com)

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Call George on 07866445945

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# The Seagull & The Cat

WHO TAUGHT IT  
TO FLY

Based on an original story  
by Luis Sepúlveda.

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Directed by Vasile Nedelcu  
Original Music by David Brett  
Costume Design by Anca Albani



Crowborough Community Centre  
*Friday, 12 April 2024. 3.30 pm*

Ashurst Village Hall, near Steyning  
*Saturday, 13 April 2024. 3 pm*

Hartfield Village Hall  
*Sunday, 14 April 2024. 4 pm*

All performances: £10 / Concessions £8  
Family Ticket £30 (2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children)

All Tickets:  
[www.wegotickets.com/  
periclestheatrecompany](http://www.wegotickets.com/periclestheatrecompany)

