



6th October 2017

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in getting this term off to an excellent start and particularly those who give their time regularly to help with guided reading and our visits programme; it has been much appreciated. Now the new school year is well underway, I am writing to update you on events that are approaching this half term as well as some useful reminders about school routines. In order to keep you fully updated on activities in each year group and planned learning opportunities. You should also by now have received your child's year team newsletter.

Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest assembly will take place on Friday 13th October and we will be supporting the 'Basics Bank' appeal organised by The Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport. We would be very grateful if the children could bring in items from the following list:

<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Tinned fish</i>	<i>Tinned meat</i>	<i>Tinned spaghetti</i>	<i>Pasta</i>
<i>Sauces</i>	<i>Tinned fruit</i>	<i>Jam / Marmalade</i>	<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>Chocolate bars</i>
<i>Soap</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>Toothpaste</i>	<i>Toothbrush</i>	

This is a charity that we are always keen to support and as a school, we feel it is important for children to have the opportunity to think about those less fortunate than themselves. The Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank has a rapidly increasing number of families accessing its services and for this reason, this seems a particularly worthy cause. Mr Phil Rutt, a representative of the basics bank and a previous governor at SJS, will be joining us at the service to collect the donations for this much needed charity. Mrs Young will arrange for members of the School Council to organise the food parcels on the day. Please would children bring items into school in the week beginning Monday 9th October, and by Thursday 12th October at the latest; once again your contribution is very much appreciated.

Year 3 Parents' Guided Tours

Thank you to the many parents who joined me for our recent guided tours of the classroom and learning at Sarisbury. It has been very enjoyable giving parents an opportunity to learn more about day to day learning in our classrooms and see first-hand the excellent work children are doing. I much appreciate the very positive feedback about the school and the opportunities available to our youngsters at SJS; it is good to know that these visits have been valuable and informative.

Open Classrooms

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our Open Classroom events on Wednesday 11th October for Years 3 & 4, and Thursday 12th October for Years 5 & 6 between 3:45pm and 5:15pm. Our formal parents' evenings are held later in the term on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November and so this is an important opportunity to meet teachers, who will be available throughout the evening, view your child's work and talk to them about the progress they are making.

Walktober 2017

Please join us at 8:20am at the Holly Hill Leisure Centre for the Sarisbury Junior 'Walk Away from Air Pollution' event. Details were emailed to parents last week and we are hoping as many as possible will join in as we push for our Mode Stars School Travel Gold Award.

And Finally...

Information with regard children's playing cards and our policy at SJS.

Children love to collect cards and we recognise that this is a great way for them to spend their break and lunch times. To minimise problems with regard missing cards, we ask parents to support the following guidelines:

1. Children should only bring 20 of their cards into school
2. Children should leave rare or expensive cards at home
3. We run a swap club on Thursday lunchtime which is when children can exchange cards under the direct supervision of a member of staff – the school does not allow swapping of cards at other times during the school day

Yours sincerely

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