



# Jessie Younghusband School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We have had a wonderful settled start to the term, the children are rising to the challenges of this term and the teachers have lots of exciting and stimulating topics and learning planned for them.

I hope you enjoyed reading about all the fantastic events and activities last term in our end of term newsletter. I am always happy to have any feedback or ideas you may have. Please feel free to speak to me on the playground or to email on the address below. You should by now have received the curriculum newsletter for this term and also your child's topic book for last term. Please speak to their class teacher if you have not had this yet.

*Mrs Sadler, Headteacher*

**Adverse Weather** – You may have heard that there is snowy weather forecast for the end of the week. It looks unlikely that this will affect the south too much however I just want to remind you how school closure (and opening) information is passed on.



Decisions to close the school are only made where there is a concern about the safety of the children on that day. The school could be closed (or partially closed) if there are insufficient staff able to come to school because of difficulties with their own journey or if emergency vehicles would be unable to access the site. There are other reasons including loss of power, telephones or water that can also have an impact.

School closure would be announced on the school website and through an announcement on the radio (Spirit FM). If possible a text will be sent to all parents to keep you informed but this should not be relied on as the main source of information (please let us know if you have changed your number recently). Schools are required to notify the Local Authority of closure. .

**New Dates** – the class assembly dates have been sent out separately, please make a note in your diaries it is always wonderful to see so many of you there. We will be holding a Grounds Day next half term and are just waiting to confirm the date. We had a fabulous turn out last time so please come if you can. Your help is very much appreciated.

**Year R and KS1 Christmas performances** – while things are fresh in our minds we are reviewing arrangements for Christmas and getting plans in place for this coming year. We are aware that the younger children are extremely tired by 6pm and are considering doing two day time performances instead (9.30 and 2pm.). This would make sure that everyone is involved in all performances and avoid the late evening for the children. We would be able to make the date known to families at the start of the term enabling you to arrange time off to come. If anyone would like to give any feedback on these proposed arrangements, Please email or send a note through the office by the 20<sup>th</sup> January.

Contact us at [office@jys.org.uk](mailto:office@jys.org.uk) 01243 782192

**Governors** – we received some sad news on our return to school regarding one of our very long standing school governors, Alan Dickenson. Alan sadly passed away just before Christmas. We have passed on our thoughts and condolences to his family. We will miss Alan, who has given a lot of his time and financial expertise to the governing body over the years.

As we already had other vacancies which we had planned to fill this term, it does mean that we are now looking for some new governors to join our governing body. These are not parent governor vacancies so would not go to election, however parents can still stand. If you would be interested or know of someone who is, we would be delighted to hear from you.



We are particularly looking for people who have skills in business, marketing or have local community links to contribute to the skills of our existing governors however - the main criteria will be enthusiasm and commitment to our school!

***If you are interested in becoming one of our school governors, please contact the office or speak to Mrs Sadler for more information.***

**Clubs** – school run clubs start next week. Mrs Delves is just in the process of sorting out the final arrangements. As always we have had a massive response to our clubs offer and we are delighted that these are so popular with the children.

**Lottery Bid** – I am delighted to be able to let you know that the school has successfully bid for a grant of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. This will be to refurbish the hut so that it provides a better places for pupil's to work and for interventions such as play therapy to take place. It will continue to be used for music and also for community use by the Friends. Once the work is complete (we anticipate this happening in March), we will be exploring how we can make more use of the new, improved space. Our thanks go to Claire Few, one of the school governors, for her work in writing the bid so successfully.



**Children's Music Concerts** – we will be taking almost a quarter of the school to the Chichester Festival Theatre next week on the 17<sup>th</sup> January for the children's concert. Tickets have all been allocated now and we were very fortunate to secure so many this year due to Mrs Turner's quick thinking last spring when the dates first came out. I am sure we will have a lovely time. Year 5 will also be performing at the Festival Theatre on the 19<sup>th</sup> January. Year 5 families were given details of the ticketing arrangements last term. If you were hoping to go to see the concert, which involves a combined choir from several local primary schools, but do not have a ticket, please contact the Chichester Festival Theatre box office directly.

A full list of dates will be sent out shortly. The list sent before Christmas contains details of all the events currently planned and assembly dates were sent out last week.