

NEWSLETTER



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Term 1: Week 2 2022

Rainbow Award Winners

Reception – Isabella Wright

Year 1 – Elsie Brunson

Year 2 – Miles Fox Loader

Year 3 – William Lawrence

Year 4 – Ana-Marie Loncarevic

Year 5 – Alice Bending

Year 6 – James Bunn



This Week's House Points Winners – JADE

Celebration Assembly



This week we celebrated the achievements of Isabella, Olivia and Sadie who raised £111.19 from their Starlight Stroll and cake sale for St Wilfrid's Hospice. Emerson and Mason who have progressed in boxing, Hermione for her ballet certificate and Zerting for his golf award.

We love hearing about your achievements outside of school. Please share them with us so that we can recognise your achievements in Friday's Celebration Assemblies.

Jeans for Genes Day 2022 – FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER



Next Friday 23rd September we are inviting children to wear denim mufti in aid of Jeans for Genes.

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

Some genetic conditions are apparent at birth whilst others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, adolescence and sometimes into adulthood, having a profound and lasting impact on individuals and their families. Jeans for Genes' ambition is that every individual, and their families, can access the right support at times when it's needed most. By taking part in Jeans for Genes week, we can all work together to make this ambition a reality.

We have set up our own Just Giving page where you can donate directly to the charity, or you are welcome to bring a cash donation into school on the day.

JUST GIVING LINK - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-s-meads-ce-primary2>

Stay and Play

The Friends are pleased to confirm that there will be a 'Stay and Play' afternoon on Thursday 22nd September from 3.15pm on the school field.

If anyone is able to provide cake donations for this event we would be very grateful. Hopefully Bake Off (TV Programme) will inspire some fabulous bakes for this event! Please bring any cakes along on the morning of Thursday 22nd.

This will be a lovely chance for parents to meet and chat while the children relax with their friends. Of course, particularly aimed at those new to St John's Meads but open to all.

There will be play equipment set out for the children, and The Friends are pleased to be able to provide refreshments and help answer any parent questions as well.

Please note this is an after school event and parental supervision is required.

We look forward to seeing you there! *The Friends*



Calling all volunteer readers!



As always, we are desperate for our school community to come and hear readers from all classes.

This is such an important and rewarding role within our school, as with fluent word reading, children's working memories are freed up to understand and enjoy what they read. To develop fluency, children need repeated practice and that's where you wonderful people are invaluable.

To this end, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer reader (even if you can only spare an hour, once a week) then you are warmly welcomed to the **'Volunteer Reader Meeting' on Thursday 22nd September at 14:30 in the School Hall.**

To be a volunteer reader, you will need to be DBS cleared. The most straightforward documents for this are your passport/ driving license + another document that confirms your address. Please do take a look on the school website volunteer page (<https://www.meads.e-sussex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Volunteer-Policy-and-Guidlines-2022.pdf>) to give you an idea of what this simple and free process entails. Paper copies of this 'Volunteer Pack' will also be handed out at the meeting if you haven't completed them beforehand.

Albion Girls Football Club - Open to Y3 - Starts 26th September

Abion Football in the Community have opened up the club on Mondays to Year 3 girls. The link to book and find out more information is below.

The club is due to start on Monday 26th September - 3.30pm to 4.30pm

<https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&clientCode=ASC-SJMPS-34>



Parent Helpers Request



If any parents are DBS cleared and can help with walking to swimming and changing room support (outside) on the next 3 Tuesdays (20th, 27th Sept & 4th Oct) we would be extremely grateful! Please see Miss Barfield (Year 6), or phone the school office, if you are able to help.

Start and End of School Day Reminders

End of Day Dismissal

Children will only be permitted to go home with an adult other than their parent/carer/older sibling if the school office have been informed. Staff will always double check with the parent/carer through the school office that a child is allowed home with different adult.

This is in order to keep everyone safe, and we thank you for working with us on this matter.

Playground Before and After School

Another friendly reminder that children are not to play on the equipment or with any balls either before or after school. This is in order to keep children safe.

Staff are unable to supervise play at these times. In addition to this, any conflicts that may arise during this time can then spill into lessons either that day or the next. It is very difficult for staff to manage this.



If you or your children find any balls before or after school, please do hold on to them and pass them to a school adult.

Thank you for your support.

September 2023 Admissions Open Days

We will be inviting parents of children starting school in September 2023 to attend an Open Day either Wednesday 9th November at 9am or on Thursday 10th November at 2pm or 6pm. If you would like to come along, please speak to the school office and let them know which session you would like to attend.

School Calendar Dates

Monday 19th September – BANK HOLIDAY School Closed

Thursday 22nd September – Parent Volunteer Readers Meeting @ 2.30pm

Friday 23rd September – Jeans for Genes Day, Denim Mufti

Tuesday 27th September – Year 2 Parent Event @ 2.30pm

Thursday 29th September – 9.00am Harvest Festival @ St John's Church