



JYS NEWSLETTER



September 2016

Our new school year has started extremely well. All the new staff and children have quickly become part of the very special Jessie community and I have seen lots of excited and eager children about school. Thank you to parents and carers for helping the children to come back to school so well prepared and keen to learn this year.

Things are a not quite so settled in the school office yet, we are still in the process of recruiting a Bursar and Mrs Taylor is quite poorly at the moment so has not been in this week. We really appreciate your patience with us at this time and assure you things will be 'fully up and running' as soon as possible.

Mrs Sadler

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Chichester in Bloom – We are delighted to announce that we were first prize winners in two sections of the competition this year; Environmental Awareness and the Judges Special Award. The Mayor will be visiting in a few weeks' time to present the prizes. A huge 'Well Done' and 'thank you' to all the children from Gardening Club; Mrs Kibble and Mr Vaughan – we are proud of you!



Sunflower competition – thank you to everyone who sent in an entry there were some amazingly tall plants. The winning entries were well over 2m tall! Thank you to Rowntree Anderson Solicitors for sponsoring the competition.

Quiet area – as many of you will have seen, Year 1 are now using the quiet area by the keystage 1 door as an outdoor learning area. We hope this will be a future project for development. The Year 1 team would be very grateful if you could ensure that children waiting to come into school and younger siblings do not go into that area or play with the resources. Thank you.

Bursar vacancy – details of the position are available on the West Sussex website.

Mid-day meals supervisor vacancies – we are always looking for people who would like to join our 'bank' of casual lunchtime staff. It is an excellent way of getting more involved in school and can lead on to further opportunities. If you are interested please speak to the office team.

Grounds day – we will be holding our autumn term grounds day on the 8th October from 9 – 12.00am. There is a lot of tidying to do so please come along and join us; all parents and children welcome! There will be the usual drinks and doughnuts to keep you going. Children will also get a point towards their JYS badge.



Future Dates

Date	Event
Friday 23 rd September	Paul Ullson Year 4
Monday 26 th September	Year 6 Eco Team to Weald and Downland museum
28 th – 30 th September	Year 5 camp
Tuesday 4 th October	Year 1 Forest Schools starts
Wednesday 5 th October	Friends MacMillian coffee morning in the hall for parents (8.40-9.40) and break time cake sale for children (cakes donations gratefully received thank you - further details to come in a Friends newsletter.
Friday 7 th October	Harvest Festival – this year we are collecting tins and storable food items for the Chichester Food bank.
Saturday 8 th October	Grounds day – All welcome
Monday 10 th October	Year 6 Bikeability starts (all week)
Monday 10 th October	Year 5 to Life Exhibition (Swanfield Chapel)
Tuesday 11 th October	Year 4 to Butser ancient farm
Tuesday 11 th October	Year 3 Chichester Walk with Paul Ullson
Wednesday 12 th October	Parent meetings after school
Thursday 13 th October	Parent meetings after school
17 th – 19 th October	Year 6 at Bowles
Thursday 20 th October	Production to the whole school – The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe (Funded by Friends thank you)
24 th – 28 th October	HALF TERM
31 st October	INSET Day
Fri 4 th November	Yr 1,2,3 Flu vaccinations
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Monday 21 st November	Paul Ullson Year 5
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fair – Non Uniform day
Wednesday 30 th November	Paul Ullson Year 1
Thursday 1 st December	Last swimming of the term
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6 th December	KS 2 Christmas Concert at St Pauls Church (evening)
Thursday 8 th December	Yr R and KS1 Christmas performances (2pm & 6pm)
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 disco
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term
19 th –Dec – 2 nd Jan 2017	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	School starts
Friday 17 th February 2017	INSET Day
20 th – 24 th February	Half term

INSET Days - Provisionally the two remaining INSET day for 2017 are arranged for the 5th and 6th June 2017. These are for approval by the governing body when they meet on the 27.9.16.