



Jessie Younghusband School



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Friday 20th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter with some staffing news.

Firstly our Site Manager, Mr Vaughan, has decided to 'hang up his spade' at the end of this term. Mr Vaughan has been a key member of staff at JYS for the last nine years and we will all miss him very much. Many of you will know Mr Vaughan from grounds days and other events; we will miss his very cheerful smile and readiness to help out. We will be placing an advert after half term with the intention of appointing Mr Vaughan's successor to start in January.

Mrs Marchant has also decided that it is time to retire and to move in a different direction. She will also be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Marchant has made a fantastic contribution in so many ways over the past 14 years and I know she will be missed very much especially by Mr Vass and Year 6. We will be working out the best way to make sure that the high level of support currently provided by Mrs Marchant in Year 6 continues for the remainder of the year. I will up-date you on this after half term.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to both of them for their hard work and commitment in their time at JYS. They will both be missed very much by the staff team here. I am sure you will join me in wishing both Mr Vaughan and Mrs Marchant all the very best for the future - we hope they enjoy whatever they move on to do. The office will let you have details nearer the time of ways in which anyone wishing to can contribute to their leaving gift.

Mrs Sadler



Bowles Residential Trip – Year 6

Year 6 have just returned from their 3 day residential trip, where they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones by taking on skiing, rock climbing, abseiling and much more. In facing up to challenges like this, they've grown, developed and achieved more than they originally thought they could. We hope this is a life-long lesson which

they can apply in the future whenever they find things hard. Thank you to Mrs Marchant and Mrs Potter for accompanying us and looking after us all so well. Mr Vass.



Friends Coffee Morning and AGM

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning. It was a huge success and we raised the fantastic sum of £163.61 for this very worthy cause. A special 'thank you' goes to Mrs Turner for co-ordinating the event on behalf of the Friends.

The Friends AGM was also held during the coffee morning and class reps were agreed. The reps for each class are listed below. They would be very happy to answer any questions you have about Friends events and school.

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

Mrs Turner our Friends Chairperson is always very pleased to have offers of help in getting prepared for events and on the day. We could not run these without you. The Friends account has a very healthy balance of £11,637.81 at the end of last academic year's activities. The use of this was discussed and it was agreed to continue to fund the Theatre production for the whole school, to purchase two benches to replace the rotten ones in the pond area as this is undergoing a revamp and to make a significant donation towards the redevelopment of the sensory garden to create an area for more active and adventurous play during break times.

We will be holding a Friends coffee morning sometime this term. This will be an opportunity to drop in after morning drop off and have a chat with Mrs Turner and Mrs Sadler to discuss forthcoming events etc. We will let you know the date in due course.

Class Reps

Class	Parent
Reception	Clare Page
Y1	Emma-Jane Ayre and Emily Cairns
Y2	Rory Barnettson, Sarah Callaghan and Laura Mtharu
Y3	Alison Courtney
Y4	Emily De Backer and Suzanne Turner
Y5	Katrina Frere-Smith and Margaret Morrow
Y6	Kim Wylam and Emily Penny



Grounds Day

Once again, thank you to all those who came to our recent grounds day on Saturday 14th October. We had a wonderful turnout and lots of work was completed to ensure our grounds are looking their best. Our next one will probably be in March or April we will advise you of the date early next term and it would be lovely if you could come along even if you are only able to spend an hour or so with us, it will help us to prepare the grounds for the rest of the term. Grounds Days also provide an opportunity for the children to earn one point to go on their JYS badge total.

Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30pm 6pm

YR – Y6 Wednesday 1st November,
Y1 – Y6 Thursday 2nd November
YR – Tuesday 7th November



Just a reminder that, if you haven't already done so, please sign up for a parent's meeting with your child's teacher. The lists of available times are located outside the classrooms. We hope you find the meetings useful.

CLUBs w/c 30th October

Please note that there will be no teacher led clubs after school on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November. Mrs Sadler's Poetry Club will still run on Thursday the 2nd November.

Football

On Monday, we were delighted to take a squad of 10 Y1 & Y2 children to Chichester College to participate in an inter-school football tournament. The children played 7 games with energy and enthusiasm, and really enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school in this way.



School Photographs

Just a reminder that a photographer from Cardwell and Simons will be here on Monday 6th November to take individual photographs of all the children.

Autumn Term Dates 2017

Date	Event
w/c Monday 23 rd October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	INSET Day
Tuesday 31 st October	Children return to school
Wednesday 1 st November	YR –Y 6 Parent Consultation Meetings with the teachers 3.30pm – 6pm
Thursday 2 nd November	Y1 – Y6 Parent Consultation Meetings with the teachers 3.30pm – 6pm
Monday 6 th November	Individual school photos 9.00am
Tuesday 7 th November	Governors Meeting – Resources – 8.30am
Tuesday 7 th November	YR Parent Consultation meeting with the teacher 3.30pm – 6pm
Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th November	'Bikeability' for Year 6
Friday 10 th November	Year 4 – Paul Ullson 'Iron Age'
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need – non uniform day
Thursday 23 rd November	Governors Visit - am
Thursday 30 th November	Year 1 – Paul Ullson 'Wiseman'
Friday 1 st December	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th December	Full Governors Meeting – 5.15pm
Thursday 7 th December	Year 6 – Paul Ullson 'Egyptian Day' 9am – 12pm
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair after school – time tbc
Wednesday 13 th December	Year R and KS1 Christmas Plays – 9.30am & 2pm
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch - Chartwells
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Performance – 6pm
Wednesday 20 th December	End of Term

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Starts: Tuesday 5th September
 Half Term: w/c Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
 Ends: Wednesday 20th December
INSET days Monday 4th September and Monday 30th October

Spring Term 2018

Starts: Thursday 4th January
 Half Term: w/c Monday 12th to Friday 16th February
 Ends: Thursday 29th March
INSET day Friday 8th February

Summer Term 2018

Starts: Monday 16th April
 Half Term: w/c Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
 Ends: Tuesday 24th July (see Inset dates below)
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/>