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6th February 2018

Dear Parents,

As the half term break is approaching, I am writing with the latest news about school life at SJS and details of forthcoming events.

Section 48 SIAMS Inspection:

We welcome Mrs Laura Bosworth to Sarisbury on Wednesday 7th February to conduct our Section 48 Church School Inspection. Mrs Bosworth will meet with various members of the school community throughout the day to help evaluate the school's strengths and distinctive Christian character. I will write with news of the outcome of the inspection after half term.

School Discos

The PFA are holding discos for children in the Lower and Upper school on Friday 9th February.

The disco for Years 3 and 4 will take place between 5:30pm and 6:45pm.

The disco for Years 5 and 6 will take place between 7:15pm and 8:30pm.

There is no need to purchase tickets as the entrance fee of £2.50 will be payable on the door. Further information has been e-mailed to parents in a letter from the PFA; a paper copy of this is available from the school office on request.

Travel Plan News:

I am delighted to report that Sarisbury has been officially recognised as reaching the Modeshift Gold Travel Award. Sarisbury is the first school in Fareham to achieve this recognition, which acknowledges our commitment to safer travel and we would like to thank our parent community for their continued support in this initiative. Our congratulations go to Mrs Bleeck and our Junior Road Safety Officers, Katie Batten and Matt Povey in Year 6 for their great work in driving this initiative forward.

With safer travel in mind, please can I request that all children cycling / scooting to and from school wear appropriate helmets.

Healthy Snacks:

May I also take this opportunity to clarify our policy on healthy snacks in school. Our preference is that children bring fresh fruit, vegetables, dried fruit snacks or cereal bars. Break time snacks should not include crisps, chocolate snacks or snack bars that contain sugar / salt. Please note that due to severe allergies, snacks should not include nuts of any description or kiwi fruit; thank you.

Planned building in the Western Wards:

I have been made aware of a post recently by Councillor Woodward detailing the long-term plans to increase the pupil roll at Sarisbury Infants and Junior School to four forms of entry. I would like to reassure parents that, to the best of my knowledge, no such plans exist, and the school has certainly not been approached about this as a solution to the pressure of school places in the local area. The Governors at Sarisbury have contacted the Local Authority about the longer-term view concerning pupil numbers but are still awaiting clarification.

Parents' Evenings:

Our Spring Term parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March.

As with the autumn term discussions, we are asking that your child be present for at least part of the interview, as we will be sharing your child's targets (Steps to Success) during the consultation meetings. A copy of these will be provided for you to share with your child. These are valuable discussions and ensure that you are kept well informed about your child's progress and their future learning goals.

Online bookings for parents' evenings this term will be available after the half term holiday

Staffing news:

We would like to offer our congratulations and thanks to Mrs Doyle, a member of our LSA team, who has been appointed to a counselling role within the NHS. Mrs Doyle has contributed a great deal to school life at SJS over the past ten years and we all wish her every success for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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