



Jessie Younghusband School



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Thursday 24th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We seem to have a lot of news to share with you this time so I am going to keep my section brief! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow for our Open Afternoon and I hope you all enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable break at half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday the 5th November after our INSET day on the Monday. *Mrs Sadler*

Arts Week OPEN Afternoon – 2.30pm Friday 25th October

Just a reminder that it is our Open Afternoon tomorrow at 2.30pm. The classes will be doing a short 5-minute performance for parents in their classroom and we have organised times for these so that you know when to be there. We hope we have organised this to make sure there are no clashes for parents with children in different year groups!

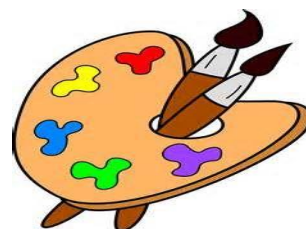
Doors Open at 2.30pm

2:35pm –Y5 and Y6 performance to parents

2:45pm –Y3 and Y4 performance to parents

2:55pm –YR and Y1 performance to parents

3:05pm –Y2 performance to parents



Once you are ready to leave, you should inform your child's teacher so that they can sign them out in the register in the class room.

Please note that unfortunately the second hand sale that was going to happen in the hall will not be going ahead as previously arranged.

Access to the School Office

Please may we remind all parents and carers that in order for us to ensure we keep our school safe, all parents and visitors are asked not to walk through the school, i.e. going from KS2 to KS1 to another or to the school office after drop off. If you need to come to the school office at any time, please could you walk around to the front entrance rather than through the hall or the KS1 corridor – thank you for your support with this.

Nut Aware

Please may we remind all parents and carers that we are a 'Nut Aware' school. This means that **no nuts or nut products are allowed in school.** This includes nutty cereal bars and chocolate spread etc. We currently have children and staff in school with life threatening nut allergies therefore please be aware of what you are packing into your child's lunchbox/snacks and birthday goodies for the class. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.



Parents Meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our recent consultation evenings. We received some very positive feedback about the school and our staff and it was particularly good to hear that our Music Teacher and Sports Coach appointments have been very well received.

JYS Enrichment Opportunities

We are planning on holding some enrichment opportunities within the school for pupils to access, to provide them with some additional learning experiences across a range of subjects. It is our intention that over an academic year, each of the pupils in KS1 and KS2 will be able to attend one session each.

The enrichment opportunities will include ICT, art, design technology, photography and other subjects too. The first of these sessions were run by Mr Neaves on Thursday 17th and Monday 21st October, and pupils were taught how to use iPads to take photographs and film clips and make movies using iMovie. The photographs the children took, and the films that were made, will be posted on the school's website as the children's objective was to "capture images to promote the school".

Year 6's Residential Trip

Year six had an exciting three days away last week at Bowles Outdoor Centre. The children enjoyed participating in a variety of activities such as rock climbing, skiing, raft building and archery.



The rain was relentless but this did not dampen the mood, and the children showed great perseverance and positivity in all the activities undertaken. It was amazing to see such maturity amongst the year sixes and we were particularly impressed with the teamwork. Here is to a great rest of the year!

Water Safety

Some of our Y5 pupils were invited to bring their shorts and t-shirts to their swimming session on Thursday 17th October. As competent swimmers, we were keen to give them the opportunity to develop new skills and confidence in the water. The children warmed up by swimming a few widths of the pool in their t-shirts and shorts – and swum without goggles. For some of the children, this was the first time they had done this. They then undertook a few challenges such as swimming for three minutes in a circuit, a straddle jump in to the pool and then passing a ball to a partner 5m away whilst they were both treading water.

ECO Team News

Thank you for all the wonderful recycling that you've been doing via the school. We have collected over 5 kg of writing implements, and another full tub of batteries were collected earlier this term. We've also had a great response to the inflatable collection on behalf of Final Straw Solent. As you enjoy half term with your families, please collect any red noses from Comic Relief Day that you don't want any more - they will be reused at school if you can send them in after half term. In addition we are hoping to do more eco-decorations on a Christmas theme, and would like to collect the cardboard inners from kitchen roll and wrapping paper (not toilet rolls) until Christmas please. The milk bottle tops will continue to be collected at school, but could we please ask that you do only send milk bottle tops to us. We are no longer collecting any other sort. Thank you, Mrs Neville, Mrs Ritchie and the Eco team.

Maths Volunteers

Do you have any spare time to come and help children with their maths?

Following our very successful maths week last summer we had some excellent volunteers come forward. Giving the children additional 1 to 1 support with basic maths skills makes such a difference to children who find it hard to retain these. If you do have an hour or two to spare each week and you would like to come and volunteer, please contact the school office. You would be given resources and guidance from the class teacher – thank you.



Maths Challenge

The Maths Challenge that we introduced last year is now in full flow. This is making a real difference to be children's basic maths skills. Thank you to parents for supporting children with this at home we know that the Times Tables Rock Star app is quite a 'hit' with many of you. Congratulations to all those who will shortly be receiving their first certificate for completing a level of challenge.



Book Fair

Following on from our very successful Book Fair, we made a total of £145.00 in commission. This means that we have been able to choose some fabulous new books for our class rooms and library.

Tag Rugby Festival

On Wednesday 23rd October, 10 of our Y4 pupils went to Chichester Rugby Club to take part in an inter-school tag rugby festival. They started the afternoon by doing some skills based activities and then had some short games. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and were very proud to come back to school and share with us that they had come second!



Reminder – INSET Day on Monday 4th November. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 5th November

Autumn Term 2019	
HALF TERM MONDAY 28 TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER	
w/c Monday 4 th November	
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5 trip to Minerva Theatre to see 'The Butterfly Lion', 7.00pm Year 6 Squash with Mike Philips
w/c Monday 11 th November	
Monday 11 th November	Fire Service Visit – YR 9am, Y2 9.45am, Y5 10.30am
Thursday 14 th November	Year 6 Squash with Mike Philips
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
w/c Monday 18 th November	
Monday 18 th November	Year 3 Chichester Walk with Paul Ullson
Wednesday 20 th November	School Photographs by Fraser Portraits – Individual and School Siblings only
Thursday 21 st November	Last swimming session for Year 4 and Year 5
Friday 22 nd November	Year 4 Paul Ullson 'Benin Kingdom) - am
w/c Monday 25 th November	
Monday 25 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
Wednesday 27 th November	Advent Assembly by Rev Simon Holland - 9.55am
Thursday 28 th November	Year 1 Paul Ullson – Wise Man/Toys
w/c Monday 2 nd December	
Monday 2 nd December	Last week of all Teacher led and External Clubs
Friday 6 th December	Non-uniform day in exchange for items for Christmas Fair (details to follow)
w/c Monday 9 th December	
Tuesday 10 th December	'Carols at the Cross' JYS Choir 9.30am Chichester
Friday 13 th December	'Christmas Fair'
w/c Monday 16 th December	
Monday 16 th December	KS2 Rehearsal at St Paul's 12.45pm to 3.15pm KS2 Christmas Performance at St Paul's 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Year R and KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Thursday 19 th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	End of term

Autumn Term 2019

Starts: Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
Ends: Friday 20th December

INSET days Monday 2nd September and Monday 4th November

Spring Term 2020

Starts: Monday 6th January
Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
Ends: Friday 3rd April

INSET day Friday 14th February

Summer Term 2020

Starts: Monday 20th April
Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
Ends: Monday 20th July

INSET days Monday 1st June and Monday 20th July

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/>