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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents,

On behalf of everyone here at Sarisbury CE Junior, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all at the start of this new school year and I do hope you have all had a relaxing and restful summer break. The staff and I certainly look forward to working with you as we strive to make this a fantastic year for everyone at SJS.

We are delighted to welcome the children and parents of our new Year 3 as they begin their time at Sarisbury. We also welcome Mrs Morgan, who joins our teaching team, and Miss Marlow and Miss Williams who will complete their school centred teacher training with us this year.

We have had a busy summer at school and I am pleased to say that the two modular classrooms have been installed and are ready for our Year 6 as we start this term. I must say a big thank you to the staff team at SJS who have given their time over the holiday to ensure that the school looks fantastic as we open the doors on a new school year; it promises to be an exciting one for all of us.

Ahead of the children's return on Friday morning, I thought it would be helpful to outline some of the organisational features that we will have in place as we look forward to school life beyond the bubble this autumn term. In their latest guidance to schools, the DfE have advised that wherever possible, children should return to a learning environment without restrictions that ensures a rich and broad curriculum experience. Further details about the DfE's guidance to schools can be found following the link below:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/24/back-to-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

With nearly 400 children at SJS this year, we will operate mainly as a Lower (Years 3 & 4) and Upper School (Years 5 & 6). This is primarily about the efficient and safe organisation and management of the school day to day, rather than Covid-19 prevention. That said, in line with advised control measures, we will be maintaining high levels of hand hygiene throughout the school day, ensuring a rigorous and thorough cleaning schedule and providing well ventilated areas for children and staff to work in.

As a reminder, the school's start and finish times are outlined below:

Pupil Groups	Drop off time	Collection time
<i>Classes 6VH, 6LH & 6SH</i>	8:30am	3:15pm
<i>Classes 5PD, 5CH & 5BW</i>	8:30am	3:15pm
<i>Classes 4HK, 4ML & 4DR</i>	8:45am	3:30pm
<i>Classes 3GC, 3MC, 3CD & 3JL</i>	8:45am	3:30pm

On arrival, children are asked to wait on the playground until the start times detailed above. The playground will be supervised from 8:25am, but we do ask that children arrive as close to these start times as possible. Where children have older siblings and the school day starts at different times, we ask that you arrive at 8:30am and the younger sibling can wait on the playground until 8:45am. At the end of the day, please collect at 3:30pm. Teachers will be on the playground before and after school to ensure the safe supervision of youngsters at SJS.

For Friday 3rd September, we would ask that **parents of children in Year 3** wait with their child on the school playground from 8:45am where we can welcome you formally to the school, meet your child's teacher and ensure that the children are familiar with the start of the school day at Sarisbury. Throughout the day, they will be shown various parts of the school building and will have every opportunity to become more settled in their new school environment.

The one-way system across the school playground will remain in place throughout this year and we do ask for your cooperation to ensure that drop off and collection times run as smoothly as possible. Face coverings are no longer necessary when accessing the school site, but we do encourage parents to wear them should they visit the school's reception.

With playground and field space limited, we will also continue our pattern of split break and lunchtimes. This will run as follows:

Morning break Year 3 & Year 4 at 10:20am to 10:40am
Year 5 & Year 6 at 10:45am to 11:05am

Lunch break Year 3 & Year 4 at 12:00 noon to 1:00pm
Year 5 & Year 6 at 12:30pm to 1:30pm



Morning break on a Friday will be grouped with Year 6 & Year 3 together at 10:20am to ensure children have time to spend with their buddies. Year 4 & Year 5 will share breaktime at 10:45am.

We will also retain our request for children to come to school dressed in the PE / Games kit on days when they have PE. We do ask that this is our **specified uniform for PE** and not leisure sports kit; thank you. PE days for children at SJS are as follows:

Year 3 – Outdoor PE on a Thursday and Indoor PE on a Friday each week

Year 4 – Indoor PE on a Monday and Outdoor PE on a Friday each week

Year 5 – Indoor PE on a Tuesday and Outdoor PE on a Wednesday each week

Year 6 – Outdoor PE on a Monday and Indoor PE on a Wednesday each week

PE sessions will begin from Monday 6th September.

Children will need to bring their kit to change into when participating in outdoor club activities. We are planning a full return to our clubs programme at SJS this year and further details of these will follow in due course.

As detailed in our July newsletter, one positive outcome of the school's work to develop remote and blended learning, has been our improved use of online platforms to maintain excellent levels of communication with the wider school community during periods of lockdown. The daily 'Azoombly' and pupil progress review meetings with parents held via 'Zoom' have proved both efficient, convenient and more effective in strengthening partnerships between school and home. Feedback from parents has also suggested that these are ideal opportunities to use the online platforms and so we intend to maintain a more 'hybrid' approach in using these throughout the year.

School Uniform:

School uniform is an important part of our school's ethos, culture and sense of community at Sarisbury. We want children to feel proud of themselves, the school and its environment – being proud of their uniform helps to communicate this aspiration across the school. We are committed to maintaining the highest of standards and as we begin the new school year, I would like to remind you of Sarisbury's uniform policy and include details below:

- Red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt with school logo
- Dark Grey or black trousers or skirt. Shorts or a red summer dress may also be worn
- Sensible school shoes, and not trainers or fashion boots, should be worn at all times

Optional

- Grey or red fleece with school logo

PE Kit

For PE / Games, your child will require:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt (with school logo where possible)
- Plimsolls
- Trainers (outdoor activities only)

During the colder months, it is advisable for your child to wear either a black tracksuit or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt; a high quality tracksuit is available from M&S with the school's logo.

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery other than small stud earrings and watches, which should be removed for all PE and Games lessons.

Our uniform can be purchased from 'Marks & Spencer' and 'Skool Kit'; details are available from the admin team, or on the school's website.

As an ECO School, holding the Green Flag Award, we are committed to reducing the amount of unclaimed uniform that is recycled or thrown away throughout the year – please help us in this by ensuring that **all children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name and class**.

Name labels are available from a company called **Stikins** who specialise in labels that need no sewing or ironing; I believe these are used by a number of parents already and come highly recommended. These can be ordered online at www.stikins.co.uk quoting the school's fund raising number **17499**.

Settling In & Pupil Progress Review Meetings

To keep you updated on your child's progress and how they have settled into new classes this half term, teachers will send individual emails to parents on Wednesday 13th October for our Lower School and Thursday 14th October for Upper School pupils between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. These will provide helpful information about your child's first few weeks of the school year and their experience in school.

Autumn Term progress review meetings will be held in the second half of the term on Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November in order to share more detailed information about children's progress and learning goals. You will receive further details on how to book appointments nearer the time.



Year 3 Parents – Welcome to our new Year 3; we are holding a 'zoom' information evening for all Year 3 parents on Tuesday 14th September at 6:30pm. The purpose of this session is to give a more detailed breakdown of routines and expectations at Sarisbury, once the children have settled into life in Year 3. It will also give us the opportunity to discuss the transfer arrangements that have taken place and seek your feedback on the transition arrangements for this year.

Year 6 Parents – A similar information evening for all Year 6 parents will be held on Tuesday 21st September at 6:30pm. The purpose of the evening is to give a more detailed breakdown of curriculum changes and new assessment arrangements specific to Year 6 this year. The 'virtual' information evening for the residential visit to Stone Farm will be held on Tuesday 5th October at 6:30pm when we will be outlining the trip and providing details of approximate costing.

Year 5 Parents – The 'zoom' information evening for the residential visit to Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre on the will be held on Thursday 7th October at 6:30pm when we will be outlining the programme for this visit and providing details of approximate costing. Children in Year 5 will also have the opportunity to take part in an activity day at Fairthorne Manor on Friday 1st October and more details about this will follow in due course.

Parent Helpers

We are always grateful for the tremendous support we receive from our parent community at Sarisbury and place great value in this partnership. We have missed parents helping in classrooms or on school trips and will be looking at every opportunity to welcome the wider community back into school this term. Year Leaders will write in the early part of the autumn term to provide more details about how you can get involved in the day to day learning at SJS.

Please remember that Year Leaders, Mrs Paddock and I are always happy to see parents about any concerns or problems. We can always be found on the playground at the start or end of each day. If unavailable, then an appointment can be made through the school office.

We have a tremendous Parents & Friends Association and I know they are always keen to welcome new volunteers. With a more normal feel to school life returning, we are very much looking forward to seeing parents in school supporting the PFA's events throughout the year. If you feel you are able to help with fund raising events this year, or want to find out more about the PFA, please do contact the school for further information.

Club Activities

We are intending to run our usual wide range of clubs at Sarisbury this school year and details of these will be sent separately once the school term is underway.

Water Bottles & Healthy Snacks

Children will need to bring water bottles into school each day. The school has a number of water fountains available on site for children to re-fill these. We would also encourage all children to bring a mid-morning healthy snack. We have a healthy snacks policy at Sarisbury which does not include chocolate bars or crisps during the mid-morning break. We encourage children to bring fresh fruit, vegetables or sugar free fruit / cereal bars for snacks at breaktime. **Due to severe food allergies, please refrain from sending snacks that contain nuts or sesame seeds.**

School Meals & Packed Lunches

Hampshire Caterers provide a good range and standard of school meals for the children and regularly review their lunchtime menu. At £2.50, it represents very good value for money and as such, we are keen to promote school meals through Hampshire Caterers for the children. Sarisbury Junior offers a flexible school meal service whereby meals can be ordered and paid for daily. A copy of this term's menu is available from the school office if parents are interested. The school also operates an on-line pre-payment service for school activities and meals; details and the relevant link are available through our website. **Please note that a credit balance is required before any meals can be ordered.** Hampshire Caterers also have a useful Facebook page which can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/hc3seducation/?fref=ts>

If your child brings a packed meal to school, please will you ensure that their name and class are marked clearly on their lunch box. In line with our Healthy School's Policy, we would also encourage parents to consider a healthy and balanced meal when providing a packed lunch for their child. **Due to severe food allergies, please refrain from sending snacks that contain nuts or sesame seeds.**

Children's Safety:

For the safe and efficient management of the limited space at Sarisbury, we ask that you support us with the staggered start and end times to the school day and follow the one way system. We also actively encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

The school uses the marked layby in Allotment Road as a stop and drop zone; we would appreciate it if parents refrain from parking in this area unless using it for this purpose. There is a no parking restriction between 8:00am and 9:30am / 2:30pm and 4:00pm and your support with this is much appreciated.



Parents who wish their child to cycle to school will need to obtain a cycle permit from the school office in order to leave bicycles on the premises. Children should access the cycle and scooter racks via the main playground gates and not through the staff car park. Upper School children who hold the 'Bikeability Level 2' qualification are able to cycle to school unaccompanied by an adult. Pedal Power training is available to all pupils in Years 5 and 6 as part of the school's curriculum; this runs in the autumn and spring term.

We have two scooter parks available for those children who wish to scoot to school. As part of the school's safer travel initiatives, we also offer Year 3 scooter safety training which this year takes place on Monday 18th October. This training is also provided by the Pedal Power Team and funded by the school as part of the curriculum to support children's personal development learning.

Security Arrangements:

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that all visitors to the school should report to reception when visiting the school premises.

The school has an extensive CCTV system around the school grounds for everyone's safety; this system is in operation 24 hours a day.

With my very best wishes,

A. J. Stockton

Mr Andrew J. Stockton
Headteacher

For your information, a list of diary dates for this term is included below. These and a wide range of information about the school are included on our website which can be accessed via the following link www.sjsonline.org.uk

Initial Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 2nd September

Friday 3rd September

Tuesday 14th September
Wednesday 15th September
Thursday 16th September
Friday 17th September
Tuesday 21st September
Friday 24th September

Friday 1st October
Tuesday 5th October
Wednesday 6th October
Thursday 7th October
Thursday 7th October
Monday 11th October
Tuesday 12th October
Wednesday 13th October
Thursday 14th October
Monday 18th October

Tuesday 19th October
Thursday 21st October

Monday 25th October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November
Thursday 11th November
Monday 15th November
Monday 15th November
Wednesday 17th November
Thursday 18th November
Monday 22nd November

Friday 3rd December
Tuesday 14th December
Wednesday 15th December
Thursday 16th December
Friday 17th December

In-Service Day Closure

Autumn Term 1 Begins

Year 3 Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)
Year 5 Swimming – Class 5PD
Year 6 Harry Potter World
Year 6 Harry Potter Day
Year 6 Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)
Harvest Festival (on behalf of the Basics Bank in Fareham)

Year 5 to Fairthorne Manor (team building day)
Year 6 Stone Farm Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)
Year 3 to Sarisbury Green / Winchester
Year 3 to Sarisbury Green / Winchester
Year 5 Avon Tyrrell Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)
Year 4 to the Sustainability Centre
Year 4 to the Sustainability Centre
Year 3 & Year 4 settling in emails to parents
Year 5 & Year 6 settling in emails to parents
Year 3 Scooter Training
Year 4 to the Sustainability Centre
Individual School Photographs (tbc)
Open Evening for Year 2 Parents including Year 6 pupil led tours

Half Term Holiday

In-Service Day Closure

Autumn Term 2 Begins

Remembrance Service (10:45am)
Year 5 Pedal Power Training
Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 5:30pm – via Zoom
Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 5:00pm – via Zoom
Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 7:50pm – via Zoom
Year 5 Pedal Power Training

Year 3 Sandwich Making (DT project)
Year 4 Nativity @ St Paul's (tbc)
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Carol Services (tbc)

End of Term

