



# NEWSLETTER



## Headteacher's Message



As you can see from these photos, Key Stage 1 had a fabulous time at Drusillas! It was wonderful to hear them talk about it so excitedly the next day! All the adults were really proud of how well the children behaved - they were a credit to the school and parents!



It was so exciting to welcome our new Ladybird children for a transition visit yesterday. They were super keen and so enthusiastic about starting school. Yesterday, we also welcomed our new deputy head for a visit, Mr Blakeman. He really enjoyed getting to know the children and is equally excited about the new school year!

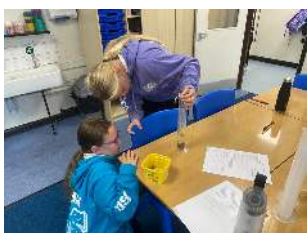


We know how much the value of positivity makes such a difference on a daily basis and this is particularly true for all new experiences. Our children are sponges with super hearing and will pick up on any negative language used by parents about other children, parents and staff. They then tend to repeat this to the individual which causes hurt and embarrassment all around. Please be aware of this when talking in hearing distance about others or new experiences.



### CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

As part of our transition process, Year 6 recently enjoyed a science morning with Mrs Kerry Ambridge, the Science Learning Leader at Steyning Grammar School. The children completed a carousel of experiments using chromatography, displacement, testing for acids and alkalis as well as examining some mystery objects under the electronic microscopes. We were so lucky to have Mrs Ambridge join us for the morning to give the children more of an idea about what to expect in Year 7 science lessons.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

## REMINDERS

### SPORTS DAY - 11TH JULY



Weather permitting, Sports Day will be taking place on 11th July (18th July is the reserve date) - this year, KS2 Sports Day will be held in the morning, and KS1's will take place after lunch. This is always a fantastic and exciting day and parents are very welcome to come along to watch. You should have received a letter with more information earlier this week.

**\*\*\* THERE WILL BE NO CELEBRATION WORSHIP ON THIS DAY \*\*\***

## OTHER INFORMATION

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Story Garden', was promoted in a recent assembly, and the challenge gets underway on 12<sup>th</sup> July. The challenge is a great way to encourage children to read throughout the holidays so we hope your son/daughter would like to get involved.



### Y6 CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT - 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 3.30 - 4.15PM

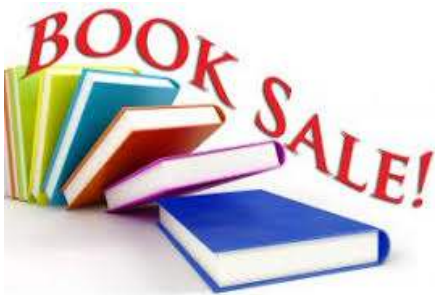
Join us for the **Year 6 Charity Fundraising Fair** on Thursday 10th July, from 3.30 to 4.15pm! Enjoy classic games like Splat the Rat and Bee Lucky, alongside exciting football and basketball challenges. There will be refreshments and snacks to purchase, too. This year, we'll again be using a token system - tokens can be bought via the MCAS App and collected on the day. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard and can't wait to raise money for our chosen school charities, The Big Cat Sanctuary, Over the Wall and Water Aid. Year 6 thank you for supporting this event.



### BUMBLEBEE SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

Bumblebee Class will be holding a second-hand Book Sale to raise money for the school charities on Thursday 17th July. It will be from 3pm onwards until about 3:30pm and we will be charging approximately 50p a book.

To help build their stock, Bumblebees are asking for donations of good quality children's books. If anyone has second hand children's books that they would like to donate, please could you drop them into the Bumblebee Classroom or leave them at the school office. Thank you.



### TALENT SHOW

School ambassadors are currently organising auditions for children from Year 2 - 6, who wish to take part in our talent show: Jolesfield's Got Talent! If we have enough acts, this is planned for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, with the whole school invited to watch. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July children are invited to wear non-uniform and bring a cash/MCAS donation to be split between our chosen charities. In return for making a donation, snacks will also be provided to the talent show audience! This is a chance to celebrate our talented children and raise a little bit of money for our chosen charities.



## DIGITAL SAFETY

Please refer to the TikTok guide shown below.



## 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:

#### **Aquathon Award**

(200m Swim, 2k Run)

*Elias C (Year 5)*

#### **Junior Triathlon**

1<sup>st</sup> out of 15 girls

*Pippa L (Year 2)*

#### **Football Award**

'Player of the Year'

*Elliot L (Year 5)*

#### **Basketball Award**

'Coaches Player'

*Oscar N (Year 6)*



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

4<sup>th</sup> July - **Y6** Leavers' Service (Lancing Chapel)

4<sup>th</sup> July - **Y5** Rounders event (Upper Beeding)

4<sup>th</sup> July - JSA Quiz Night **CANCELLED**

10<sup>th</sup> July - **Y6** Charity Fundraising Event

11<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day (KS2 - AM, EY/KS1 - PM) - **NO COLLECTIVE WORSHIP ON THIS DAY**

14<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 Production (9.30am)

15<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 Production (2.00pm)

16<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 Production (6.00pm)

18<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day (Reserve Date)

21<sup>st</sup> July - Talent Show and Non-Uniform Day, organised by School Ambassadors

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Last Day of Term!



## JSA NEWS

Wow!!! How much fun was the colour run?!

We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to the JSA team, teaching staff & extra volunteers who helped to make our first JSA Colour Run such a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

To everyone who came and supported the children and added to the fun and laughter - thank you!

To our sponsors Accounting & Business Matters & Grommets Ltd thank you! The sponsorship has made such a huge difference to the success of this event.

Thank you to DJ Dan for the tunes and being a great compare.

To Mr Brookes for being such a great sport and letting us gunge him - thank you!

And finally to the fabulous children of Jolesfield CofE Primary School - thank you for embracing the Colour Run, you all rock!

Thanks to everyone's fantastic efforts, we have raised an incredible £1200!

In other news, we have unfortunately had to cancel this week's quiz due to lack of interest. We will look to bring this back in the autumn term.

The JSA x

## Thought for the Week



With the end of the school year fast approaching, we are starting to look ahead to the next academic year and the new challenges that we may face.

We hope your child/ren enjoyed yesterday's transition session when they were able to spend time with their new teacher. We need to remember that change is positive, and know that every one of our pupils will embrace all that comes their way!

*"The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it."*

J.M. Barrie, "Peter Pan"

## Your child's mental health and wellbeing:

### TikTok Guide

#### What is TikTok and who is it for?

TikTok is a free video-sharing and social media platform. It lets users create content, share videos and watch short clips from people all over the world. **Users must be aged 13+ to hold a TikTok account**, TikTok is responsible for banning users who they believe to be under 13.

In addition to this, TikTok is responsible for restricting certain content to over 18s. More about this can be found in their [Community Guidelines](#), this restricted content includes content about ~~disordered eating~~, dangerous activities and challenges, nudity, and sexual content.

It is very important that you monitor your child's social media use to ensure that they are using their correct date of birth, in order that they do not have access to restricted and potentially harmful content.

TikTok age restriction is 13+

#### TikTok and emotional wellbeing

As with all forms of social media, there can be both positive and negative aspects of TikTok.

Young people whose brains are still developing may find it hard to navigate the negative aspects of the platform. Parents and carers should be aware of the potential risks, some which are listed over the page.

# Thriving in education

**Addictive Nature:** TikTok relies on users wanting more. It quickly creates a user's For You Page (FYP) based on their searches and **content that they have previously viewed**. On average UK TikTok users under the age of 18 use the app for 102 minutes per day.

**Mental Health Content:** TikTok is vast and includes a lot of content around the subject of mental health. However, in May 2025 a Guardian newspaper investigation found that over half of the top 100 trending videos offering mental health advice contained misinformation. This included false claims, misuse of clinical language and quick-fix solutions, which are not supported by medical evidence.

**Harmful content:** TikTok automatically loads content for viewing and therefore users may be shown content which they would not have chosen to watch.

**Dangerous challenges:** The addictive nature of TikTok may mean that children and young people are tempted to participate in trending challenges on TikTok. Some of these can be fun and harmless, such as dances, however others can be harmful.

## Understanding hashtags #

**Hashtags # are a way to label and search for content.** They can be a useful way to find content that interests you. For example, some young people have used the **#studywithme** to post content of themselves studying to encourage others to revise alongside them. TikTok has a list of banned hashtags which have been shown to be associated with harmful content. However, users invent hashtags which are used as code to secretly highlight certain types of content. Unfortunately, it is difficult to keep track of secret hashtags however hashtags can be used to share content around self-harm or suicidal feelings and behaviours.

## Safety precautions

**Family Pairing:** This allows parents/carers to customise safety settings. By linking your teenager's account to your own account, you can set limits such as screentime, blocking keywords, and time away (which blocks the app entirely on certain days and times). For more info see: [Family Pairing](#)

**Set accounts to private:** Under 16 accounts are automatically set to private, however this can be changed in the settings. Check your child's account is still set to private.

**Talk:** Having open and curious conversations with your child about what they see and post on social media is key. Don't shy away from difficult conversations. Making these conversations a normal part of family life is key, rather than sitting down for a one-off "big talk".

**Keep informed:** Use trusted sources of information to keep up to date about the ever-changing world of social media. [Internet Matters](#) is an excellent site.

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For more support and advice, please visit our [Thriving in Education website](#) or scan the QR code.

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# Summer Holiday Sport, Art and Play Camps

Places available free for children accessing benefits related free school meals - search 'HAF' at [westsussex.gov.uk](http://westsussex.gov.uk)



At The Bridge leisure centre, Horsham  
For 5-11 year olds



Days run  
8.30am to  
5.30pm

Loads of  
activities  
and fun



Further information at  
[www.horshamsportsservices.co.uk](http://www.horshamsportsservices.co.uk)

# V.I.M Holiday Club

Summer 2025



## Castlewood Primary School

Castlewood Rd, Southwater, Horsham

Open to all children age 4 -11

### Activities Include:

- Art & Crafts • Sports • Team Games • Nerf Fun •
- Den Building • Flower Pressing • Junk Modelling
- Nature Hunts • Parachutes • Water Fun • Face
- Painting • Playground Games • Imaginative Play
- Baking • Smoothie Making • Story Time
- And More!!



  
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# SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

## 2025

Book your space now via our  
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[www.i-staracademy.co.uk/holiday-camps](http://www.i-staracademy.co.uk/holiday-camps)

Our holiday camps suitable for 5 -11 year olds include a wide range of activities each day including dance, rhythmic gymnastics, acrobatics, arts and crafts and much more!!

## DATES

12th/13th/14th Aug  
19th/20th/21st Aug  
26th/27th/28th Aug

## TIMES

9:30-3:30PM



## PRICES

1 day = £35  
2 days = £60  
3 days = £80  
4 or more  
days £25 per  
day



Contact - starsnccoaches@gmail.com

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# NETBALL SUMMER CAMPS

TIMES:

**U5-U9: 9.00-12.00**

**U10-U15: 9.00-  
13.00**

COST PER CAMP:

**U5-U9: £18**

**U10-U15: £24**

DATES:

**THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

VENUE:

**THE TOWERS,  
STEYNING GRAMMAR,  
SCHOOL, BN44 3TF**



Everyone welcome to join us for thrilling, high-energy, good vibe camps where you'll sharpen your skills, make new friends, and have an absolute blast on and off the court!