



Jessie Younghusband School



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Tuesday 30th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, we are all waiting to hear more details of the Government's plans for children returning to school in September. We are hoping that this will include everyone coming back but I will be able to confirm the full arrangements once the announcements are made and we have our plans in place. We will be organising transition activities during the first week in September to help the children to settle back and move on to their new teacher. The full details of this will be given to you once we know the guidelines we need to work around.

To help prepare the children for the new academic year, I have included below details of the classroom staff arrangements for September. This needs to be read alongside the fact that we do have three members of classroom staff who are shielding and, if the rules are not relaxed further by September, although we will do our best to minimise it, this could have an impact on these plans at the start of term.

September curriculum – the teachers have spent a great deal of time during this year up until March working on the curriculum planning for all subjects taught in school. Our focus has been to improve the quality of education provided in foundation subjects such as history and RE with a clear focus on the knowledge and skills children need to make good progress through all of these subjects. We hope that in the autumn we will be able to share more details of this with you.

We will also be focussing on children's mental health and well-being in response to the CV-19 lockdown. You may have seen in the news that the Government have announced funding for additional intervention to help close gaps in learning for all pupils. We have no further detail about this at the moment but this will be a key priority for us next term and beyond.

It has been so lovely to see more children in school over the last few weeks. Their resilience to the situation and flexibility in respect of their groups and classroom arrangements is a credit to them all. We also hope to see as many children as possible at the outdoor 'face to face' sessions starting on the 6th July for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. Details about these sessions are being sent separately.

Mrs Sadler

Shoes and Snacks for the remainder of the term.

Shoes - Please make sure your child comes to school in suitable shoes. Flip flops or any other sort of slip on shoe that is not secured around the foot should not be worn please as these are not safe for running around. Ideally children with wear trainers so that their shoes are safe and suitable for playtime and outdoor games.

Snacks – we are not having deliveries of fruit at the moment so if your child likes a fruit snack at morning break they are welcome to bring something in to school. Please put it in their lunch box or a small container for safe keeping.

Children's Books etc.

Children who have been attending school over the last term as keyworkers will bring home their work folders at the end of term. Apart from Year 6 and other leavers who will get their books to take home on their last day here this term, pupil books will be sent home in September when everyone is back.

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

Staff Changes for September

We will be saying a sad but fond 'farewell' to Mrs Creasey at the end of this term. Mrs Creasey has worked at JYS for 16 years and will, I am sure, be remembered by many children for her kind and caring support as they started school. We will miss Mrs Creasey but hope that she enjoys a change in direction with more time to look after her own family. We would all like to say a huge **'thank you'** from all of us for your hard work and dedication over the years. We are not able to say good-bye properly at the moment but we hope Mrs Creasey will come back to school next term for a proper send off.

In light of this, you will see a few changes below to our Teaching Assistant arrangements. Mrs Helen Cockman will be joining our team in Year R on a fixed term basis next year. Mrs Cockman is a parent in Year R this year and has undertaken some voluntary and casual support work in school over this year. She has also been working as a Teaching Assistant at St Anthonys this term. We would like to welcome her to our staff team.

Class Room Staff Arrangements for September

Year R: Class teacher Mrs Appleby; Teaching Assistants – Mrs Orde (ams); Mrs Cockman (MTuW – all day); Mrs Rice (Th F – all day)

Year 1: Class teacher – Mrs Neville; Teaching Assistant – Mrs Ayres

Year 2: Class teacher – Mrs Saunders; Teaching Assistant – Mrs Broughton

Year 3: Class teacher – Mr Vass; Teaching Assistant – Miss Lomax

Year 4: Class teacher – Miss Weir; Teaching Assistant – Mrs McGurk

Year 5: Class teacher – Mrs Cooke; Teaching Assistant – Mrs Corderoy

Year 6: Class teacher – Mr Harman; Teaching Assistant – Mrs Kibble

End of Year leavers - Yr R - 5

Please let the office know by email or letter as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to JYS in September. WSCC Admissions also have to be advised so that the place here can be formally given up and offered to someone else. The office are happy to forward on emails to Admissions if you prefer.

Boundary Fence and Back gate Replacement

We have now been informed by the contractors that the replacement boundary fence between school and our neighbours on Norwich Road, and the back gate, should be replaced during the summer holidays. There will be no access to the site through the back gate whilst the work is undertaken. At the moment the proposed dates are at the beginning of August so it should all be fully completed by the time we return in September.

[Dates for your diary](#)

Summer Term 2020

Starts: Monday 20th April

Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Ends: Monday 20th July

INSET day Monday 20th July

Autumn Term 2020

Starts: Thursday 3rd September

Half Term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Ends: Friday 18th December

INSET day(s) Thursday 3rd September; Friday 4th September and Monday 2nd November (subject to any further guidance in respect of CV-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/>