

JYS Primary School

JYS News

4th February 2022



Covid Cases

We have had several confirmed cases of Covid across the school in the past week.

We are no longer required to close bubbles or inform parents of confirmed cases throughout the school. NHS Track and Trace will contact close contacts. However, we thought it was important to share this with you as you may wish to be extra vigilant if your child becomes unwell.

In order to avoid reintroducing additional measures, we would kindly ask that parents exercise caution and ensure that if children are unwell, Covid is ruled out before they return to school.

We understand the frustration parents may have in relation to events such as parents evening being run remotely, however, our main priority is keep keep the school fully open allowing all children to access face to face teaching and we hope you support this priority.

We are planning to run open afternoons across the school towards the end of the spring term to allow parents a chance to see their childrens work and spend time inside building. We will keep this under review but this is our aim, Covid permitting.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Reading Recommendations

Last weeks booklist proved very popular so we have included another list for this week. Attached to the newsletter is a list of books that celebrate kindness.

There are some fantastic reads included, many of which we have in our school library.

Happy reading.



Inset Day

Just a reminder that Monday 28th of February, the first day after the half term break, is an Inset Day and so school will be closed to all pupils.

Can you help?

We are looking for donations for use in our lunch clubs, if you have any spare wool, loom bands or games (that are quick to play!), we would be very grateful if they were donated via the school office.

Half Term Activities

WSCC is funding activities during the half term break for disadvantaged children to support them as they catch up on their learning.

Providers will be offering a wide range of activities aligned to the core subjects, appropriate for each age group. It is hoped that this offer will broaden children's experiences by enriching their learning and sustaining it throughout the half term.

If you are in receipt of free school meals or other benefits, you may be eligible for a free space for your child. Follow the link below to find out more information

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/>

This week's news...

This week children in Key Stage 2 have taken part in 'Quick Sticks Hockey' at the Westgate center. This was a training session for our pupils and they learnt how to pass in hockey, how to use their skills to score against an opposing team and how to play a match. This was a great introduction to the sport and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We also had a group of pupils from Years 5 and 6 attend a 'Future Flyers' sporting event with 18 other local schools. This involved a fitness assessment that included rowing, cycling and running. Pupils had to run an army style obstacle course which included various fitness challenges. The children that participated were a credit to the school.

Year 1 have been enjoying carrying out practical science investigations about the properties of everyday materials. They have explored which materials float and sink and which materials are opaque, translucent and transparent. The children have been learning how to make sensible predictions and how to record their observations in a table format.

