



Jessie Younghusband School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with very mixed feelings that I am writing my last ever paragraph for the newsletter. I am really looking forward to spending time with my grandson, riding my horse and working on my garden but it seems very strange to know that this is my last week at school.



I am really going to miss the children, families and staff that makes JYS such a special place to be. The last 18 months have been an enormous challenge, and amongst other things this has greatly reduced the amount of contact I have had with the children. It was such a pleasure on Tuesday of this week to be able to gather everyone on the field, under the shade of our lovely trees, to have our first whole school assembly for 18 months. We were able to share achievements and to say goodbye to the staff and children who leave JYS at the end of the year. Hopefully the weather will hold so that we can say a 'face to face' goodbye to our Year 6 children on our final Friday afternoon of the school year.



I am very proud to have had the opportunity to be Headteacher at JYS. It has been an honor to work alongside such fantastic, hard-working and committed colleagues, and to have had the support of a strong and effective Governing Body. We are so fortunate to have such a strong partnership with all of our parents. This makes such a difference to the children and I am very grateful for your hard work, especially during the periods of lockdown, I fully appreciate how hard this must have been.

I feel quite overwhelmed by many good wishes I have received and the generosity of everyone who has contributed to the wonderful retirement gifts I have been presented with. Thank you so much - it really does mean a lot to me.

I know that I am leaving JYS in safe hands and I wish Mr Hanna and the staff team in September all the very best. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday and wish you all health and happiness for the future whatever that may look like for you.

With fond memories and grateful thanks,

Mrs Sadler

Year 5 Residential Camp



Year 5 were incredibly lucky to have been able to hold their residential camp on the school field and to have a mostly dry time. Every moment of their waking time was filled with activities – from Forest Schools to a day trip to Marwell Zoo; from a trip to Chichester Planetarium to watching the live finals of our "egg drop" competition; from singing around the campfire to making rain forest inspired dioramas; from erecting tents to Mr Tomlinson's tough tent inspections! We

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were pleased to have put away dry tents before the rains started late on Friday night. Our thanks go out to the many staff and adults who help make the camp happen – from the office staff who organised trips, to the TAs and teachers who came in to cook food for the children. Special thanks need to go to Mrs Cooke and the team who camped with the children, including Mr Tomlinson, Mrs Maynard, Mr Barragan and Mr Neaves.

Sports Day

Although we were disappointed at not being able to invite parents in to watch again this year, we were very pleased to have been able to hold a Sports Day. Our thanks go to Mr Harman and his Year 6s for the parts they played in helping to organise – and report back on – the highlights of the day. For those that missed the report, it can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/IHRlerh5Wm4>



Malcolm the Magician



On Tuesday the 13th July, we were treated to a marvellous show in school. The Friends arranged for a fund-raiser in the shape of Malcolm the Magician.

It was wonderful to hear the laughter and the bubble of excitement during the show, and afterwards James in Y1 said it was “good – 100 thumbs up” and Kian in Y2 said “it was amazing! My favourite trick was when he turned a giant wand into two pieces of red tissue paper!”



Save the Date!

Dame Jacqueline Wilson

We wanted you to be the first to know about an exciting event in September! Dame Jacqueline Wilson is visiting Chichester on Sunday 26th September at the Chichester Free School from 2.30pm to 3.30pm to talk about her new book *The Primrose Railway Children*. We hope that some of you will be able to attend the



event and to enjoy hearing from this wonderful author as she speaks about her writing and her love of all things books! This will be a wonderful and engaging event for children from 7 years to grown-ups who have loved her work for many years. Tickets will be available from the 19th July (£8) and are available at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/childrens-book-fest-chichester>

Summer Raffle



I am pleased to announce that, as you will have seen in the ParentMail that was sent out yesterday, that from the summer raffle, the Magician, the sunflower and the second hand school uniform sale, we have raised an amazing **£1915!**

Our thanks go to the whole school community for supporting us to raise money that will go to making such a difference to the children at our great school.

Ralph's Fundraising

It is wonderful to share with you that Ralph in Year 4 succeeded in both raising the money for a defibrillator for the school and completing his ten-mile bike challenge. It was made all the more difficult by the high temperatures that we have been experiencing lately. Like his parents, we are very proud of Ralph's achievement. Ralph successfully completed his 10 miles on Saturday, and a special mention to AJ (in Year 3) who showed up to support Ralph for the whole 10 miles! Florrie also managed to complete 7 – 8 miles to support her big brother. A great effort, Ralph – well done!



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Spot the Gnome



A special “thank you” also goes out to our hard-working premises officer, Mr Wilkins, who has brightened the mornings of parents and children by hiding his gnome around the school site in this final week of term. It is often accompanied by an awful gnome pun, and it has been a joy to hear the squeals of delight as each new hiding spot is discovered and shared with friends and family.

Thank you, Mr Wilkins, for your creativity and sense of joy that has brought smiles at a time when we have all needed it! ☺

Girls' Football

And a final word of thanks to Mrs Dutton who, so as not to let down the girls in Year 6 who have been pestering her for ages – organised a girls' football match after school this week, and invited parents to come in and watch (whilst being socially distanced and responsible!). We had hoped to arrange for a match against another school, but it wasn't to be.

In keeping with another football match you may be aware of, the game ended in a draw (3-3) and then went to penalties!

Mrs Dutton said that they behaved brilliantly and showed great respect and encouragement to each other.



A final word on Covid (for now)

If, after we break up for the summer, your child starts showing symptoms of Covid and you get a positive test result back before the 29th July, then please will you contact the school via deputy@jys.org.uk. Please write “COVID TEST” in the subject, so that we know that this is the case.

This email account will be monitored during the week of the 26th – 30th July for such emails, and we will make sure that we contact Public Health England, the DfE and send out any notifications to parents that we are advised to.

Next Academic Year 2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Starts: Monday 6th September
Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October
Ends: Friday 17th December
***INSET day(s) Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September. Monday 1st November**

Spring Term 2022

Starts: Tuesday 4th January
Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February
Ends: Friday 8th April
***INSET day(s) Monday 28th February**

Summer Term 2022

Starts: Monday 25th April
Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Ends: Thursday 21st July (Please note this change of date)
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May
INSET day(s) Monday 6th June

***The INSET day(s) are subject to any further guidance in respect of COVID-19
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/>