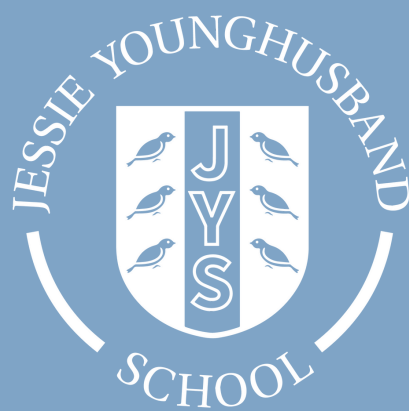


JYS News

Newsletter: 02 ~ 15th September 2023

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Thank you!

Over the past year, JYS Friends have worked extremely hard to put on a variety of fundraising events and activities to raise money for the school, including, the summer fair, quiz night, school discos and raffle. The money raised across the year has made such an enormous difference to every child at JYS in a variety of ways.

Over the summer, a variety of new equipment arrived which has been used to enhance our Year R outdoor area and to completely redesign our Year 1 outdoor area. This means that Year 1 children have access to a sand and water, a mud kitchen and more...

New books have arrived to add titles to our library and book club. These are all titles that children have requested. Our phonics scheme has also been expanded.

Laptops have been ordered for every classroom which will increase children's access to technology.

Visitors into school (for example Paul Ullson) have been subsidised.

These are just a few examples of how the money you have helped to raise is being used to enhance your child's experience at school. Without this, all of the enhancements and activities above would not have been possible.

The next few pages include information about the current members of JYS Friends and information about how to get involved. Every penny that is raised makes a huge difference to your children and what we can offer.



House Points

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



Important Dates Coming Up

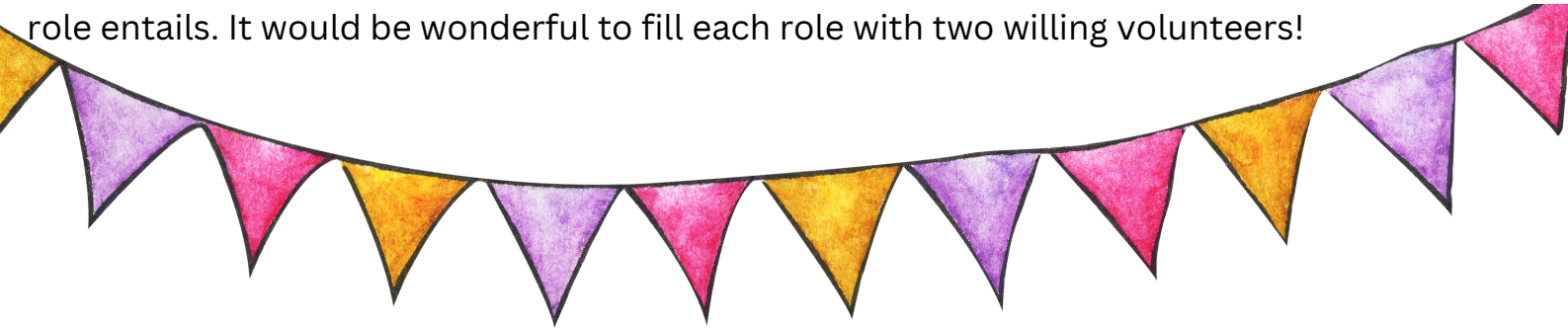
Friday 29th September 2.30 pm - Open Afternoon / Phonics Workshop (Year R)
Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October - Parents' Evening
Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October - Half Term (school closed)
Thursday November 2nd - Yr - Y3 Disco and Y4 - Y6 Disco
Friday 24th November - Year 1 - Year 6 to Cineworld! (09:20 - 12:20)
Monday February 19th 2024 - INSET (school closed)
Monday June 3rd 2024 - INSET (school closed)
Friday July 19th 2024 - Last day of term
Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - INSET (school closed)

The Friends Committee

The Friends Committee would not be able to run as effectively, or have such a positive impact on the school, without its amazing team of volunteers. We are always looking for new people to join the team, so it would be lovely to hear from you if you are interested.

Becoming a member of the Friends Committee is a fun and active way to participate within the heart of the school community. It is a great way of making new friends, whilst knowing you are making a difference for your children and for generations to come. Alongside our bank of ad hoc volunteers, who are vital in helping to run school fundraising events, we are looking to create some new and exciting roles and responsibilities within the Committee this term.

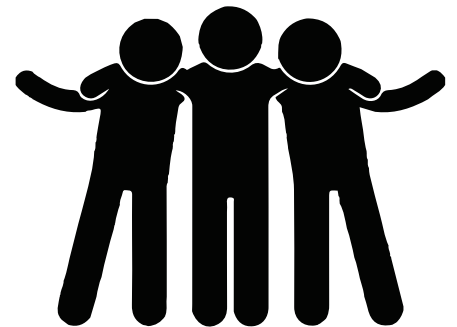
Please see below a list of the current and desired roles and a small description of what each role entails. It would be wonderful to fill each role with two willing volunteers!



Current Roles

Position: Chair of the Friends Committee (Sam Game)

Description of role: Running the Committee and managing team members. The chair provides leadership for the Committee, sets the agendas for the meetings and manages the meetings and events.



Position: Treasurer (Jessica Rides)

Description of role: Works closely to support the Chair of the Committee. Manages the day-to-day finances, keeping a detailed record of the PTA's financials and filing the yearly accounts. Ensures all licenses and governance is kept up to date. Reimbursing Committee members expenses.

Position: Co-Treasurer (Emilie Williams)

Description of role: Manages the banking, ensures money is kept safely after events, arranges floats and assists the Treasurer.

Position: Second Hand Uniform Coordinator (Sonia Morgan)

Description of role: Second hand/preloved uniform is brilliant! It is an affordable and environmentally friendly way of purchasing preloved uniform. The uniform coordinator sorts donations and runs uniform sales.



Desired Roles

Position: Communications Officer - This person will be involved in getting the word out for the committee! Managing the social media accounts, emails, posters and keeping the website page up to date.

This would suit someone confident with good technology and communication skills.

Position: Bake Sale Coordinator - The PTA bake sales are invaluable to any committee, bringing in vital funds to the school all year round. We are looking for someone to arrange several bake sales throughout the year, encouraging people to get baking and run the stalls.

This would suit someone organised who has a passion for baking.

Position: Class Rep - We are currently looking for class reps for YR, Y3, Y4, Y6. An essential role, the class reps will be the communication channel between the Friends and the class. They are key in securing ad hoc volunteers for events and reminding parents/carers about upcoming fundraising events.

This would suit someone friendly and approachable, with good communication skills.

Position: Raffles and Grants Officer - This role involves reaching out to local businesses for raffle prizes and sponsorship. They will also research and apply for local grants. Working closely with the school and PTA to source new funding opportunities.

This would suit someone friendly and confident; happy to pick up the phone and ask for money! Someone with previous fundraising experience would be great but not essential.



We have been extremely lucky in the past to be able to hold some amazing events at JYS due to the commitment and enthusiasm of so many of you.

We have raised significant funds that have made a hugely positive impact on the school and the experiences of our children. We would love to continue to support the school as best we can so please get in touch today via the email below if you are interested in either becoming a member of the Friends Committee and/or are interested in one of the roles listed above.

Thank you for your support,

Sam Game

(Chair of JYS Friends)

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