



Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are already three weeks through this half-term! It has been wonderful to be able to get the children outside for their learning – with both Years 3 and Years 4 now doing Forest Schools, more and more classes engaging in "The Daily Mile" and a coach from "Chance to Shine" teaching all of the children in Key Stage 2 cricket across a Thursday, just adding to the other opportunities to be learning outside of the classroom environment.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you who have continued to support what we are doing at the school – from wearing face coverings during the staggered drop-offs and pick-ups, to ensuring that the children come to school dressed smartly in school uniform and have their PE kits in for the week – it all really helps with the smooth running of the school.

Mr Neaves

Visit by Gillian Keegan, MP



Today, we received a visit from Chichester's Conservative MP, Gillian Keegan. She learned about our refurbishment of the school library and our initiative last year where we fundraised money to buy over a £1000 worth of new books by BAME authors. Gillian then dropped in to Y3 to meet the children and answer some of their questions, before inviting them to write further questions to her in parliament. Gillian then met the rest of the Key Stage 2 children in the hall (where the class bubbles were separated of course!) to introduce herself, hear about their experiences of lockdown and the pandemic, and to answer their many questions, ranging

from "Why did you become an MP?" and "What are you doing, as an MP, about climate change?" to "What is Boris Johnson *actually* like?"

Easter Raffle

Another huge "Thank you" to you all for your support – this time with regards the Easter Raffle that the Friends arranged for the last day of the spring term. We were overwhelmed by both the generosity of the donations of prizes and the money to buy raffle tickets. We raised a staggering £658! The Friends have shared with you how this money raised is being spent to benefit the children at the school. Such things can only happen due to hard work and the generosity of the parents, so we send a very sincere Thank You!



Blue Peter Badge Winner



It is with considerable pride that we can share with you that Thomas, currently in Year 3, has been awarded a special Blue Peter Badge for coming to his mother's aid during the Christmas holiday. Thomas found that his mum was on the floor having a fit, the first time he had seen her do this. He calmly got her phone, managed to get it unlocked and phoned his uncle for help. He then stayed with his mum to care for her until help arrived. It is wonderful that Blue Peter have recognised this act of courage, and we are very pleased to be able to share it with the school community.

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PACSO Playground Design Winners

We are thrilled to also be able to share with you that Ariana and Mathilda, two of our Year 5 girls, won 1st and 2nd place respectively in a competition to design a playground for PACSO (Parents And Carers Support Organisation). The winning design was chosen “for her design of an inclusive playground for all children with and without additional needs. We loved its colour and its sense of peace”. The children both won signed Michael Morpurgo novels as he was supporting the charity.



Eco Update



Thank you for your efforts to reduce the amount of single use plastic in lunchboxes. Last week, on our April Plastic Free Friday, the average number of single use plastic wrappers per packed lunch was 1.5, exactly the same as we managed in March. A special mention must go to Year 1, who had only one single piece of waste plastic in their lunchboxes! Year 4 scored best in KS2, with less than 1 item of waste plastic per lunchbox, on average - well done to those children and their families! **The next Plastic Free Friday will be on 28th May.**

Also coming up is our **Tech-free Day on 20th May**, when everyone at school will be using as little technology as we can - no interactive White boards, no iPads, no computers, no photocopying (apart from the office staff). We'll be checking our electricity consumption before and on that date, to see what reduction we managed to achieve. We're hoping to do a lot of lessons outside too, to make the most of our wonderful school grounds. 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	
w/c Monday 10 th May	
Monday 10 th May	Year 5 Fire Visit – 9.00am
Tuesday 11 th May	Y3 Forest Schools
w/c Monday 17 th May	
Tuesday 18 th May	Y3 Forest Schools
Wednesday 19 th May	Class Photographs (Fraser Portraits)
w/c Monday 24 th May	
Tuesday 25 th May	Y3 Forest Schools
Thursday 27 th May	Y6 - 9.15am. School Nurses Team visiting as part of the 'National Child Measurement Programme' Hedgehog Rescue Talk - am
Friday 28 th May	Plastic Free Friday! Y5 – Paul Ullson (History Man) 'Roman Walk' Hedgehog Rescue Talk – pm
HALF TERM MONDAY 31 ST May to Friday 4 th June	
w/c Monday 7 th June	
Monday 7th 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 June	Y6 trip to Cobnor Activities Centre Trust
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 28 th 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 1 st
w/c Monday 5 th July	
Tuesday 6 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting – 4.30pm to 6.30pm

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w/c Monday 12 th July	
w/c Monday 19 th 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/>