

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message


Welcome back; I hope you all had a good two week break. We are looking forward to an action packed term, with a number of school trips planned, sports day, a summer fair and the KS2 summer production.

We hope to make good use of the school swimming pool later this term; Mr Yarrow will be working hard to get it up and running for us to enjoy when the days become warmer after the May half-term.

Don't forget that the JSA will be selling ice-creams on the playground from next Friday (3rd May) and will be accepting payment by cash or card. A nice end-of-week treat!

Finally, a reminder that it's a bank holiday on Monday 5th May, so school will be closed - enjoy the extra long weekend!

Curriculum Spotlight



In Ladybird Class, our inter-connected theme is 'How can we care for our wonderful world:' We are learning about plants, how to care for them and why they are important. We are also learning about caring for our friends and our community



Butterfly class are going to be learning about significant people with the topic of Explorers. We will be finding out about three explorers who have made an impact in history and exploring different continents as we go through the term.



Millipede's summer topic is 'How can we care for our world?' In English, our key text will be 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey and Wolves by Emily Gravett. Both focus on conservation, deforestation, habitats and how to take care of our environment. Our science lessons will focus on living things and their habitats; we will be exploring local habitats and microhabitats. In geography, we will learn about wolves and where in the world they live, and how we can protect our oceans and seas. We will also be visiting New Wharf farm to learn about rewilding.

This term, Year 3 will be studying Ancient Egypt and the River Nile. We will be finding out about Gods, Pharaohs and customs. Our English will be linked to this topic as well as some aspects of science and computing.



In Grasshoppers, we are looking at the question of 'In what ways do children's experiences of childhood differ in cultures around the world?' We will be looking at refugee children's experiences, children in Brazil and their lives as well as other children and their experiences around the globe. Related to our look at different cultures, we are also researching China and its art and Early Islamic Civilisation.



Years 5 & 6 are exploring the Interdisciplinary Question: How did the Anglo Saxon and Viking invasions change life in Britain? Through RSHE discussions, reading, writing and art, we will be investigating life in the past and it's impact on life today. We will go on to discuss the importance of values, such as kindness and empathy, and seeing the world from other people's experiences. We will go onto discuss the value of treating others with respect and how this can help challenge assumptions on migration and build mutual respect.

Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS



FRENCH CLUB

The French club started back last week. If your child is interested in joining this term's club, there are still spaces available. Please speak to Natalie if you would like further details.

OTHER NEWS

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

A Parent Governor vacancy has arisen. If you are interested in standing for election as one of the Parent governors of the school, please complete the nomination form, which was shared last week. You would need to obtain the signature of two parent/legal guardians who support your nomination. Nomination/Declaration Forms need to be handed into the school office on or before Friday 3rd May.

SWIMMING

I am happy to say that our school swimming pool should be ready to use after the May half-term, weather permitting. Each class will be timetabled to swim weekly. In order for the Early Years (Reception and Key Stage 1) swimming sessions to run smoothly, we would be very grateful for help from parents. **Please see your child's class teacher as soon as possible if you can help with their swimming sessions.**



I am sure you will agree that we are really fortunate to have our own pool, however this does come at a cost which can only be funded with your continued support. A letter will be going out in the coming days with more information, so please keep a look out for this.



HELP IN LIBRARY

Mrs Frost-Newell is our volunteer Librarian, and would be grateful for an extra pair of hands on Wednesday mornings over the next couple of weeks as the library space is being re-organised. If you could spare a few hours, please let the office know as soon as possible - thank you.

TYRES

We have a number of tyres that are surplus to requirement at school, so if anyone would be interested in taking these to use as planters, please contact the office.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

26th April - **Y5/6** NFL Tournament at Windlesham House School (invite only) - parent drivers
26th April - **EY/KS1** visitor - 'The Secret Life of the Hedgehog' (£1 online donation requested)
1st May - **Y3** trip to Bluebell Railway
1st May - **Y5** Taster Morning at SGS
9th/10th May - **Y5** Adur Centre Residential (see kit list sent on 20.03.24)
15th May - **EY/KS1** trip to Pulborough Brooks
23rd May - Pentecost Service (whole school) at St Michael's Church (parent helpers to walk to church)
21st June - **Y5** trip to Christ's Hospital - 'Terrible Infants' Summer Production (parent drivers required)


JSA NEWS

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, please have a look at the page of information below. It costs nothing but by having purchases made through this can earn the school hundreds of pounds. The school will struggle to provide any forest school, replace Chrome books and replace the bike shelter on the playground without an increase of funding to the JSA - using Easyfundraising could change this!

Cake Raffle

Cake raffle tickets are available from the JSA hut, from our Facebook page or by emailing the JSA at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com. Until a new Chair of the JSA is in place, this will be our main source of raising funds, so thank you for supporting this raffle if you can.

 **Challenge** - We hope you enjoyed your tube of **Smarties** over the Easter holidays - thank you for returning your tubes as soon as they're filled with coins. Every returned tube will be entered into a draw prize, so please return your tube by the end of this week to be in with a chance of winning!



Ice-Creams Sales

On Fridays (starting on 3rd May), the JSA will be selling ice-creams on the playground after school - they are able to accept cash or card payments.

Thought for the Week



May Day is just around the corner, and many of us are looking forward to a long bank holiday next weekend! May Day is generally celebrated on the first Monday in May and is seen as a celebration of spring and the rebirth taking place in nature. It only became a bank holiday in 1978 but its origins as a day of celebration go back over two thousand years! It falls roughly between the spring equinox and the summer solstice, and celebrations were associated with seeds of the new crops having been planted. Farm labourers were given a day off, hence why it's known as 'labour day' in some countries. However you spend May Day, enjoy yourselves!

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3: 23-24

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and search for: Jolesfield

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



PARTRIDGE GREEN LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Membership fees
1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Adult single	£35
Couple	£60
Family	£70
Junior	£12

To join go to:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PartridgeGreenLawnTennisClub/Membership/Join>

Parish Plant Swap

18th May, 2pm – 4pm

Alongside the Partridge Green Repair Café in the Village Hall.

Donate or swap plants, or take them away for a cash donation.

Looking for pollinator-friendly varieties of easy to grow species.



Village Hall, High St, Partridge Green, Horsham
RH13 8HX



By WestGREENstead Climate Action Group

Parish Plant Swap

9th May, 2pm – 5pm

Alongside the Village Café in the KGV Playing Field.

Donate or swap plants, or take them away for a cash donation.

If raining, will be held at the Methodist Church, High Street.



King George V Playing Fields, Partridge Green, Horsham
RH13 8EU



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