



Jessie Younghusband School

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Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our spring term topics are now in full swing and it is wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning. At JYS we always place a great emphasis on a rich and varied curriculum and aim to make the most of wider opportunities which come along. You can read about some recent activities in this newsletter.

Whilst we try to provide enough information to parents, sometimes questions may arise and we would always aim to respond to these quickly. I know that some parents are concerned about the results published recently in the School League Tables and I hope that the two meetings planned for Wednesday 23rd January at 9.00am and Tuesday the 29th January at 6.00pm will provide an opportunity for me to share more details on this with parents and to explain how the school has responded. There will be representatives from the Governing Body at the meetings. If you have not already indicated via ParentMail that you will be attending one of the meetings you are still very welcome to come along but we would be grateful if you could indicate this on the response form.

Mrs Sadler

Children's Concert



On Tuesday all the children went to Chichester Festival Theatre for a special 'Children's Concert'. Year R and Key stage 1 children went to the performance in the morning and Key stage 2 children went in the afternoon. The children were able to go thanks to the 'Friends' whose vital fundraising was able to pay for all the children to attend.

Magic tricks and music came together to introduce them to different instruments and styles of music including modern classics like 'Do Re Mi' to traditional overtures. Emily and Isaac were selected from the audience to go up on the stage and conduct the orchestra which they thoroughly enjoyed! Thank you 'Friends' for enabling all the children to have a memorable visit to the theatre! *See our school website for the video clip.*

Young Voices

On Tuesday 5th February some children from Year 5 are going to The O2 Arena in London to take part in the largest school choir in the world! They have been busy practising their songs and are ready to have an experience to remember!



Staffing News

Mrs Nash, our School Business Manager will be leaving JYS in March. This is for family reasons. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Nash for her hard work and commitment to JYS over the last 2 ½ years. We wish her well for the future. The position has been advertised on the West Sussex school jobs page.



Meet Our New Staff

Mrs Cooke - Year 4 Class Teacher Enjoyed travelling the world when she was a student and would love to continue her travels one day. She would particularly like to explore China, Australia and New Zealand. Drama and acting are passions of Mrs Cooke's, as she used to tread the boards professionally in the past. A variety of local am-dram groups manage to tame the acting beast within her, although she harbors a secret desire to go back to acting once her children have grown up! Mrs Cooke loves many different types of music, including; heavy metal, indie, rock and rap music. Seeing bands is one of her favourite pass-times. Other hobbies include; photography, art, parapsychology, watching scary movies and reading. She is currently reading Twilight by Peter James and a couple of her favourite films are Fargo and Withnail & I. Mrs Cooke has been meaning to write a children's book for the last 10 years and has made a New Year's Resolution to start one this year- watch this space!

Mr White - Year 5 Class Teacher Outside of the classroom, one of my hobbies is Karate. I have been a member of A.S.K (Academy of Shotokan Karate) for 15 years. I also enjoy scuba diving and proudly earned my Open Water Diver qualification amongst the stunning coral reefs in Cozumel, Mexico. In recent years, I have taken up Longboarding which is always great on a sunny day. My music taste is very varied, but my favourite band is The JB Conspiracy which I have seen perform many times. I am also excited to be seeing The Specials perform in April. I can't choose a favourite film but I am a big Stars Wars fan.

Mr Phillips - Premises Officer We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Phillips on Monday 21st January. Mr Phillips will write a few lines to introduce himself in the next newsletter. In the meantime, I am sure you will all enjoy getting to know him over the coming weeks.



Sport

Last term some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in 'Sportshall Athletics'. They did very well and are through to the next round on Wednesday 30th January at Bishop Luffa. They will also be participating in the School Games Cross Country. We will let you know how they get on.

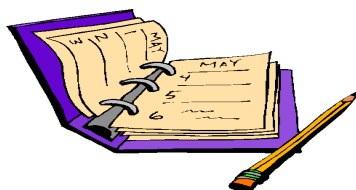
Parent/Carer Contact Information

Just a reminder that if you change your address, phone number or email, please let the school office know about the changes asap so that we can update our records. Thank you.



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Please see the next page for dates for your diary



Spring Term 2019 – Diary Dates

w/c Monday 21st January	
Tuesday 22 nd January	'Future Flyers' 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd January	Invitation to Parent Information Meeting (re School Results) 9.00am
w/c Monday 28th January	
Tuesday 29 th January	Invitation to Parent Information Meeting (re School Results) 6.00pm
Wednesday 30 th January	Year 4 Class Assembly 8.55am Y5 & Y6 Cross Country at Bishop Luffa
Thursday 31 st January	Fire Service to visit Year 1 – 9.00am
w/c Monday 4th February	
Monday 4 th February	Year 3 trip to 'Weald and Downland' departing 9.30am Year 5 Paul Ullson visit 'Space'
Tuesday 5 th February	Year 5 trip 'Young Voices' Concert at the O2 Year 6 Magistrates visit from Martin Tomlinson – 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Friday 8 th February	Year 4 Dance Display with Rachael Boarer – parents invited 9.00am
w/c Monday 11th February	
Wednesday 13 th February	Year 3 Dance Display with Rachael Boarer – parents invited 9.00am Year 1 Author Visit Jill Atkins – 1.00pm
Friday 15th February	INSET DAY
Half Term Friday 15th to Sunday 24th February	
w/c Monday 25th February	
Wednesday 27 th February	Last Forest School Club for Year 5 & 6
w/c Monday 4th March	
w/c Monday 11th March	
Tuesday 12 th March	'Future Flyers' 1.30pm – 3.30pm Governor visit day (am) and lunch
w/c Monday 18th March	
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly at 8.55am
w/c Monday 25th March	
Monday 25 th March	Last week of Teacher led clubs Cricket All Stars taster morning for Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 26 th March	Full Governors Meeting at 5.15pm
Friday 29 th March	Year 2 Dance Display with Rachael Boarer – parents invited 9.00am
w/c Monday 1st April	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Last Pompey Football Club for Y4, 5 & 6
Thursday 4 th April	Last Pompey Football Club for Y1, 2 & 3 KS2 Disco
Friday 5 th April	Year 1 Dance Display with Rachael Boarer – parents invited 9.00am Term ends at 3.15pm

Spring Term 2019

Starts: Thursday 3rd January
Half Term: Friday 15th to Friday 22nd February
Ends: Friday 5th April
INSET day Friday 15th February

Summer Term 2019

Starts: Tuesday 23rd April
Half Term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
Ends: Friday 19th July
INSET days Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July

Autumn Term 2019

Starts: Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
Ends: Friday 20th December
INSET day Monday 2nd September

*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/>*