



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

What wet and wild weather we have had recently! However, apart from when there's torrential rain, the children continue to spend a lot of time outside. At lunch time play, we are very grateful to our Year 6 Sports Leaders, who set up a range of activities, every lunchtime, for the children to participate in. They have even designed certificates to award in Friday's worship to children who take part with a positive spirit. Over the last 12 months, we have significantly extended the provision outside to give children more choices. You might wonder why a cargo reel has appeared recently with two chairs! This is for children to play a range of games at. We are very grateful to parents who have donated games to help make this possible. The first two games to be shared, once the weather becomes a little more stable, will be Star Wars chess and draughts. Please keep on sending in named coats, hats and gloves to help your child stay warm whilst they play!



Curriculum Spotlight

Year 1 have been learning the skills of colour mixing in order to generate different tones, tints and shades. Here are two fabulous examples created by Isabella and Ellie.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

DIGITAL SAFETY

Since our last newsletter, I have received further emails from parents sharing their own concerns. If you do have helpful advice or information that you feel may be useful to all parents, please let me know. In each newsletter, we are going to focus on one area to try and disseminate information that might be helpful.



MINECRAFT

The age rating for playing **Minecraft** is 7+. We know this can be an excellent game for developing creativity and imagination. However, please be aware that some aspects of Minecraft are not suitable. Squid Games is a violent TV show with an age-rating of 15+. However, some users of Minecraft have recreated the TV show 'Squid Game' (rated 15) in Minecraft, meaning other users can see its violent contents without watching the show. We are seeing an increase in rough, aggressive play on the playground with many children talking about playing squid games. Extracts from Squid Games can also be seen on TikTok and YouTube etc. In addition, we are aware that some children are talking to complete strangers, who are often adults through Minecraft. There are several guides available to support parents with Minecraft such as <https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parents-guide-minecraft>

REMINDERS



STORMY WEATHER

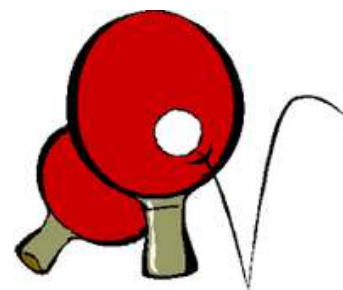
With more unfavourable weather upon us, a reminder to please ensure your child/ren comes to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat. Named hats and gloves are also advisable when the temperature drops, as we like children to go outside at break/lunchtimes to get fresh air even if it's cold and drizzly. Should bad weather mean we have to close the school, we will notify parents via the MCAS App, the school website and BBC Sussex Radio.

OTHER INFORMATION

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

On 17th January, two-man teams from Kingslea, Castlewood and Jolesfield schools competed in a super table tennis team tournament today at Forest School in Horsham. It was great that no team was able to absolutely dominate the field to ensure an interesting battle for the title. Three of the six teams – Kingslea A, Kingslea B and Jolesfield A – fancied their chances after Round 1 maximums. However it was Kingslea B who knocked Jolesfield A off the top spot!

Well done to Tom, Isaac, Oscar, Luca & Benji, who made up the two Jolesfield teams, and especially Jolesfield B, the youngest team in the competition, who showed great spirit and played with a smile on their face for the duration of the tournament.



Y5/6 INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION



A brilliant team effort from our Year 5 and 6 indoor athletes to take first place in the locality schools event. In a brilliant atmosphere everyone played a part and came together as a group. With a mix of throwing, jumping and relay running indoor athletics is a fantastic event that requires a great mix of skills. Well done!



SUITCASE OF SUCCESS



*** ROLL OF HONOUR ***

We are delighted to celebrate our children's successes,
both within and outside of school.

In this week's newsletter, we congratulate the following children on their
recent achievements:

Table Tennis Competition



Tom B, Isaac C, Oscar N (Year 6)
Luca P, Benji G (Year 5)

Brownies

Various Badges - Lilith R (Year 3)

Scouts

Best Fire Starter Award - Teddy W (Year 3)

Football - PGYFC

Player of the Week - Teddy W (Year 3)



Swimming

Swim England 800m - Myla L (Year 5)

Swim England 600m - Pippa L (Year 2)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

7th February **DATE CHANGE** - Y5/6 Cross Country Final (Windlesham) - invite only
11th February - Y3/4 Indoor Athletics event (Henfield)
14th February - INSET Day
26th February - Glyndebourne Performance Y5 & Y6
26th February - JSA AGM
28th February - JSA School Discos - EY/KS1 & KS2
5th March - Oliver Twist Production (whole school)
12th March - School Photographs (individual/siblings)
12th March - Parents' Consultation Evening
13th March - Parents' Consultation Evening
14th March - Y3 visit to Amberley Working Museum
14th March - Y4 & 5 visit to Weald & Downland Museum
21st March **DATE CHANGE** - JSA Quiz Night
24th March - Y5 Choral Day at CH - invite only
1st & 2nd April - Y5 Lodge Hill Residential
2nd & 3rd June - INSET Days

NOTICE:
There will be
no
Celebration
Assembly on
14th March

JSA NEWS

JSA AGM - 26th February

Our AGM is coming up in a few weeks - please make a note in your diary and come along to the meeting if you can. We are always looking for more helpers, so that we can continue fundraising for the school, so if anyone thinks that they could give some time to help out, please get in touch.



School Disco - Friday 28th 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.



Thought for the Week



A few days ago, many people, worldwide, celebrated Robert Burns, 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 Eowyn and Herminia over the weekend and earlier this week was challenging, not just in Scotland but across the UK. Let's give thought to 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

LIVE

BINGO

2025

**CASH
PRIZES!**

FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY 2025

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 if you would like
to reserve a table for a group!



**CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH
PARTRIDGE GREEN**

Together with St Michael's CoE

THURSDAY 20th February 2025

10.30am—1pm

Joseph and his family!

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!!

Happy Birthday Library!

Join us to celebrate 100 years of West Sussex Libraries with birthday themed stories and crafts!



Friday 21 February

2.30-3.30pm

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

Swimming Easter Intensive Holiday Courses - Booking Now Open

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from 8.30am
30 min sessions
each day

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Group class - £52.00
Private lessons -
£134.00

*Coming
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Summer Holiday
Intensive Course
Dates



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