



# Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading about all of the recent activities children from JYS have been involved in. It makes me very proud to be Headteacher of a school where we are able to offer so much and where pupils and their families are so enthusiastic to make the most of a varied range of opportunities.

School is all about challenges and we all, adults and children alike, do our very best to respond to these in the best way possible. One of the things which children work on in school is how to make good choices with their behaviour and how to get on with each other. In the same way that some children find learning hard, others find social and emotional areas of learning very challenging. When this happens, we use the strategies set out in our Behaviour Policy to address the situation. We do not tolerate unacceptable behaviour. There will always be a consequence, but this may not be 'public'. It is often the case that poor or inappropriate behaviour may be repeated and this is also dealt with, it is not always possible to change behaviour quickly. This is a little like changing habits - we all know how hard that can be - and adjusting personal traits. The important thing is that we are an inclusive school and aim to provide well for all of our children. We very much appreciate your partnership and support when these situations arise. This really does help to positively reinforce our expectations.

*Mrs Sadler*

## Young Voices at the O2



What a day! After a smooth coach ride to London, 19 Y5 pupils and 3 of our teaching staff found our seats amongst the choir of 8868 children and their teachers and had an energetic rehearsal. At 7pm, the lights went down and we started singing - with the Young Voices Choir, with a Britain's Got Talent "Golden Buzzer Winner", Sharlene Hector and the legend that is Tony Hadley (Gold!). They sang their hearts out and had an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime.

## Stargazing South Downs

Everyone is invited to join some events at Stargazing South Downs, **Saturday 16 February in Midhurst** or **Monday 18 February in Petersfield**. There will be a wide range of activities for budding astronomers and space enthusiasts, including indoor planetarium shows, virtual reality experiences, advice on setting up telescopes and astronaut selfie stands. This is part of The South Downs National Park hosting their Dark Skies Festival, Friday 15 February to Sunday 3 March with activities and events taking place across the National Park, check out all the events [www.southdowns.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/darkskiesfestival)



## Magistrates in the Community (MIC) West Sussex Y6

On Tuesday, Year 6 were joined by three magistrates, one of whom was Martin Tomlinson Chair of our Governors. The judges talked about the differences between rules and law, informed the children about what magistrates do and the crimes they deal with, alongside discussing the role of the Crown Court. The classroom

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was set out like a courtroom and the children participated in a mock-trial where they wore costumes and were assigned different roles. The trial took just under an hour and after much deliberation, the magistrates found John Smith **guilty** of stealing a portable radio! Year 6 had lots of fun and many were amazed to find out that they could become real magistrate judges in 7 years' time.



### Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultations for all classes are being held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March (Y4 will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March). This will give you an opportunity to look at your child's work and to meet with their class teacher to discuss their progress and review and key areas they are currently working on in their learning. You will find the sheets located outside the classrooms from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. To accommodate all families each slot

is for 10 minutes, if any questions are raised which will take longer than this to address, the teacher may ask that you make another appointment at a different time so that your question can be fully explored.

### 'Friends of JYS'

The Friends will shortly be sending out their latest Newsletter. They have been busy organising some up and coming fund raising days' details of which will be in their Newsletter. They will also be arranging a monthly drop in coffee morning in the Hut. Members of the Friends committee and a member of the school senior leadership team will also be present. You are all invited to drop by and have the opportunity to chat about fund raising and sharing ideas etc. The first one will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March after morning drop off.

### Future Flyers

We are pleased to have selected six pupils to attend "Future Flyer" workshops for children who enjoy sport and have shown at school – and outside of school – that they are prepared to push themselves to improve and achieve at different sporting activities. After the session, Lucia wrote an account of what they had done, saying: Future Flyers was really fun, because we did sports such as boxing, Zumba, athletics and some stretching. Boxing was scary and also exciting because some of us held pads and the other people did different punches such as: hook, jab and upper cut. Zumba made you very out of breath because we Zumba-d to five songs altogether. It was a bit like dance, but not as dance-y! It was all really fun and I am excited to go next time.



### Sportshall Athletics



We were pleased to be invited back to Bishop Luffa to compete again in the School Games Sportshall Athletics on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Having come third in the last competition, we were invited to compete against the top three from the Chichester cluster and the top three from the Bognor group. The top school would then go through to the School Games final in Crawley on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Although we gave it all, it was quickly apparent that we were competing against quicker teams. However, we dug in, taking a second place in the 2x1 lap girls' relay.

With 120 points, we finished 6<sup>th</sup> today, but this does not reflect how hard the children worked nor how proud we are of them for their efforts.

### Playground and Solar Panels

We are pleased to let you know that we received a grant from West Sussex County Council to have our playground tarmacked. This will be taking place during the February half term and the line marking will be carried out during the Easter break. In our pursuit of supporting eco-friendly projects, during December we had solar panels fitted to our roof. These were fitted at zero cost to the school and it will ultimately benefit us in the future from smaller electricity costs.

## E-Safety Week

Internet safety is an important part of education and is something we take very seriously in our curriculum. Following on from our E-Safety week, Year 6 visited Parklands Primary school to attend an eSafety workshop. The children listened attentively to the keynote speaker and made valuable contributions to discussions. The children learnt about what defines 'screen time' and the complexities of gaming and social media apps. The talk gave the children an opportunity to reflect on how to keep safe online and offered advice on ways to manage 'screen time' in a balanced and sensible way. For your information, there are some E-Safety resources on our website under the 'Learning' menu.



### Dogs in the School Grounds

We would just like to remind everyone that dogs are not allowed in any area of the school site. Although there is no sign on the back gate, and people may not have realised this, there is one at the front. Dogs do cause some adults and children anxiety and however friendly they may be we would very much appreciate it if everyone could avoid bringing their dog on to site when they are picking up or dropping off. It We would also be very grateful if people could avoid tying their dog to the railings outside the back gate close to the busy footpath area so that this area is clear to allow people to come in and out of the school gate.



## Congratulations!

### Jessie Younghusband School Are Fantastic Flu Fighters!

The national target for 2018/19 uptake of the flu nasal spray at school in West Sussex was 65%.

Your school achieved **76%**



*Excellent care at the heart of the community*

***Please see dates for your diary on the next page.  
Thank you.***

<b><u>Spring Term 2019 – Diary Dates</u></b>	
<b>w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 trip to Chichester Planetarium – 9.15am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Dance Display with Rachael Boarer – parents invited 9.00am Year 1 Author Visit Jill Atkins – 1.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Sharing Assembly – parents welcome at 2.40pm
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Half Term Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Forest School Club for Year 5 & 6
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year R Stay and Learn – in the Hall after morning drop off. Parents invited
<b>w/c Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Stay and Learn – in the Hall after morning drop off. Parents invited
<b>w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	'Future Flyers' 1.30pm – 3.30pm Governor visit day (am) and lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 trip to 'Weald and Downland Museum'
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Stay and Learn
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – 'Friends' of JYS, details to follow in due course
<b>w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly at 8.55am <b>Parent Consultation Meetings for Year 4 ONLY</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 trip to Titanic Museum in Southampton Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm <b>(not for Year 4)</b>
<b>w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Last week of Teacher led clubs Cricket All Stars taster morning for Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governors Meeting at 5.15pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	'Friends' drop in coffee morning – in the Hut after morning drop off Year 2 trip to Beaulieu
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Dance Display with Rachael Boarer – parents invited 9.00am
<b>w/c Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last Pompey Football Club for Y4, 5 & 6
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Pompey Football Club for Y1, 2 & 3 KS2 Disco
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 Dance Display with Rachael Boarer – parents invited 9.00am 'Friends' Easter Egg Hunt and Chocolate Raffle – details to follow in due course Term ends at 3.15pm

**Spring Term 2019**

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

**Summer Term 2019**

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

**Autumn Term 2019**

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