

Dear Parents,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this half term and for your generosity at our various fund raising events. My thanks also to the many parents who have given their time to help with guided reading, in classrooms or accompany the children on our trips; your help is much appreciated. As we reach the half term break, I would also like to highlight some events at SJS over the coming weeks and to wish you all a relaxing and restful holiday.

### **Harvest, Basics Bank and Jeans for Genes**

Thank you for your generous support with our Harvest Appeal on behalf of the Basics Bank in Fareham. I am delighted to say that the school was able to send a fantastic collection of produce; I've attached a photo of the display at the foot of this newsletter. I have been asked to pass on the thanks and gratitude of all associated with the Basics Bank for your donations. In addition, we were also able to send £340 to 'Jeans for Genes' following our non-uniform day.

### **Rights Respecting Schools**

I am delighted to say that Sarisbury has been accredited with the 'Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award' following a visit from a UNICEF representative. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Young and our fantastic Rights Respecting Team for the work they have undertaken so far in Sarisbury's journey as a Rights Respecting School.

### **Congratulations and staffing news**

We all offer our congratulations to Mr Munsie who has been appointed to a senior leadership role within Life Church Southampton with effect from January 2018. This is an excellent opportunity for Mr Munsie and we all wish him every success for the future as he moves to pastures new. Mr Munsie has been a highly valued member of our staff team over the past ten years and has made a significant contribution to the school's improvement during that time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his outstanding commitment and support to all things Sarisbury! As part of Mr Munsie's outreach work through the Life Church, we know that there will be many opportunities for him to support our work as a Church School and so remain in contact with the children and staff at SJS.

In order to ensure a continuity of leadership in across the school from January, Mrs Hart will move from Year 4 into Year 6 as Year Leader for the remainder of the year. Mrs Hart knows the class and Year Group well and so this will provide a continuity for Year 6 in their last year at SJS. Mrs Hamblin and Mr Richards will widen their leadership role within the school and assume the joint responsibility for the leadership of Year 4. This is an excellent opportunity for them to take on a more senior leadership role in school and I know they will both do an excellent job. I am also pleased to confirm the appointment of Mrs Lizzie Markham to the staff team at SJS and she will be teaching Class 4LH from January onwards. Mrs Markham is an experienced and outstanding teacher who is delighted to be working at Sarisbury and I know will contribute a great deal to the life of the school.

We also welcome Mrs Kelly-Anne Crow to the staff at Sarisbury who will be teaching Class 3AY when Mrs Young takes her maternity leave next spring. Mrs Crow is a regular teacher at SJS who knows the school and children well; I am delighted that she has agreed to join us a longer term basis.

### **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:

1. Children should only bring 20 of their cards into school
2. Children should always 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

### **Children with severe allergies:**

May I take this opportunity to remind you that, due to a number of children at Sarisbury with severe allergies, we operate a no nut or kiwi fruit policy in school. This is particularly important with regard playtime snacks and lunch boxes; including occasions when children are required to bring a packed lunch for school trips.

### **Healthy snacks:**

We ask that children only bring fresh fruit, vegetables or sugar free cereal bars / fruit bars for breacktime snacks. Please can parents ensure that these are also nut and kiwi free due to children with severe allergies at Sarisbury. Your support and co-operation regarding this matter are much appreciated.

## Events for your diary – Autumn 2:

### WW1 Focus Week

Between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November, we will be exploring the events and impact of the First World War both locally and further afield as part of our support of the WW1 Centenary Commemoration. The children will participate in a number of rich and thought provoking activities throughout the week, which will culminate in our act of Remembrance at 11:00am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. You are warmly invited to join us for this occasion and we will write with more details after half term.

### Important Curriculum Information Evenings for Year 6 Parents

*Assessment & SATs Information Evening (for Year 6) Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November @ 6:30pm*

This is an important event to provide further details to Year 6 parents about the changes, content and timetable of this year's Key Stage 2 tests.

### Children in Need

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting this year's Children in Need appeal. The theme at SJS will be decided by the School Council after the holiday and so please watch out for further details. As with previous years, The Civic Award Team in Year 6 will also be selling cakes for the children to purchase at break time.

### Parents' Evenings

We are holding two parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November between 4:00pm and 7:30pm. As with last year, you will be able to book your appointments via our online system and we will notify you once the booking process is open.

We ask that your child be present for at least part of the interview as teachers will be sharing your child's targets (Steps to Success) during the consultation meetings. These helpful summaries of your child's first term at SJS include learning goals which your child needs to practise at home; a copy of these will be provided for you to discuss with your child. We do encourage children to be present throughout the meeting, but should you wish to see teachers without your child, please begin the meeting at the allotted time and then ask your child to join you. We would also like to point out that, due to the early stage in the school year, the Steps to Success summary written for your child this half term will not contain a statement measuring progress against end of year expectations. They will focus more on your child's attitudes, strengths and areas for improvement in reading, writing and maths.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to remind you that the school is closed on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** for staff training and that the children return to school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

Yours sincerely

*A. J. Stockton*

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Headteacher

### **Harvest Donations 2018 and our School Council in action**

