



**Working and learning
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15th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in ensuring a very successful start to the school year at Sarisbury and now we are well underway, I am writing with further details about some of our term's events.

Parents & Friends Association – AGM

Our Parents and Friends Association are always looking for new volunteers. If you feel you are able to help with fund raising events this year, or want to find out more about the PFA and its work, please join us at the AGM on **Wednesday 20th September** at 3:30pm in the school hall (please note the change of time and that a DVD will be shown to the children in 6CH whilst parents attend the AGM).

Languages learning at SJS

As parents in Year 5 and Year 6 will know from my recent email, we have introduced Spanish to the curriculum in the Upper School. Children at Sarisbury have the benefit of a weekly languages lesson in every year group and therefore we feel we have the time and opportunity to offer a second language within the curriculum. Having made substantial progress in French during the Lower School, we are excited about the opportunity pupils will have to broaden their language skills with the introduction of Spanish.

In order to develop languages further, we have also introduced a languages club, run on a Tuesday lunchtime; this is an ideal way for children to further develop their confidence in both French and Spanish. The school has invested in a fun and helpful on-line learning platform in language learning and all children and parents will have the opportunity to access this. The resource is provided by linguscope.com and the link and log on details are included below:

www.linguascope.com

username: sjspupil
password: spanish1

Please take the time to access the site, log on and see what games and activities are there for your child to enjoy at home as well as in school.

Music lessons

We still have places available for children wishing to learn the cello or a brass instrument (trumpet, trombone etc). These are always popular at SJS and we are keen to fill places and involve as many children as possible. Please contact the admin team if you are interested in your child taking part.

Jeans 4 Genes

On Friday 22nd September, we will be supporting the 'Jeans for Genes' appeal. Children that wish to participate can wear jeans for the day for a £1 donation towards the appeal. Further details about the charity and its work will be shared with children during the course of next week.

Year 3 Parents

We look forward to welcoming Year 3 parents to the information evening on Tuesday 19th September at 6:30pm. The purpose of the evening is to give a more detailed breakdown of routines and expectations at Sarisbury, now that children have settled into life in Year 3.

Please sign up for the guided tours being held for Year 3 parents during the week beginning 25th September, a letter was sent home earlier this week.

Early birds

We have a number of children who are asked by teachers to come into to school prior to the start of the school day. The start time for early birds is 8:30am and from Monday, these children will use the playground entrance. Our Year 6 Team Captains will be at the door to check names and ensure children will sign in safely. Please note that the doors will be closed at 8:35am.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Stockton

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