



Jessie Younghusband School



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Tuesday 12th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent Friends meeting. It was a great opportunity to make arrangements for forthcoming events and for Mrs Turner to say how grateful she is for all of the support she receives. We could not run things like the Christmas fair without you. The money raised really does make a difference especially at this time of budget pressures. Our next project is to re-develop the sensory area into a space that will promote active and creative play. We hope to have enough money to do this next summer. This will be jointly funded through Friends and through our Sports Premium Grant.

During the 'communication' part of the meeting the following questions were asked. Firstly about the company that provide our school meals and whether there was any plan to change the provider (Chartwells) or to install a kitchen so that meals could be cooked on site. The answer to this is that the contract is negotiated by West Sussex County Council and runs for some time yet. We would not be in a position to negotiate our own arrangements as we do not have a kitchen and there is no budget in the school funds to install one. The equipment in the kitchen area used by Chartwells is owned by them.

Another question was raised about the school photographer and whether different suppliers might be considered - some people were keen for more modern pictures. There was quite a difference of views amongst parents at the meeting. The office will explore other alternatives but it did seem as though the more traditional picture was most favoured at the meeting.

It was also suggested that Friends look into the purchase of more gazebos and a BBQ for next summer. It was agreed that this would be a useful investment.

As we reach the end of term it is great to look back on all the wonderful things we have been doing in school. The teachers and the children have worked very hard to make this a successful and enjoyable time. We are now looking forward to our Christmas performances. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there sharing these special events with us. *Mrs Sadler*

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair. It was a great afternoon and we raised a massive £1,365.66! A big thank you must go to Mrs Marion Turner and the 'Friends of JYS' for all their help and support to make the Fair such a success. Well done everyone!



Christmas Productions

Just a reminder that Year R and KS1's production of 'It's a Baby' is on Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Chestnut Tree House. The children had their dress rehearsal today in front of the rest of the school, JYS Governors and Volunteers and the feedback has been excellent.

KS2's Carol Concert is on Monday 18th December at 6pm at St Pauls' Church, Chichester. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible join us. There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service. This will be donated to St Pauls' for allowing us to use the church for our performance.

Contact us at office@jys.org.uk 01243 782192



School Choir

Our Choir have given several performances out in the community this Christmas at Wellington Grange and at The Brick Kiln garden centre. On Friday 15th the choir will be singing at The Cross in Chichester from 1.30pm. Mrs Ellis, our choir leader, has been extremely proud of how well the children have performed and how wonderfully they have represented our school.

New Appointment

We are delighted to announce that Mr Ray Hellyer has been appointed as our new Premises Officer. Mr Hellyer will be taking over from Mr Vaughan in the New Year and I am sure you will join us all in making him very welcome.



Shoeboxes for the Salvation Army

Many thanks to everyone who donated toys and gifts to our Christmas Shoebox appeal earlier this term. We were able to fill over 30 boxes which were collected by the Rotary Club and taken to The Salvation Army to be given to families in our local area this Christmas



Our Christmas Tree

A big 'thank you' goes to Mrs Pasquale-Cramp who kindly donated our beautiful Christmas tree. Mrs Pasquale-Cramp has her own business 'Christmas Trees and More'. You can check out her Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/Christmas-trees-and-more-880634515304513> Also, thank you to the Eco Team for the great decorations they made for the tree, it looks fabulous!

Christmas Jumper Day

This Friday 15th December in exchange for a donation of £1, the children may wear Christmas Jumpers for the day. Ordinary jumpers may be decorated with tinsel, decorations, sparkles, reindeers, Santa – anything to make them as Christmassy as possible! Normal school uniform should be worn with the jumpers. We appreciate your support in making this fundraising event a success and an enjoyable day for all the children.



Christmas Parties

Below are the dates for all the different Christmas parties which will be happening in school during the last week of term:

Year Group	Party Date	Party Outfit
R	Monday 18 th December	The children come to school dressed in their party clothes on their party day. We ask that these are warm, comfortable clothes please, as the children will still be going outside for playtimes.
1 & 2	Monday 18 th December	
3 & 4	Tuesday 19 th December	Please can the children wear their favourite Christmas jumper. We will be making our own treats to eat so parents do not need to provide any food.
5 & 6	Wednesday 20 th December	The children need to bring in a Christmas accessory to put on, such as Santa hat, reindeer antlers or a Christmas badge.

Sports News

Recently children from Year 6 took part in a squash tournament at the Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club. Today was the final in which we came third so well done to all those who took part. On the 5th December, Year 3 and 4 were invited to a football competition at Chichester College and they all enjoyed it and played well. Last Thursday Year 5 and 6 took part in a Hockey Festival at Westgate and had a wonderful time. Finally, Year 1 and 2 went to Bishop Luffa on the 28th November to take part in a Multiskills Festival. They were competing against other schools and one of our teams won. Congratulations to all those who took part and represented JYS this term.



Start of Term January

Just a gentle reminder that term begins on Thursday 4th January. There is no INSET day

Spring Term 2018 - Diary Dates (please note that further dates will be added as the term goes by)	
Thursday 4 th January	Term Starts
w/c Monday 8 th January	
Tuesday 9 th January	Karate, Cricket, Pompey Football and Teacher led clubs begin this week
Tuesday 9 th January	All Year 6 – Football at Bishop Luffa (details to follow)
Thursday 11 th January	Swimming starts for Year 4
Thursday 11 th January	Paul Ullson – Year 4 ‘Mayans’
w/c Monday 15 th January	
Monday 15 th January	‘Jaws and Claws’ – Year 5 afternoon
Tuesday 16 th January	Team of Year 3 & 4 pupils to Chichester University for Football match. 1pm – 3pm
Tuesday 16 th January	Children’s concert at Chichester Festival Theatre (advance tickets only)
Wednesday 17 th January	R’n’B starts
Thursday 18 th January	Year 5 – United Voices Chichester Festival Theatre 6pm
w/c Monday 22 nd January	
Monday 22 nd January	Cross Country at Bishop Luffa
w/c Monday 29 th January	
Thursday 1 st February	Paul Ullson – Year 1 ‘Materials’
Thursday 1 st February	E-safety information meeting for parents – Bishop Luffa 6pm
w/c Monday 5 th February	
Monday 5 th February	Author David Fuller visiting KS2
Wednesday 7 th February	R’n’B – Wednesday and Friday group together
Wednesday 7 th February	Book Fair
Thursday 8 th February	Children break up for half term.
Friday 9 th February	INSET Day (R’n’B club to join Wednesday 7 th Feb session instead of today)
Half Term - Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	
Monday 19 th February	Back to school
w/c Monday 26 th February	
Tuesday 27 th February	Paul Ullson – Year 3 ‘Pirates’
Saturday 3 rd March	Swimming Gala at Westgate Centre – 6pm
w/c Monday 5 th March	
Tuesday 6 th March	Year 1 Trip to Weald and Downland
Thursday 8 th March	Year 2 trip to Beaulieu
w/c Monday 12 th March	
w/c Monday 19 th March	
Tuesday 20 th March	Full Governing Body meeting 5.15pm
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 2 – Little Big Sing
w/c Monday 26 th March	
Wednesday 28 th March	R’n’B finishes (Wednesday & Friday Group together)
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 (see below for Inset days)
INSET days Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

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/>