



Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to once again thank you for your continued support as we face some very challenging times at school. In line with Government guidance, we had to ask Year 3 to self-isolate from Thursday 12th until Friday 20th November, following a call from a parent to say that their child had tested positive whilst isolating at home. We look forward to welcoming Mr Vass, Mrs Walker, Miss Lomax and the children back on Monday 23rd, as long as they are all safe and well and fit to return.

We have had our “Friendship Week” this week, which is our version of the national “Anti-Bullying Week”. The theme for this year is that we “United Against Bullying”. Mrs Neville created a 20-minute assembly that was shared with the children in their classrooms (and at home for Y3s) to start the week, and the children have all enjoyed working on this theme throughout the week, and we look forward to seeing their work displayed in the hall.

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

Mr Neaves

COVID-19 Advice for parents

As we continue to 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. 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>



Smugglers – Paul Ullson

On Tuesday 10th November, Year 2 were visited by “Doctor Paul Bones” who taught them all about smugglers, pirates and island life. Doctor Bones was impressed by the children’s prior knowledge of smugglers and Chichester’s history as he gave his presentation and led his Q&A session.

Doctor Bones then did a show and tell of the items in his treasure box, some of which were hundreds of years old! The children got to examine the miscellaneous items whilst trying to guess what they were and what they were for. Once again, Doctor Bones was amazed by the class’ deduction and guessing skills.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support with this on Friday 13th. Keeping the event low key, due to restrictions, didn't deter the children and staff from dressing up and raising just over £225 for Children in Need. We are looking forward to other fund-raising opportunities as we go through the year, and hope that we are soon in a position to lift some of the restrictions on us.



Behaviour Questionnaire

Thank you to the families who sent back in their responses to the behaviour questionnaire that I sent out on 6th October. 100% of the parents who replied said that their child was happy at the school, their child felt safe at the school, their child was well looked after at school and that the school responds well to any concerns that are raised. They also all said that they would recommend JYS to other parents. 67% felt that bullying was dealt with effectively, and although nobody said that they didn't feel it was dealt with, the other answers stated assumptions and opinions that they had. The areas that we are currently working on as a staff in the re-writing of the behaviour policy are also the areas that parents have indicated that they are less clear – these are the rewards and incentives for children, and the warnings and consequences system.

Once we are satisfied with how this should read on the policy, we will share it with you all and talk it through with the children – we have also asked the children about their thoughts on the behaviour policy. There are lots of things that the children enjoy about school. Of these, a common theme throughout the school is that they enjoy having – and playing with – friends. They also commented on “feeling safe”, having “nice teachers” and “good learning”! “Good behaviour” is seen as “being nice or being kind”, “respecting others, equipment and property” and “listening”. We help pupils make right choices through “encouraging them”, “house points” and “discussing good and bad choices”.

Some children feel that others are “getting too little in the way of punishment”, but when it comes to bullying, it is “often taken to a higher level”, that “teachers are always around to speak to” and “we are told and taught not to bully, and taught where to go and what to do if we are bullied”. These last messages will have been re-enforced in our Friendship Week this week.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE

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.

Please see the next page for dates for your diary



Autumn Term 2020	
w/c Monday 23rd November	
Thursday 26 th November	Y1 Paul Ullson (History Man) 'Wiseman & Toys'
Friday 27 th November	 Whole school non-uniform day in exchange for Raffle donations!
w/c Monday 30th November	
Last week of Teacher led clubs	
w/c Monday 7th December	
Friday 11 th December	Friends of JYS Christmas Raffle Draw
w/c Monday 14th December	
Wednesday 16 th December	 Christmas Fun Day including Chartwells' Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day! 
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

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/>***