



# Jessie Younghusband School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school at the start of a new year and a new decade!

In assembly on Monday we talked about journeys and the children were encouraged to think about their journey through school and how to make the most of the opportunities that come their way. I hope that 2020 will be a happy and successful journey full of opportunities for everyone in the JYS community.

We are continuing the work we started last term to develop our curriculum planning and I hope that this will further enhance the rich and varied provision that is already in place across the school to enable all of the children to enjoy and progress in their learning and to develop their individual interests and talents.

This newsletter contains a few quick notices. You will see that we do still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and our Governing Body would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in finding out more. Please get in touch if this is something you are considering.

*Mrs Sadler*

## **Parent Governor**

Further to the letter sent out last term, we do still have a vacancy for a Parent (or grandparent) to join our governing body as a Parent Governor. Ofsted found our Governing Body to be very effective in its role and we have some very experienced governors who would be able to support a new member to become familiar with the role. Being a governor is a very rewarding and informative role which gives an opportunity to get more involved and to contribute to the strategic direction of the school. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Mrs Sadler or one of our other parent governors – Samantha Kennedy (Year 2), David Turner (Year 2), David Fitzgerald (Year 3 and 6). We would love to hear from you.

## **Thank you JYS Friends**

We have had some brilliant events organised by the JYS Friends Committee over that last term. We are very grateful, for the time people give to making things happen and for the money raised as a result. We would especially like to thank everyone involved in the installation of the Drama Stage on the playground. Although there is some 'grass' to add to this it is otherwise looking fantastic. A particular 'thank you' to Mrs Turner for her wonderful artwork on the backdrop.



## **Casual Mid-Day Meals Supervisors**

If there is anyone who would be interested in applying to be a casual supervisor at lunchtime please come in and speak to the office. We would like to find 1 or 2 people who

would be able to cover in the event of a member of the team being absent. It is a great way to get some experience of working in school for anyone interested in pursuing this as a working role. You will be asked to complete an application form and would need to provide references and have a DBS check as these are required for our safeguarding records.

### **Packed Lunches**

We know that some of you choose packed lunches so that you can make sure your child has a meal they will enjoy and so that you know what they are eating. We do ask that children do not bring sweets or chocolate bars in their lunch box and no fizzy drinks. Please also know that we are a 'nut aware' school so no items containing nuts should be brought in. Ideally their lunch box will contain at least 2 helpings of their 'Five a day'. Children are asked to leave any food that they don't eat in their lunch box so that you can see what they have eaten and can adjust what you give them accordingly. Please ask at the office, if you would like any advice about the amount or type of food to include.



### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

The dates for meetings for this term have been arranged for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will follow nearer the time

## **Term Dates for the remainder of the year**

### **Spring Term 2020**

Starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Ends: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
***INSET day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February***

### **Summer Term 2020**

Starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Ends: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
***INSET days Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July***

### **Autumn Term 2020**

Starts: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
***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/>

**Please see further dates attached.**

<b>Please note <u>external clubs</u> will start from week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.</b> <b><u>Teacher led</u> clubs will start from week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.</b> <b><u>Last week of ALL clubs</u> week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</b>	
<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	
<b>w/c Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>TERM BEGINS</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for Year 4
<b>w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	'Bizzie Badminton' at Westgate for a Year 3 team
<b>w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 trip to 'Weald and Downland' – studying Victorians
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	'Future Flyers 1.20pm to 3pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 5 'United Voices' at Chichester Festival Theatre
<b>w/c Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Class Assembly 8.55am
<b>w/c Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 'Space' with Paul Ullson
<b>w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	E-Safety Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	'Safer Internet Day – Year 6 visiting Parklands School 'Safer Internet for Parents' at Lancastrian School 6pm to 7pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Eco-Club 'Green Day' (whole school) - Assembly at 10.30am Disco for KS2
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>HALF TERM w/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	
<b>w/c Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 'Pirates' with Paul Ullson
<b>w/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation meetings 3.30 – 6.30. Sign up sheets will be available nearer the time.
<b>w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	'Future Flyers' 1pm to 3pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	'Sport Relief'
<b>w/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Sports Morning with Regis School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4's Last Swimming Session
<b>w/c Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly 8.55am Year 1 'Houses & Homes' with Paul Ullson
<b>w/c Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs by Fraser Portraits – 9am
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>