11TH DECEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

As we near the end of term, it is a super opportunity to reflect on the achievements and endeavours of both pupils and staff. Our Ladybirds are now seasoned Jolesfield pupils, who are a pleasure to have in our school. Our Year 6 are excellent buddies; the relationships across year groups is one of the things that makes Jolesfield special. There have been a number of school trips including residentials as well as workshops and special visitors. These have helped to enrich our interconnected topics and I know that there are more already being planned for the Spring term. Spring Curriculum Overviews will be shared early next term as I know these can be a good way of eliciting conversations with children about their school days.

There have been many wonderful events to help build Christmas fervour but the most splendid of all is undoubtedly the KS1 nativity, led by Year 2. Not only because this reflects the true meaning of Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ but because of the sheer enthusiasm of the children. Thank you to all the pupils, staff and support of parents, who helped make the performance so special.







Curriculum Spotlight

Through our curriculum, we reflect the diverse nature of Great Britain and respect the protected characteristics of all individuals. Last week, for the first time, as part of our focus on Black History, we held an Inclusivity Day, supported by the Brighton & Hove Albion Foundation. Mr Petit led brilliant 'No Room for Racism' workshops for KS2. Mr Petit said, "All the children were super positive and showed a really great attitude to being an ally. We discussed topics such as 'What is racism?' and 'Can you be born a racist?'. These questions really got the children thinking about the bigger picture and how abuse can be spotted and dealt with as well as how our environment shapes us as a person."

Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

REMINDERS

PARENTMAIL

Don't forget you can report your child's absence using ParentMail; some parents may prefer this to leaving a message on the telephone absence line. Parents of children whose attendance and punctuality has fallen below certain thresholds will soon be receiving letters sharing this. Very often, this absence is unavoidable. However, please use these as a moment of reflection. Punctuality is a particular concern as children, who are not settled and learning at 8:50am not only miss out but disturb the learning of others, who are settled.

OTHER NEWS

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

As we draw to the close of our year of fundraising, I am delighted to announce the following totals. Thank you so much to your incredible generosity, which has made this possible. Our school ambassadors will be talking to classes before the end of term and new charities will be announced in the Spring.

Over the Wall: £495.25
Big Cat Charity: £235.25
Water Aid: £235.25

SPORTS FIXTURES THIS TERM

We have had an incredibly successful Autumn Term, in which many children have taken part in a variety of sporting events and competitions.

The term started with an introduction to Stoolball for Key Stage 2 and I want to thank Mrs Wheatland and Mrs Eastman for their time, skill and expertise when assisting myself and the children - we learnt a lot from them both!

Our superb Years 1 and 2 were kindly accompanied by Mrs McGrath for the first Cross Country event of the school year and Mr Taylor and I had the pleasure of witnessing the brilliant Year 3/4/5 and 6s compete in their respective races. Each year-group cheered one another on wonderfully and this team-spirit was lovely to see.

In addition to Cross Country, our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls took part in a number of football tournaments both within our locality and the wider county, representing the school excellently and showing such teamwork and respect to each other and their competitors.

I want to take this opportunity to also say a sincere thank you to all parents, grandparents and carers who have driven, accompanied or supported us at any of our competitions this term. Your support is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

We are looking forward to another busy sporting calendar in the Spring Term and I can't wait to get underway.

Best wishes,

Mr Blakeman







THANK YOU TO OUR JSA

As this is the last newsletter this calendar year, I think I speak for us all in thanking the JSA for all they do to raise money for our school.

This is often a thankless job, with a huge amount of work going on behind the scenes. Many of the JSA volunteers have full-time jobs, as well as helping to run events for our PTA. Much of what the children receive is down to the JSA and their fundraising efforts. We have 152 children in the school at present and only a very few actively involved JSA members, so if you'd like to get involved please contact the JSA directly - jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com.

Thank You To everyone Involved In The JSA!!! You're all AMAZING!



LOST PROPERTY / UNIFORM



The office continues to receive items of lost property where uniform is being brought into school unnamed. Please help us to return items to rightful owners by ensuring everything brought into school is labelled correctly. We don't hold onto lost property as named items are returned to children and anything not named, in good condition, is placed in our second hand uniform stores. If you need any school uniform, please do ask to look through this.

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:



Karate Grading

Yellow Belt

Albie H (Y2)



Swimming

10m

Arlo B (Y1)

Level 3

Isabel W (Y2)

10m

Ellie D (Y2)



Little Princess Trust

Donating hair

Evie V-O'C (Y3)



Gymnastics

Level 5 Floor, Level 5 Bar

Issie P (Y3)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th December - **EY/KS1** Nativity (1.30pm)
16th December - Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
16th December - **KS2** Carol Service at St Michael's Church (1.30pm)
17th December - Easy Lunch Xmas Meal (Chn can wear a Christmas jumper, if they choose!)
19th December - Last Day of Term
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)
2nd February - **Y3/4** Indoor Athletics event @ Henfield School
23rd February - INSET Day



JSA NEWS

Wow! What an incredible fundraising start to the year!

We've had a very busy first term - with the school disco, fireworks, Christmas artwork, Christmas fair & yesterday's Pop Up Shop!
With these events & our regular activities of cake raffle, school lottery & Easy Fundraising, our school community has managed to raise approximately £5500 this term. Incredible!

Some of the funds have been put towards a new interactive screen for the Woodland room; further improvements to the music room to enable more classes to use the facilities; forest school; and there's more planned for next year!

Thank you for all of your support - be that volunteering, donating or attending. None of the above would be possible without you.

Next week -
The Pop up event was a real success. With Christmas music accompanying, the air was buzzing with excitement as the children did their shopping! They are so proud of their purchases.
We do have a few gifts left over, along with some other items from the Christmas fair. If the weather is favourable, we plan to sell these on the last day of term (next week!) at school pick up, by the hut.

So what's in store for the New Year…?
We will be bringing you a fab new adult event in February - Music Bingo!
School Disco for KS1 & KS2
Return of Wonda Bars!
Details for each of these will be sent out in the new term.

Once again, thank you so much for your support and generosity.
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

The JSA x





Thought for the Week

"Once in our world a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

What an amazing gift we have already been given!

C.S. Lewis

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JOLESFIELD

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY

It's A WIN-WIN Situation!

BOOST School Funds
WIN up to £25,000

TICKETS £1 EACH

To start supporting, visit:

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and search for: Jolesfield

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Horsham Music Centre - Saturday 10.45-12noon

Worthing Music Centre - Saturday 10.00-11.00am

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AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

What parents say:
'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. ***My hope is back***'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social .w orker trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person in West Sussex who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, advice, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk
Telephone: 01903 366 360

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