



# Jordans School

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## Newsletter 8

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the second half of our Autumn term. We hope you all had a lovely break. We are very much looking forward to an exciting half term!

### Open Forum – Growth Mindset. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2pm

Come into school and find out how your children are growing their brains! I will be talking to you about the concept of Growth Mindset, how we are implementing it in school and how you can do the same at home and be a Growth Mindset family. We firmly believe that children need to be prepared for an ever-changing world. The teaching of mindsets builds resilience and a desire to learn, for children to challenge themselves and to encourage others. Embedding growth mindsets builds resilience in young people and ultimately impacts strongly on progress.

### Congratulations!

We were so thrilled to hear how successful Mrs Lewis's bike ride for the charity 'In Your Hands' was over half term. She cycled 50km with her family with the aim of fundraising enough money to provide school uniform for children in a Nepalese school in an area that was badly affected by the 2015 earthquakes. They raised £1900, exceeding their target! This means the charity can buy over 70 sets of warm clothing for children to wear to school. Thank you to all of you who sponsored Mrs Lewis. If you would like to make a donation please follow this link:

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Inyourhandsteamlewis>

### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Poppies will be on sale in school from the Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. If your child would like to wear a poppy we ask for silver coin donations in an envelope in your child's book bag. Please do remind your child that they have a donation in their book bag to buy a poppy.

### Aviva Community Fund – Amersham Band

The Aviva Community Fund gives out funding to local projects that are making a positive change in their community. Amersham Band is a brass band, highly valued by the local community. They entertain local people, support civic events and bring people together. They also teach music and provide opportunities for group music-making for all ages and abilities. Participation in music can make a big difference to young (and not so young) people through improved educational attainment, character formation and less mental ill-health. It can reduce social isolation and inspire people to take action to change their lives. We have been lucky enough to hear Ms Ranahan and her children, who are members of Amersham Community Brass, play their instruments during assembly, and they would appreciate your support. For more information on the Project and how to vote, please visit <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-2235>.

### Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor and Teaching Assistant to join our fantastic staff team. This role is in addition to our current staffing arrangements. If you are interested in

applying please visit the Bucks County Council website or contact Ms Ranahan in the school office. The Teaching Assistant position requires previous experience of working in a school. The closing date for applications is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### Parking

Please can I remind parents to park considerately when dropping off and picking up children. In the first instance please park around the village green and walk down to school. The road around the flats on Puers Field is not a car park.

Best wishes for a fantastic half term

Mrs Bancroft  
Headteacher



**We say Well Done for our learning and for being a great citizen!**

**This week we said Well Done to:**

**Keseri and Jude in Reception, Lola and Reece in Year 1, and Annabelle and Steven in Year 2**

## Next Week's Learning

### Year R

**English** – *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, retelling and acting out the story.

**Maths** – Measuring our bears using classroom objects.

**News/Requests** – Please can everyone bring in their favourite bear on Friday to measure.

### Year 1

**English** - We will be sequencing and re-telling the story 'Snow Bear' and describing the characters and their actions. Our sounds of the week will be 'ir' and 'ou'. Our common exceptions words will be 'no', 'go', and 'so'.

**Maths** - We will be continuing with 'subtraction'. We will be making up subtraction stories and solving problems.

### Year 2

**English** – We are going to be studying the text 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. We will be finding out how to find and use interesting vocabulary to describe a setting. Words of the week are: children, water, because, people.

**Maths** – We will be consolidating our recognition and understanding of numbers to 1000 by comparing them.

**Request** - Please could you start helping your child learn their lines for the school Christmas show, which you will have found in their book bag yesterday. More information will follow about costumes etc at a later date. Thank you!

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<i>7pm - JSA Murder Mystery evening</i>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Bucks County Council Rec/Year 3 Admissions Portal opens Portal Closes at 3pm on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	2pm Open Forum – Growth Mindset and Handwriting
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Morning – Reception sports trip to Chalfonts Community College (details to follow)
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 – Zoolab visit (details to follow)
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Pantomime show at school (details to follow)