



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the start of the Autumn term! It has been lovely to greet returning families and to welcome new faces to our school community. Seeing the children reconnect with friends but also welcome new members of the school is always such a joy. I am very proud of how friendly a school we are and your children are a wonderful testament to this. A focus of our first few worships, underpinned by Jesus's golden rule, 'Treat others as you would like to be treated', is we can't all be friends but we can all be friendly! Our Reception children have made such a good start and are already building familiarity with school routines. Our current Year 4 should also be commended. They have shown so much maturity in embracing their new mixed classes but showing much more appreciation for each other when reunited daily at break times and for maths.

One of our areas of focus, this year, is setting greater expectations for children to be responsible for their own belongings and their environment. We have put in place new strategies linked to school equipment and built in new routines to the school day to help support children with this.

Your child might have already mentioned 'Fungi Frankie', our dancing mushroom, who will be awarded each week to a class that has worked co-operatively together to manage their own belongings and take responsibility for their classroom. Please could you help support us with this by: labelling clothing clearly, naming water bottles and ensuring PE kit is in school. Please encourage your child to check their own bag and praise them for bringing home their coat, jumper, water bottle etc.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

LIBRARY STOCK CHECK

A library stock check is currently underway; if you have come across any school books at home over the summer, can you please return these to the school this week. From Monday, children will begin to be allocated library books. Please help support your child with not only reading these or enjoying hearing them read to them

OTHER NEWS

NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter is currently written jointly by Ms Price and Mrs Saunders. We are reviewing the format for this term. In the meantime, we are trialling alternating a longer newsletter with a shorter one including key messages and dates only. If there is any feedback that you would like to give, please email the office.

RECYLING TEXTILE BANK

We have taken delivery of a recycling textile bank which is positioned in the school car park. If you have any unwanted textiles you would like to dispose of, please consider using our bank as the school will benefit - the more textiles that are collected, the more money we will receive back! All men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, bags, ties and belts are accepted. Bedding and soft toys are also welcome. Duvets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs, shredded textile fabric or textile yarns cannot be recycled.



We are in the process of moving our school communications to ParentMail. Some families will already be familiar with this system, but for those new to ParentMail, we will be sending out a letter over the next few days with instructions on how to set this up.



Girls play, learn and have tons of fun
for ages 4 to 7

1st Partridge Green Rainbow Unit
Meet on Monday 4.15 - 5.30pm (term time)
at St Michael's Church Hall

Contact Mrs Balicki (Reception Class) or Eileen Blann
1stpartridgegreenguides.rangers@gmail.com





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:



Football Award

Oliver C (Y2)

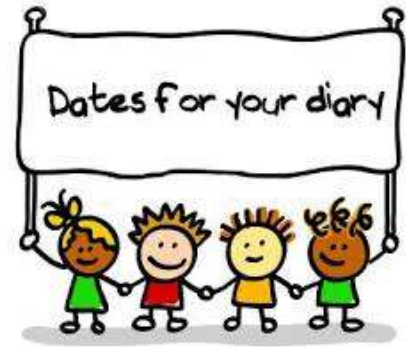
Summer Reading Challenge

Ellie D (Y2)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

13th September - JSA Adult Disco **CANCELLED**
18th September - Y6 visit to The Towers (parents to sign up)
18th September - Y3 1Term2Learn lessons start
22nd September - Y3/4 Stoolball festival (invite only)
23rd September - Y3,4 & 5 Roman Workshop
23rd September - Whole School Welcome Evening (incl. Y6 PGL mtg)
29th September - Y6 PGL Residential
29th September - Y5/6 Stoolball festival (invite only)
1st October - YR Parents visit - Phonics & Maths)
2nd October - Y1/2 Cross Country event (invite only)
8th October - Y5/6 Basketball Tournament (invite only)
13th October - Y6 Bikeability (throughout the week)
16th October - Y3/4 Cross Country event
17th October - Open Morning for prospective new parents (9.30 - 10.30am)
20th October - Y5/6 Boys' Football Tournament
24th October - Open afternoon for prospective new parents (1.30 - 2.30pm)



JSA NEWS

Welcome back and a warm hello to our new families!

Cake Raffle

One of the children's favourites! Returns tomorrow.

Tickets are on sale for this coming half term & are still only 50p each. 2 tickets per week costs £5 for the half term, 4 tickets per week are £10 etc.

The winning ticket is drawn in the Friday in the Celebration assembly.

You can pay by bacs to Jolesfield School Association, a/c number 07538413 sort code 53-50-39. Please put cake and the child's name in the payment reference.

You can email us on jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com if you wish to send us a message.

The JSA hut in the playground will be open every Friday morning. Cash or card payments are both very welcome.

FIRST RAFFLE 12TH SEPTEMBER.

Look out for more events to be announced in the next few weeks!

The JSA x

Thought for the Week



A sense of belonging and community in schools means that students feel personally accepted, respected, and supported by their friends and staff; this is vital for their academic success, well-being, and positive behavior and is fostered through our School Values - Kindness, Teamwork, Persistence, Thankfulness and Respect. Let's all try to remember these values in all we do.

'Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright'

Proverbs 20:11

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YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Jolesfield

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

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 families:

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.

The role of the school:

What you can expect from us:

- 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.



V.I.M Holiday Club



October Half Term 2025

Ofsted Registered Clubs

Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted

All Primary Aged Children Welcome

Activities Include:

Halloween and Autumn Themed Arts & Crafts • Team Games • Baking • Den Building • Pumpkin Carving • Junk Modelling • Apple Bobbing • Playground Games • Face Painting • Wand Making • Halloween Disco • Fancy Dress • And More!!

Location:

Castlewood Primary School
Castlewood Rd, Southwater, Horsham

Sibling & Full Week
Discounts Apply!
Longer Sessions
Available



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MINI KICKERS

STARTING 7th SEPTEMBER
SUNDAYS 9-10 AM

QUALIFIED COACHES
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FIRST SESSION FREE

BOYS & GIRLS U5/U6
BOYS U7
GIRLS U7/U8/U9



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Umbrellas

Parent Support Group

Autumn Term 2025

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



EMPOWER

INFORM

SUPPORT

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 3rd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

16th Sep / 14th Oct / 11th Nov / 9th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

17th Sep / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 17th Dec

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

25th Sep / 23rd Oct / 20th Nov / 11th Dec

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

23rd Sep / 21st Oct / 25th Nov / 16th Dec

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email:

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

11th Sep

7.30 pm - 9 pm

9th Oct

7.30 pm - 9 pm

6th

7.30 pm - 9 pm

Nov

7.30 pm - 9 pm