



Jessie Younghusband School

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Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

As school moves into a busy half term leading up to our Christmas festivities, we start by remembering all the people who lost their lives in the war. As this is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War we have created our own memorial to those who gave their lives in conflict. Please read on to find out more information about this.

You will have seen from our previous dates lists and other communications that this year we are focussing on developing teaching and learning in maths. Our INSET day at the start of this half term involved professional development for the teachers (and visiting teachers from other local schools) from one of the senior lecturers at Chichester University Primary Mathematics Department. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Stay and learn sessions which will focus on giving parents and carers information about ways of supporting your children at home. We have also prepared a booklet which we hope you will find useful, giving details of the calculation methods we are currently teaching. Many of these are different to those taught in the past so are not very familiar to adults. If you are not able to attend the sessions all the information will also be available in hard copy at the office or on the school's website.

If you have any feedback on the sessions or the booklet please let us know.

Mrs Sadler

Remembrance Assembly Monday 12th November We will be holding a special assembly with the children for Remembrance. This will include a two-minute silence as we remember all of the people who are affected by wars, both in the past and now. To mark this very significant occasion, we would like to invite any children who belong to nationally recognised clubs to wear their 'other' uniforms for the day on Monday; this includes Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scout and Cadet groups.



All the children have been involved in making poppies to create our own memorial for those who have died serving their country. If you don't get a chance to see this in school we will make sure there are pictures shared on the website.

Poppies Year 3 were invited to make a poppy display for our local church (St Pauls) to coincide with Remembrance Day. They have also been learning about World War One, as this year marks the 100 year anniversary of the end of the war. The class enjoyed making this banner, and now have a good understanding of why many people choose to wear poppies at this time of year. You are all welcome to pop along to St Paul's Church in Chichester to see the display.



Individual School Photos

On Tuesday 13th November we have Frasers coming to school to take individual/sibling photos of the children. Please note that this year we will not be inviting pre-school siblings to have their photo taken with their brother or sister.



Children in Need (Non-uniform Day) On Friday 16th November JYS Friends will be running some activities for the children to raise funds for Children in Need. This will include face/hand painting and a cake sale.

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes that can be brought in on Friday morning so please get baking! Volunteers are needed to help with the activities so if you are able to help, please would contact Lucy Cammack, Chair of Friends via: [facebook.com/groups/JYSFriends/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/JYSFriends/) or lucycammack@btinternet.com – Thank you! This year has a themed **fancy dress**. It has been called ‘**Everybody Has a Thing**’, and is meant to reflect individual’s talents, hobbies & goals. This means we would like to see costumes relating to something you want to be when you grow up or a special talent that you may have now. If you cannot think of anything suitable the normal spotty clothes will be fine. Please ensure children will be warm enough for this time of year. We very much look forward to seeing your outfits this year!

Volunteers Needed

Could you spare some time to come in to school and help children with their maths?



We already have a dedicated team of volunteers that help with the children’s reading but following a new initiative, we would love to have a core group of volunteers to help support children with some basic maths skills, e.g. counting and times tables. You will be provided with guidance and the relevant resources. If you are interested, please would you let the school office know.

Both children and staff would very much appreciate any time you are able to give to help with this.

Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our children look in their uniform, however we would like to just remind you of a couple of things that have arisen recently:

- Children may wear boots to and from school but they need to change into school shoes on arrival.
- Hair bands/bows/clips need to be plain and either blue or black and not too large.
- Nail varnish is not permitted.

Pop Up Museum - Lego



At the end of last half term, children across the school enjoyed a visit to the Novium to see the Bricks Britannia exhibition. They also explored significant buildings in the city. Back at school, they were inspired to recreate a model city of Chichester using different types of construction such as Lego, K’nex, stickle bricks and junk modelling.



Families had the opportunity to visit the pop-up museum after school and it was lovely that so many were able to come and to share positive feedback.

Year 6 Trip to Bowles



Just before half term, Year 6 spent three days at Bowles, an outdoor activity centre in Kent. The children enjoyed a variety of activities such as rock climbing, skiing, raft building, archery and night walks. The weather was glorious and the food was



scrumptious although we were all very tired by the time we returned home! We had a great time and the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, encouraging one another throughout the trip. Fond memories were made and they were proud to wear their new JYS hoodies.

‘Bowles was amazing because of all the different activities. My favourite activity was climbing.’ *Mia*

‘The trip was awesome because of the amazing ski slope. I’ve already asked for some ski boots for Christmas!’ *Sam*

Autumn Term 2018 – Diary Dates

w/c Monday 12th November	
Monday 12 th November	Remembrance Assembly for the children 10.45am
Tuesday 13 th November	Individual School Photographs am
Thursday 15 th November	Year 1 Parent Stay and Play at 8.45am
Friday 16 th November	'Children In Need' – Friends of JYS - Non-uniform day – Theme: 'Everybody Has a Thing'
Friday 16 th November	Y3 History Walk in Chichester 9am – 11.45am
w/c Monday 19th November	
Monday 19 th November	Bikeability – Y6 9am start
Tuesday 20 th November	Bikeability – Y6
Tuesday 20 th November	Fire Service Visiting Year R
Tuesday 20 th November	KS2 Parents Maths Stay and Learn Information Workshop at 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 th November	FGB at 5.15pm
Wednesday 21 st November	Bikeability – Y6
Thursday 22 nd November	Bikeability – Y6
Thursday 22 nd November	Year 2 Parent Stay and Play at 8.45am
Thursday 22 nd November	Last swimming session for Year 4 & 5
Friday 23 rd November	Bikeability – Y6
Friday 23 rd November	Year 3 & 4 (selected team) Football at Bishop Luffa 1.30pm
w/c Monday 26th November	
Friday 30 th November	Non-uniform Day for donations for the Friends Christmas Fair
w/c Monday 3rd December	
Monday 3 rd December	Last week of Teacher led clubs
Tuesday 4 th December	Last Pompey Football for Year 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 5 th December	Last R'N'B for Year 5 & 6
Thursday 6 th December	Last Pompey Football for Year 1, 2 & 3
Friday 7 th December	Last R'N'B for Year 2, 3 & 4
Friday 7 th December	Friends Christmas Fair – 3.15pm to 5.00pm
w/c Monday 10th December	
Monday 10 th December	'Sportshall Athletics' Year 5 & 6 team at Bishop Luffa
Tuesday 11 th December	Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas Play at 2pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Chartwells School Christmas Lunch (details to follow in due course)
w/c Monday 17th December	
Monday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert at 6.30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Last Karate session
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of term

Future Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Starts: Tuesday 4th September
 Half Term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October
 Ends: Wednesday 19th December
INSET days Monday 3rd September & Monday 29th October

Spring Term 2019

Starts: Thursday 3rd January
 Half Term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February
 Ends: Friday 5th April
INSET day Friday 15th February

Summer Term 2019

Starts: Tuesday 23rd April
 Half Term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
 Ends: Tuesday 23rd July
INSET day(s) to be confirmed

*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/>*