

# Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our on-going monitoring processes, Miss Hendriksen and I did what we call a 'learning walk' the other day. This involves visiting all of the classes, observing what is going on, talking to the children about their learning and looking through their books. I am delighted to report that we were very impressed with the fantastic effort and focus we observed around the whole school. The children were keen to talk about their learning and it was very evident that they are enthusiastic and motivated to do their best.

Monitoring forms a key part of our school self-evaluation process and includes different activities each term. We look at the impact of our development actions and use the outcomes to plan for further development and improvement. It supports the staff's professional development as well by identifying areas we need to explore in more detail. Outcomes are reported back to governors. If you would like to find out more about the areas we are working on during this year a summary of the School Development Plan objectives can be found on the JYS website.

## **Eco Team - Batteries**



The Eco team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has recycled their batteries with us. Since we started collecting at school, we have recycled over 2,000 batteries! We hope that everyone is still using their box to collect used Eco-Schools batteries for recycling, but after half term we will no longer have a collection point at

school. There are a number of collection points around Chichester for you to use instead, including the recycling centre at Westhampnett, Robert Dyas, Marks and Spencer on North Street and Sainsburys. If you know of others, please ask your child to let us know, and we will add the names to the display on the Eco board. We will still be collecting washed milk bottle tops, which are recycled via St Paul's church.

# Jaws'N'Claws



On Monday 15th January, Jaws'N'Claws invaded Year 5 with an assortment of creatures that would usually be found in the rainforests of the world. The children were able to handle snakes, hissing cockroaches, giant tortoises and frogs - to name but some. Although the lid to the tarantula's box was removed, the children did all keep their distance! Everyone learnt a lot about how the animals have evolved to adapt to their environment.

#### Football

Tuesday 16th January saw a team of Y3/4 pupils attending Chichester University for another football tournament. Under the excellent coaching of Gavin Dutton, the children quickly pulled together as a team and won more games than they did on their previous outing. Despite the bitterly cold wind, the children were cheerful throughout and displayed great support and encouragement of each other, and threw themselves into all of their matches. Thank you to everyone involved.



# Parent/Carer Contact Information

Just a gentle reminder that if you change your address, phone number or email, please let the school office know about the changes asap so that we can update our records. Thank you.

> Contact us at office@ivs.org.uk 01243 782192

#### **Book Fair**

Just a reminder that we will be holding a Book Fair on <u>Wednesday 7th</u> <u>February</u> in the school library throughout the day, and running until 4pm for parents who want to come along to have a look after school.



#### **United Voices**



In the evening of Thursday 18th, 28 of our Y5 children joined other local schools to make up part of the "United Voices" choir. For the second consecutive year, this choir performed on stage at the Festival Theatre in front of a packed audience. They sang the eight songs that they had learned, and our Y5s (under

Mrs Ellis' guidance) led the ensemble in using sign language during one of the songs. It was a lovely evening and the feedback from the parents who attended has been overwhelmingly positive.

# **Cross Country**

Monday 22nd January saw 30 of our Y5 and Y6 pupils attending a School Games event at Bishop Luffa. The cross country provided a very muddy challenge for the pupils, all of whom were able to complete the



1.5 km course. Again, we were very proud of how much effort the children put in to both their own performance and supporting the others when they were competing. We are delighted to report that our girls' team came second overall, and we have high hopes for the forthcoming Corporate Challenge Road Races!

# **Lost Property**

After school on <u>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</u>, there will be a table of lost property items in the school playground. Anything that is not claimed will be disposed of.



# **Future Flyers**

On Thursday 25th January, six of our pupils attended their first "Future Flyers" session at the Westgate Centre. Grace, who went, wrote us this short report: At Future Flyers we did lots of fun sports. One of them was indoor cycling, another one was running techniques and the last one was "dri-swimming" (which was a bit like conditioning and swimming skills). My favourite sport that we did was the cycling because I've never done indoor cycling in a gym before (on the static bikes from the centre's spin class). We also did tests like reaction tests, a sit-up test, long jump and lots more. Future Flyers was really fun and exciting. Eli said: At Future Flyers we did a triathlon. I mostly enjoyed the spinning because the person who was running it made it very fun. After the triathlon, we did a number of different tests to see how fit we were. Out of the tests, I most enjoyed how far we could throw 1 or 2 kg balls! Overall, it was a VERY fun experience.

### e-Safety



Our Y6's went to The March School on the afternoon of Wednesday 31st for an e-Safety briefing, along with two other schools. With the number of children who have their own tablets, phones and laptops, we believe it is vital that we prepare all children in how they can remain safe online. To this end, all of the teaching staff attended an e-Safety briefing at Bishop Luffa School on the

evening of Wednesday 31st, and we remind parents that there is a session for them to attend at Fishbourne Primary School on the evening of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 6pm – 7pm.

### **Children's Concert**

Children from across Key Stage 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit to the theatre to see this year's children's concert. Magic tricks and music came together to introduce them to different instruments and styles of music. One lucky pupil even got to go on stage to play the bells in one of the pieces.

### **PUSH**



Some of our staff, parents and pupils, past and present, were involved in the Holocaust Memorial concert at the Cathedral on Saturday 27th January. Many months of rehearsals and hard work resulted in an amazing and moving performance of PUSH by Howard Moody. It tells the story of a young boy, Simon Gronowski, who was pushed off a train, bound for Auschwitz, by his mother. Both Howard and Simon were at the performance which made it a very special occasion for all involved.

Spring Term 2018 - Diary Dates  w/c Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Bowles 1 <sup>st</sup> deposit due today £75.00
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Cricket Competition at Regis School 1pm -3.30pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	R'n'B – Wednesday and Friday group together
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Novium visit – pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Children break up for half term 3.15pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET Day</b> (R'n'B club to join Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February session)
	Half Term - Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Novium Drama Project – school hall 10am to 2.45pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Fire Service Visit - Y2-Y5 – 9.45am - 11am
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Y5 Novium Drama Project – school hall 1pm – 3pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	'Infant Agility' Y2 at Westgate 1.30pm – 3.30pm (details to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	KS2 Maths Open Afternoon 2.15pm – 3.15pm
	w/c Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Novium Drama Project – school hall 10am – 2.45pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Paul Ullson – Year 3 'Pirates'
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	High Five Netball – Yr 5 & 6 team at Bishop Luffa (details to follow)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents e-Safety – Fishbourne School 6pm – 7pm
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Swimming Gala at Westgate Centre – 6pm
	w/c Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	No Teacher led clubs this week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Trip to Weald and Downland (details to follow)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Beaulieu 9am – 4pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 to Guildhall (Priory Park) – all day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Drama Performance in Priory Park – 6pm – 7pm
	w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Teacher led clubs this week
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Second deposit due for Bowles (Y6) £70
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 STEM Fest at Chichester College 10am – 11.30am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 STEM Fest at Chichester College 10am – 11.15am
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Provisional 'Grounds Day' tbc
	w/c Monday19th March
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body meeting 5.15pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 2 – 'Little Big Sing' (details to follow)
	w/c Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	R'n'B last session (Wednesday & Friday Group together)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Swimming for Year 4 Term Ends 3.15pm

Spring Term 2018

Starts: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January <u>Half Term</u>: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February Ends: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March *INSET day Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February* 

Summer Term 2018

Starts: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April
<u>Half Term</u>: w/c Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June
Ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July *INSET days Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July* 

**Autumn Term 2018** 

Starts: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September <u>Half Term:</u> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October Ends: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

INSET day(s) to be confirmed

Please note that future term dates are available on the West Sussex Council website

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/