

NEWSLETTER

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Happy new year! What a cold start to the Spring term! It was wonderful to see the children playing so happily in the snow on Monday. Thank you so much for equipping your children with spare clothes and layers to make this possible. Hats and gloves are also essential at this time of year! At the end of last term, we cleared a mountain of lost property again. Named items are returned to owners but unnamed is placed in our spare uniform stock or recycled. There are still several unclaimed, good quality coats, which must belong to somebody! If not claimed by Monday 12th January, these will be redistributed. In the event of snowfall preventing a sufficient number of teachers accessing the site, we would close. The earliest notification of this would be made through our school Facebook page so if early notification is important to you, please consider joining. If you are a member of a class Whats App, please also share the message! These notifications will be followed at a later time by a Parentmail.



Curriculum Spotlight

Year 6 finished their World War II topic with a practical cooking project, just before the Christmas holidays. Year 6 focused on the idea of rationing and ingredient conservation, and successfully made sausage rolls and cheese and potato dumplings from scratch. I sampled a few and I can safely say they were delicious!



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

NEWSPAPER



Our guinea pigs, Midnight and Pickle, continue to thrive. They spent Christmas at my house where my cats thought I had brought them home for their entertainment. Each week the guinea pigs rotate around the classrooms spending time in their run. We line the run with newspaper to help support clearing up! Our stock has become depleted so if you have any spare newspaper, we would be grateful to receive it.

NHS GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS



NHS Guidance for Parents: Is my child too ill for school?

This is a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home, as it can be tricky making this decision when children are unwell.

HEADLICE IN SCHOOL

It has been brought to our attention that there is a case of head lice in the school, so we ask all parents to be vigilant and check children's hair. For children with long hair, we recommend this be tied up when in school. The attached information sheet may be helpful.

ANTI-BULLYING FOCUS

As shared previously, we are starting the term with an additional focus on anti-bullying. The theme is 'Power For Good'. This was launched on Monday in worship and linked to our half-term worship theme of 'Integrity'. We had some fascinating discussions about power, primarily 'What is it? Who has it? How do we obtain it?' Discussions in class will focus on the implications of using power for positive and negative reasons. Shortly, in Worship, the key stages will be looking separately at the power for good and levels of integrity displayed by Mother Teresa (KS1) and Nicholas Winton (KS2). Our anti-bullying policy will be updated shortly. This and other key policies are available on our website.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

Spring curriculum overviews are currently being refined. These will be added to class pages on our school website by Friday 16th January.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

West Sussex have asked schools to share with parents and carers updates on their priorities, planned improvements, and how they are looking ahead to support SEND and Inclusion. All recent updates can be found on the [Local Offer SEND and Inclusion news page](#)--

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/bulletins/3fb40d7>

The updates include:

- Reflecting on Our Journey: Delivering Better Value for SEND
- Shaping the future of SEND in West Sussex together: progress on our SEND Strategy 2026-2030
- What's new from the West Sussex Virtual School?
- Calming the Chaos
- Mental Health Questionnaire 2025 for young people



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION

Many thanks to all those who supported this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; as a school, we raised £226.51, making a district total of £6857.28!



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:

Gymnastics

Level 2 - Bar & Floor

Hayley T (Y1)



Swimming

Level 2

Hayley T (Y1)



Skiing

Race Medal

Arlo B (Y1)

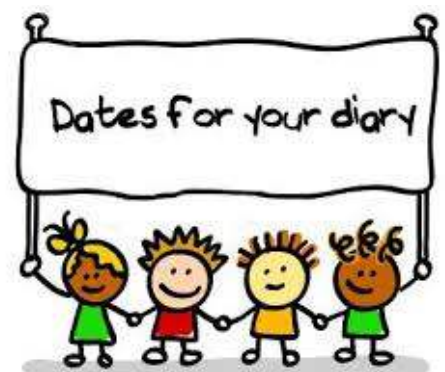


DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16th January - Table Tennis 'Match Play' in Horsham (invite only)
- 19th January - **Y3/4** Boys' Locality Football Tournament @ Henfield
- 23rd January - **Y5/6** Cross Country @ Windlesham House School
- 30th January - **Y3/4** Girls' Locality Football Tournament @ Jolesfield
- 30th January - Table Tennis 'Skills' Event in Horsham (invite only)
- 30th January - JSA Music Bingo
- 2nd February - **Y3/4** Indoor Athletics event @ Henfield School
- 3rd February - Performance of Annie @ Holy Trinity School (invite only)
- 6th February - JSA School Discos
- 23rd February - INSET Day
- 25th February - **YR** Healthy Child Programme
- 27th February - **Y3** Benchball Participation Event @ Jolesfield
- 3rd March - **Y5/6** Indoor Athletics Event @ Angmering
- 4th March - Astracolour (individual photos)
- 4th March - **Y3** Benchball Competition
- 5th March - World Book Day
- 10th March - In-school **YR** Toy/Bear workshop run by Horsham Museum
- 17th March - Parents' Consultation Evening
- 18th March - Parents' Consultation Evening

REQUEST

Mrs Johnston is after some yoga mats for Ladybird class. If you have any at home that aren't being used, we would be grateful if you'd consider donating to the school. Thank you!



JSA NEWS

Happy new year! We hope you all enjoyed the festive break.

Thank you once again for your support last term.

The funds raised really do make such a difference to the opportunities and experiences school are able to provide, for each of our children.

So what do we have coming up in the near future...

Music Bingo!! (Adults only) **Friday 30th January**

Ditch the numbers, music bingo is all about the tunes!

Join us and the hilarious Tomfoolery for a night of fun, music and laughter!

Prizes for one line, two lines and cash prizes for a full house!

£10 per person, bring your own drink and snacks.

Email us now to reserve your table! See attached poster for more details.



KS1 & KS2 Disco - **Friday 6th February**

£5 per ticket, will be on sale from the hut 23rd & 30th January and all week from 2nd Feb

Wonda Bars! - **Friday 6th March**

Return of last year's very popular event, to coincide with World Book Week. Further details & pre-order forms to follow in the next few weeks

Cake Raffle - weekly!

A popular part of each Friday's celebration assembly, where the winner is drawn and awarded their treat prize!

Tickets available now via email, The JSA Facebook page or via the hut on Friday mornings.

We are also looking for more volunteer bakers to provide a tasty treat. If you are able to take on just one slot within the school year, that would really help.

JSA AGM

Our AGM will be held week commencing 23rd Feb - exact date to be confirmed.

We welcome all to attend and encourage you to come along to find out more about what we have planned and what we are aiming to achieve over the next year.

We would love to have more input and help to run our events and initiatives and are open to explore new ideas

The JSA x

Thought for the Week

This term we are focusing on the importance of Integrity. We are going to be exploring the implications of standing up for what we believe to be right and reminding each other that our thoughts and actions should be based on our school values rather than simply personal gain.

Let's all strive to be honest, fair, and responsible by doing the right thing even when no one is watching!

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not."*

Dr. Seuss, The Lorax



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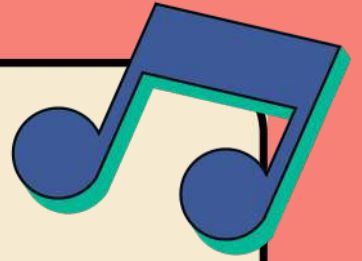


To start supporting, visit:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Jolesfield

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



Music Bingo



featuring **TOMFOOLERY**

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY

AT JOLESFIELD SCHOOL

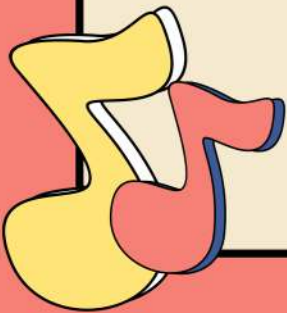
DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM TO BEGIN AT 8PM

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RAFFLE & CASH GAMES ON THE NIGHT

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Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins Winter/Spring 2026 Timetable

New
locations
added



If you are a parent or carer to a child or young person who needs some support with their mental health, you may not know where to start and may need some support of your own. There is no criteria for our drop-in groups, so no concern is too small or too big.

We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support drop-ins across the county, where you can meet our Parenting Team and other parents who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

Online parenting support drop-ins:

10:00-11:00am

- Tuesday 13th January
- Tuesday 10th March
- Tuesday 7th April

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 2437 6726

Passcode: 131440

Please feel free to drop-in where we can chat and get you registered with the service.

Or to register yourself, please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652

or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org

Or for more information, please contact parentingsupport@westsussexmind.org

Come and join us in:

Worthing

The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane,
BN13 2QG

13:00 - 14:00

- Tuesday 6th January
- Tuesday 10th February
- Tuesday 24th March

Chichester

Family Hub (The Green Room),
St James' Rd, Chichester PO19 7WX
(NB: For SatNav use [PO19 7HY](#))

10.00-11.00

- Thursday 15th January
- Thursday 19th February
- Thursday 26th March

Haywards Heath

Mid Sussex Family Hub, 51 Penn Cres,
Haywards Heath, RH16 3HP

11.00-12.00

- Tuesday 20th January
- Tuesday 24th February

Please note, due to the sensitivity of our discussions, we ask that you attend without your child/young person.

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.



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