



Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 28th April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone and we hope you all had a good Easter break. This summer term promises to be a fun, enjoyable term with lots of exciting projects going on in each year group.

Our Grounds Day is coming up soon too, please see the details below. Talking of gardening, you may have noticed that the plant beds at the front of the school have been given a wonderful makeover. Mr Vaughan was very busy over the Easter holidays planting up the new shrubs and plants. A big thank you goes to Miss Hendriksen's Dad who kindly arranged the plants for us.



Mrs Sadler, Headteacher

School Absences

Following recent guidance and in accordance with our absence policy, the school may refer your absence request to the Pupil Entitlement Investigation Team (PEIT) who may look into implementing a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for absences during the school term. If you wish to request any form of absence, you will now be required to complete an absence request form from the school office. Please note that a request for a family holiday is not classed as an exceptional absence. However, you are still required to complete the form.



Open Day

Our Open Day is on Friday 26th May from 12.00pm and all parents, carers and families are welcome. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see various presentations and displays throughout the school. A letter giving details about Open Day was emailed to everyone. However, hard copies are available in the foyer.



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 has taken a bit longer than expected. We hope that this will be finished soon and we will keep you updated on the progress.

Grounds Day – Saturday 6th May

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 6th 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.



If anyone has any hardy perennials or small shrubs for the flower borders by the sensory garden that you would like to kindly donate, please bring them to school the day before (Friday 5th May). Thank you.

Summer Term Dates 2017

Date	Event
Monday 24 th April	Term starts
w/c Monday 24 th April	Externally led clubs begin
Tuesday 25 th April	Year 3 Forest School starts
Friday 28 th April	Year 5 trip to Chichester Planetarium
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday – <i>school closed</i>
w/c Tuesday 2 nd May	Teacher led clubs begin
Tuesday 2 nd May	Year 3 and 4 to Bishop Luffa for Key Steps Gymnastics
Tuesday 2 nd May	Year 1 trip to Tesco 'Farm to Fork'
Wednesday 3 rd May	Class Photos
Thursday 4 th May	Swimming starts for Year 4
Friday 5 th May	'Friends' Coffee Morning – 8.45am. All parents welcome
Saturday 6 th May	Grounds Day 9.00am to 12.00pm
w/c Monday 8 th May	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 1 Paul Ullson – 'Animals'
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5 Paul Ullson – 'Aliens'
w/c Monday 22 nd May	Creative Week (whole school) – 'Space' theme
Tuesday 23 rd & 25 th May	As part of the 'Space' theme, each class will visit the Tim Peake Exhibition at the Novium Museum in Chichester.
Friday 26 th May	Open Day from 12.00pm for all parents and families. Lunch will be followed by presentations and displays. Details to follow
<i>Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive</i>	
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th June	INSET Day
Thursday 8 th June	'Friends' after school fundraising stall run by Year 3. Details TBC.
Monday 12 th June	Year 3 Paul Ullson 'Greeks' (part 1)
Tuesday 13 th June	NSPCC Assembly for the children followed by parent session on E-Safety in the hall at 8.45am. More details to follow.
Tuesday 13 th June	Meeting for new Year R parents – 5.30pm
Monday 19 th June	Year 2 - Chichester Library to meet author Laura James from 10.30am to 11.30am
Monday 19 th June	Year 3 – Chichester Library to meet author Laura James from 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Thursday 22 nd June *	'Sports Day' – Year's R, 1 & 2 in the morning. Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6 in the afternoon. Times and further details TBC *
w/c Monday 3 rd July	Last week of teacher led clubs
Thursday 6 th July	Year 3 Paul Ullson 'Greeks' (part 2)
Thursday 6 th July	Reserve 'Sports Day' if the 22 nd June cannot go ahead due to adverse weather
Thursday 13 th July	Last swimming session for Year 4
Thursday 13 th July	Disco for Key Stage 2 pupils
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 3 Forest School – last session
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of term

* In response to suggestions made last year, we are holding both Sports Days on the same day this year so that parents with children in both KS1 and KS2 only need to be available on one day (weather permitting).

Future Term Dates:

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April to Tuesday 25th July
 Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May
 (KS2 SATS week commencing 8th May)
 Half Term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive
Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June INSET days

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Wednesday 20th December
 Half Term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October inclusive
Monday 4th September and Monday 30th October INSET days

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/>

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