



Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in trying to keep everyone as safe as we can manage in these very difficult times. Drop off and pick-ups are working a lot more smoothly now, and this is largely due to the care that you are all taking.

By now, many of you will have had the opportunity to speak to your class teacher on the phone in place of the face-to-face parent consultation evenings that we would normally have offered. If you have not yet caught up with your child's class teacher, please email them to schedule a call.

It has been wonderful to have been able to offer some clubs this term, in line with our Covid-19 risk assessments, and karate, dance and football clubs are all at capacity. I have enjoyed running my fencing club for a group of Year 6 children, and it is wonderful to see the progress that they are making in that.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns at any time please let us know. We are here to help you and to make sure that your child is happy and successful at Jessie Younghusband School.

Mr Neaves

Harvest Festival

Another huge thank you – from the Chichester Foodbank – for your generosity and kindness. At a time where increasingly large numbers of families are struggling, they were overwhelmed when they came on site to collect the donated food and hygiene products that had been brought in. They have assured us that each and every thing brought in will make a difference to somebody's life.



COVID-19 Advice for parents

A reminder that as we receive new advice and guidance from the Government, we will pass it on to you through Parent Mail so that we can keep you up-to-date as much as we can. As we reported in the last newsletter, it looks as if every effort is still being made to keep schools open. Latest advice for parents can always be found by clicking on this link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>



Bikeability

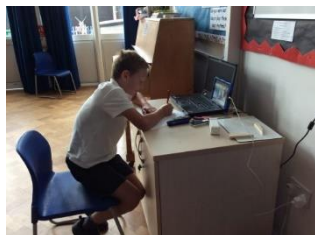
The children this year have successfully completed their bikeability training in glorious weather apart from the pictured group, who had to endure rain, hailstones and blustery winds! The instructors were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm, politeness and confidence.

WWII morning - Paul Ullson

Year 6 enjoyed their visit from Paul who spent the morning answering key questions on WWII as well focusing on what it was like to be an evacuee, examining primary historical evidence.



School Council



This term, the children across the school have voted for their class representatives, who this week have been busy talking to their classes about the experiences at Jessie in their first half-term back. Matty and Edward, who are the Year R and Year 1 representatives, had lots of fun conducting their questions over Zoom. Next week, all the representatives will meet to discuss their findings and will spend some time planning what their School Council focus will be for the year.

Virtual Sports Competitions

As we are not able to mix with other schools at the moment, inter-school competitions (of which Jessie is always proud to take part, and having been awarded Gold School Games Mark two years running is proof of our dedication to sport) seemed unlikely. However, we have begun joining in some “virtual” sporting events, where the staff ensure that the children in each school take part under as similar circumstances as they can, record their results and upload them to a central official who can then rank the schools. Here we can see some of our Y6s taking part in their Virtual Athletics recently – and I know we have also entered the Virtual Cross Country event.



The Friends of JYS

As you will have read in the recent newsletter from the Friends, we have not been able to do our fundraising through the summer fair and we won't be able to host a Christmas Fair this year, either. Hopefully, you'll have had the opportunity to support the school through buying some Christmas cards (or other gift) that has been designed by your child.

If you feel you would like to make a donation to the JYS Friends' account, it will be hugely appreciated! We understand that times are really tough for some at the moment but all amounts make a difference and will keep the funds topped up, so we can continue to fund some amazing experiences and equipment for the children. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Bank Details: Friends of JYS

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Barclays Bank Plc

Please note that due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Friends of JYS are unable to take any form of cash or cheque donations, and can only accept direct bank payments.



We will be supporting Children in Need again this year, but because of restrictions, this will be a lot more low-key than in previous years. On Friday 13th November, your child can come to school in non-uniform and pay a £1 “fine” that will be passed on to the Children in Need charity.

Christmas Cracker Competition

Although there are still many restrictions on schools as to what we can and can't do in these times, we are still planning on doing what we can to celebrate Christmas in some way in school. This will include the Chartwells' Christmas lunch and our popular Christmas Cracker Competition. Details of these events will follow in due course.



Our School Library



One of the things that we were able to do whilst the school was open to our Keyworker families during Lockdown earlier this year, was to sort out our school library. Mrs Orde took up the challenge and sorted out all of the books – from removing old, tatty and obsolete books to organising a fund raising page to allow us to buy £1000 worth of BAME books (these are books that may be written by BAME authors or feature BAME characters) and books that share more diverse lifestyles – as well as replacing some old favourites. We also gave the library a “makeover”. The children are starting to enjoy access to the library again, within our

Covid-19 arrangements, and we look forward to them being able to use it more fully.

And to help promote a life-long love of reading, Mr Vass has encouraged all the teachers to display which books they are currently reading to share with the children that we are all readers too.

Parent / Carer Contact Information

To end, we just wanted to remind you 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. We hope that we don't need to contact you during the school day, but if we do then it is important that the details we have are correct. Thank you.

Autumn Term 2020	
w/c Monday 28 th September	
HALF TERM MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER TO Friday 30th OCTOBER	
w/c Monday 2 nd November	
Monday 2 nd November	INSET DAY
Thursday 5 th November	Y1 Forest School at Brandy Hole Copse
w/c Monday 9 th November	
Tuesday 10 th November	Y2 Paul Ullson (History Man) Smugglers
Thursday 12 th November	Y1 Forest School at Brandy Hole Copse
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need – children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and pay a £1 “fine” that will be donated to Children In Need
w/c Monday 16 th November	
Wednesday 18 th November	Whole School Individual Photographs by 'Frasers' all day
w/c Monday 23 rd November	
Thursday 26 th November	Y1 Paul Ullson (History Man) 'Wiseman & Toys'
w/c Monday 30 th November – Last week of clubs	
w/c Monday 7 th December	
w/c Monday 14 th December	
Wednesday 16 th December	Chartwells' Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

Autumn Term 2020

Starts: Monday 7th September
Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 1st November
Ends: Friday 18th December
****INSET days Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September and Monday 2nd November***

Spring Term 2021

Starts: Monday 4th January
Half Term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February
Ends: Thursday 1st April
****INSET day Monday 22nd February***

Summer Term 2021

Starts: Monday 19th April
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Ends: Friday 23rd July
INSET days to be confirmed

****The INSET day(s) are subject to any further guidance in respect of COVID-19 and Governor approval.***

***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/>***