



Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has felt a lot more “normal” this half-term, having had all of the children in full time and the chance to have guests in, to be able to do things like Forest Schools with two of the classes and to be planning school trips for after the half term break. If restrictions allow (in line with the Government guidance), we are hoping to be able to go ahead with residential camps for both Year 5 and Year 6 in June. Let’s hope that the good weather we have seen at the end of this week continues in to the half term break and beyond!

Mr Neaves

Hedgehogs

On Thursday and Friday of this week, we had a very special visitor to the school. Graham, from St Francis Animal Care Hedgehog Rescue brought in Harry, one of the hedgehogs that he has rescued, and spoke to each of the classes about what he does and how to care for hedgehogs, if you come across one. The children listened quietly, watched with wide eyes as Harry snuffled around the floor in his pen, and asked lots of brilliant questions.



Did you know that a baby hedgehog is called a hoglet?

The History Man



It has been great to be able to welcome familiar faces back in to school to work with the children. Paul Ullson (@paul_ullson on Instagram) is seen here working with our Y4s on their “Bones, Stones and Thrones” topic, exploring how we would have lived in Stone Age times.

Forest Schools



What a pleasure it has been to have so many of our children taking part in Forest Schools this half term. Both Years 3 and 4 have benefitted from the opportunities to learn new skills out at Brandy Hole Copse. These have ranged from fire lighting with flint and steel (to get a fire going to toast their marshmallows!) to making dandelion jam!



Chichester Fire and Rescue Service

Year 5 were visited by Chichester’s Fire and Rescue Service for a safety talk, a chance to have a look at all of the equipment that they carry on their vehicles, and the opportunity to hold the hose whilst it was in action! Again, it is a sign of things slowly returning to “normal” that we are able to welcome visitors like this back in to school to enhance the learning experiences of the children.



Tadpoles



We have been fortunate to have had tadpoles in three of our classes over the past few weeks, and the children have really enjoyed watching their progress as they grow and change. In the little picture to the left, you can just make out a froglet who had appeared on Wednesday 26th, much to Year 2's excitement. For clearer images of what we have found in and around our grounds, do check out our Instagram page (@jessieyounghusband).

Eco Update

Last week saw our first 'Tech-Free Day' at JYS. This was an idea suggested by the Eco Team when we were setting our Eco Action Plan in the autumn. Not only did we save the energy usually used by all our appliances, but the children had a great time exploring other ways of learning. Activities included a science-related scavenger hunt, leaf art, and making collage posters on protecting our National Parks. One child so much enjoyed the day with no whiteboard or lights that their parent wrote to the class teacher to tell them!



June is time for the Wildlife Trusts '30 Days Wild' campaign, promoting a daily Random Act of Wildness. This might be anything from eating breakfast outside and listening to birdsong, to planting flowers for butterflies. Ideas are all available on the Wildlife Trust's website, and you can sign up for a free family pack at <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>. The website also has a huge collection of other activities for children (and adults). There are crafts to do inside and out, spotting guides, suggestions for physical activities - see for yourself at <https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities>.

Always wanted a Blue Peter badge? There's a Blue Peter Green Badge for anyone who makes three pledges chosen from the website and keeps them for two weeks. The pledges are very straightforward and you can apply here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>.

WSCC are also running a 'Recycle It Right Family Challenge' until 22nd June. Children can earn a badge and families are entered into a fortnightly prize draw, to win Wastebuster prizes including water bottles, Top Trumps or your very own Captain Busta soft toy, just like the ones we have as class prizes at school (made from five recycled plastic bottles). You can register here: <https://westsussex.wastebusters.org/pledge-challenge-page/>

If a day out is more to your taste, Amberley Museum have a 'Green week' running all half term, with a special event on June 5th for World Environment Day. You can find out more and book tickets here <https://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk/whats-on/green-week/>. Carrie Cort of Sussex Green Living, who regularly visits the school, will be there with the Inspiration Eco Station - an upcycled milk float packed with eco-related displays and games!

THERE WILL BE SOMETHING HERE ABOUT FRIDAY'S PLASTIC FREE DAY

Thank you for all your support in our efforts!

This list of dates will be added to over the term, so please look out for updates on our website or via ParentMail.

Summer Term 2021	
HALF TERM MONDAY 31 ST May to Friday 4 th June	
w/c Monday 7 th June	
Monday 7 th June	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 8 th June	Y3 Forest Schools
Wednesday 9 th June	Y3 – Paul Ullson (History Man) 'Greeks'
Thursday 10 th June	Y6 – Paul Ullson (History Man) 'Monarchs'
w/c Monday 14 th June	
Tuesday 15 th June	Y3 Forest Schools
w/c Monday 21 st June	
Monday 21 st to Wednesday 23 rd	Y6 trip to Cobnor Activities Centre Trust

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June	
Tuesday 22 nd June	Y3 Forest Schools
Wednesday 23 rd June	Y2 – Jaws ‘N’ Claws (pm)
Friday 25 th June	Plastic Free Friday!
w/c Monday 28th June	
Tuesday 29 th June	Sports Day – KS2 – morning (details to follow in due course) Sports Day – Reception & KS1 – afternoon
Wednesday 30 th June to Friday 2 nd July	Y5 Camp – Including a trip to Marwell Zoo on Thursday 1st
w/c Monday 5th July	
Tuesday 6 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting – 4.30pm to 6.30pm
w/c Monday 12th July	
w/c Monday 19th July	
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term

Summer Term 2021

Starts: Monday 19th April
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Ends: Friday 23rd July
***Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May – school closed**
***INSET day(s) Monday 7th June**

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: Friday 22nd July
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/>