



JYS News

Newsletter: 05 ~ 7th October 2022 Aspire ~ Respect ~ Enjoy

Changes to our reading system for pupils in Year 2 and above.

We are so fortunate to have access to a broad range of high quality books within our School Library. We have decided to take advantage of this and colour band all fiction library books so that a greater number of pupils can be accessing the quality text we have on offer. Once children at JYS have completed our phonics programme, they will be moved onto a book band colour and will be selecting books in this colour range from our school library.

Each class will have a weekly visit to the library, during which pupils may choose to take a book out using their barcode (as in previous years) or finish reading the one they have. They will also be able to access the library outside of this weekly visit if required. This has begun with a session for Year 3 pupils today.

The books will vary in a number of ways - including layout, size, vocabulary and length - to give the children a rich diet of literature. The difference between each colour band is very small, so that children do not experience great difficulty moving up through the bands.

Progress through the bands is not automatic and it is important to ensure that children have a secure understanding so that they keep motivated as they move on to more challenging texts. This is a really exciting opportunity and will provide children with a wider range and choice of text.

The reorganisation of the library has been a huge undertaking and would not have been possible without parent volunteers who have given up large amounts of time. We would like to extend a massive 'THANK YOU' to every volunteer for enabling this change to happen so quickly.

Whilst reorganising the book, we have noticed that some areas of the library have a lower number of books than others. If anyone in the community feels able to purchase a book for the school library, we have put together an Amazon Wishlist. This can be found by using the following link:

<https://amzn.eu/ehse6Ed>

Author Visits

This week children across the school have taken part in workshops organised by Chichester Book Fest. We have been lucky to have been visited by 2 authors - Gareth P. Jones and Matt Carr. They treated the children to stories, songs, live illustrations and more!

Each child from Y1 - 6 met the authors and were all given a free book, which has been hand signed. This was a fantastic experience for all.

Important Dates Coming Up

11th October - **Children to visit St Paul's Church with donations for the FoodBank for a Harvest celebration. Children from Years 1 - 6 will be walking to St Paul's Church and we ask that they wear coats and any donations for the foodbank (which they will be carrying).**

19th & 20th October - Parents evenings. Please make sure that you contact your class teacher via office@jys.org.uk if you haven't made an appointment.

24th - 28th October - Half Term (School closed)

7th November - KS1 and KS2 Fancy Dress Discos (details tbc)

House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are the weekly results:



	This week	Total (Since Sept '22)
Ash	133	568
Beech	89	539
Maple	98	575
Oak	111	581