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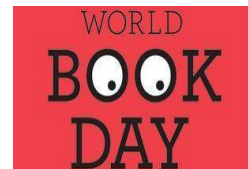
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always a rare 'treat' in this part of the UK for us to have enough snow to play and sledge in. From what I am hearing, children and adults alike made the most of the 'snow day'. It is always a difficult call but as all but one of our teachers travel to school by car, it seemed that the safest decision to make on Friday was to close the school. Personally I am always glad when it doesn't linger and here we are now enjoying some lovely spring sunshine – what a contrast to those arctic temperatures we had last week! Let's hope spring is now well and truly on its way.

Mrs Sadler

World Book Day Monday 12th March

Our original World Book Day Celebrations were unfortunately cut short due to the icy roads, sub-zero temperatures and snowfall experienced over the latter part of last week. We have now rescheduled our dress up day for **Monday 12th March**. On this day, we would like to offer the children the opportunity to come to school dressed as a character from a book of their choice – we know that lots of them were disappointed when they did not get to wear their costume last Friday. This is optional so if your child prefers not to dress up normal uniform will be fine.



Cormorant's Swimming Gala



What a night! For the first time in years, it was not a two-horse race between JYS and West Dean School. It was wide open. Our squad (20 children from years 4, 5 and 6) swam in 29 races - these were either individual or team events. From the outset, it was clear that of the six teams competing there were four in contention - and JYS was one of them. At the midway point we were in second place. The races were nail-bitingly close. We won one. We then came second... Won another..... Came

fourth.... And so on. It all came down to the last few races. Our squad gave it their all. They climbed out of the pool after their events panting from the exertion. It was a close call. When they announced we had come second, there was an almighty cheer from the supporters. All credit to Bosham School who took the title. We are proud of our second place shield, and will come back next year, determined to reclaim the winner's shield. Thank you to all the school adults for supporting the children so well, Mr Neaves has finally got his voice back after all the cheering!



Friends of JYS Easter Egg Raffle and Treasure Hunt – Thursday 29th March

This will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 29th March at 3.15pm. Throughout the day, the children will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets (£1 per strip) for the Easter Egg Raffle that will take place at the end of the day. If your child would like to buy some tickets, they will need to bring their money to school on Thursday morning in a named purse/wallet. Donations of Easter Eggs would be gratefully received and can be handed in to the school office from Monday 19th March. Thank you for your help and support with this. Funds raised from this will be for the 'Friends of JYS'.



Grounds Day – Date Rescheduled

Our Grounds Day has been rearranged for a Saturday morning next term - we will let you know the date in due course. We thought it would be best to reschedule it due to the recent bad weather. With spring hopefully around the corner there will be more jobs to do in school next term. All families are welcome to join us as we dig, tidy and smarten up our grounds. Tea, coffee, doughnuts and biscuits keep us going. Please come and join in the fun! Even if you are only able to spend an hour or so with us, it will help us to prepare the grounds for the rest of the summer term. Grounds Days also provides an opportunity for the children to earn one point to go on their JYS badge total. Further details will follow soon.



Sport Relief 2018

The whole school will be participating in 'Sport Relief' on Friday 23rd March. A letter will be coming your way soon with all the exciting details!

Year 1 Trip to Weald and Downland

Year 1 had a great trip to the Weald and Downland this week. They enjoyed looking at the old houses and finding out how they were built and what wattle and daub is! They got to look closely at the buildings and completed a challenge to find different patterns in the bricks. To finish their visit they all had a biscuit made from the flour which is ground in the watermill at the museum.



Spring Term 2018 - Diary Dates

w/c Monday 12 th March	
Monday 12 th March	Last Teacher led clubs this week
Monday 12 th March	World Book Day (dress up optional)
Monday 12 th March	Second deposit due for Bowles (Y6) £70
Tuesday 13 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 8.55am
Tuesday 13 th March	Netball Tournament at Bishop Luffa (team selected, collect from Bishop Luffa at 4pm)
Thursday 15 th March	Year 5 STEM Fest at Chichester College 10am – 11.30am
Friday 16 th March	Year 4 STEM Fest at Chichester College 10am – 11.15am
w/c Monday 19 th March	
Tuesday 20 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly 8.55am
Tuesday 20 th March	Y4 'Mayan' Workshop (run by Chi Uni)
Tuesday 20 th March	Frisbee Festival at Westgate Leisure Centre (team of 8 from Y5 & Y6)
Tuesday 20 th March	Full Governing Body meeting 5.15pm
Wednesday 21 st March	Year 5 Class Assembly 8.55am
Wednesday 21 st March	Year 3 trip to Novium
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 2 – 'Little Big Sing' (details to follow)
Friday 23 rd March	'Sport Relief' – letter to follow
w/c Monday 26 th March	
Monday 26 th March	Y5 & Y6 Football at Chichester College – Team of 10
Tuesday 27 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly 8.55am
Tuesday 27 th March	Year 6 World War Two Dress Up Day
Tuesday 27 th March	Y3 & Y4 Multi Skills at Bishop Luffa – collect from Bishop Luffa at 4pm
Wednesday 28 th March	R'n'B last session (Wednesday & Friday Group together)
Wednesday 28 th March	Year 4 Class Assembly 8.55am
Wednesday 28 th March	Y5 & Y6 Swimming Gala at Arun Leisure Centre – Team of 11 (letter to follow)
Thursday 29 th March	Last Swimming for Year 4 Term Ends 3.15pm

Spring Term 2018

Starts: Thursday 4th January
Half Term: Friday 9th to Friday 16th February
 Ends: Thursday 29th March
INSET day Friday 9th February

Summer Term 2018

Starts: Monday 16th April
Half Term: w/c Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
 Ends: Friday 20th July
INSET days Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

Autumn Term 2018

Starts: Monday 3rd September
Half Term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October
 Ends: Wednesday 19th 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/>