



# Jessie Younghusband School



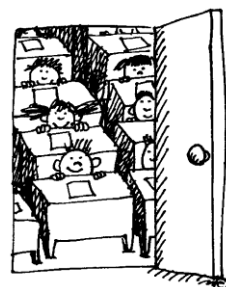
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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Parents' Drop-In – Monday 3rd April (3.15pm – 3.30pm)

At the recently held parents' meeting with Mrs Sadler, it was agreed that we would have termly drop-in sessions for parents to come in and have the opportunity to take a look around their child's classroom and see the wonderful displays. This will take place next week on Monday 3rd April from 3.15pm to 3.30pm. Teachers will be happy to answer straightforward questions during this time.



## Friends' Easter Cake Sale and Raffle – Thursday 6th April

This will be held on Thursday 6th April at 3.15pm. The cake sale will be run by Year 1 parents and will be held in the playground (weather permitting) or the school hall. Funds raised from this sale will be for the 'Friends of JYS'. **All donations of cakes would be gratefully received on the morning of the sale.**



A couple of parents will be selling second hand uniform at the same time as the cake sale. Any other donations for this stall can be left at the school office up until next Wednesday.



Throughout the day, the children will also have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets (£1 per strip) for the Easter Egg Raffle that will take place at the end of the day. If your child would like to buy some tickets, they will need to bring their money to school on Thursday morning in a named purse/wallet. Donations of Easter Eggs would be gratefully received. Thank you for your help and support with this.

## Friends' Facebook Page



In order to help with developing communications and the sharing of ideas, as well as celebrating successful occasions and fundraising events, the Friends of JYS are launching a Facebook page. Details can be found at [www.facebook.com/groups/JYSfriends](http://www.facebook.com/groups/JYSfriends).

## Easter Egg Hunt – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

During the morning of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, all children will take part in the JYS Easter Egg Hunt. If anyone is able to help run the hunt with Mrs Turner, Chair of JYS Friends, please email her on [mazza.t55@hotmail.com](mailto:mazza.t55@hotmail.com).



## School Office

Unfortunately, our office staff have not escaped the germs that have been circulating around school over the past couple of weeks. As a result, we have had to adapt the hours that the office has been open and, on a couple of occasions, we have been slightly late opening the back gate. Thank you very much for bearing with us during this unsettled time...we are hopeful that we'll be back to running at full staffing capacity very soon!

## On-going Works in the School Grounds



Thank you for your support and patience whilst our building work continues out in the school grounds. The construction of the new ramp down to the Quiet Area is well and truly underway, plus you may have spotted the removal of a shed from the small playground. Grass seed has been sown up the side of the back path, alongside the new lighting, and we would appreciate your help in ensuring that this part of the field is not trodden on.

In addition to the work at the back of the school, we have had some plant beds at the front of the school removed. Watch this space, as lots of new shrubs and plants, sourced for us by Miss Hendriksen's dad, will be planted over the Easter holidays by Mr Vaughan.



## Grounds Day

One Saturday morning each term, we encourage our families to help us to manage the school grounds, giving our outdoor spaces a special, community and shared feel. If you haven't been to a Grounds Day recently, or wish to come for the first time, our next one is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 9.00 – 12.00. All families are welcome to join us



as we dig, tidy and smarten up our grounds. Tea, coffee, doughnuts and biscuits keep us going. Please come and join in the fun! Even if you are only able to spend an hour or so with us, it will help us to prepare the grounds for the rest of the summer term. Grounds Days also provide an opportunity for the children to earn one point to go on their JYS badge total.



## Finally...

We have been made aware that our school has been mentioned in the Liberal Democrats' March Newsletter. Whilst we, as a school, have not provided them with any information, it is clear that they are aware of the 'Worth Less' campaign which outlines the expected cuts to funding that West Sussex schools will experience over the next year and have subsequently used our school name in their newsletter.



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### **Future Term Dates:**

#### **Spring Term 2017**

School finishes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday – 14<sup>th</sup> April; Easter Day – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April; Easter Monday – 17<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Summer Term 2017**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

(KS2 SATS week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May)

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June inclusive

***Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June INSET days***

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (INSET days to TBC)

Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October inclusive

***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/>