



**Working and learning
together for success**

9th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support in ensuring a very successful start to the school year at Sarisbury. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and to see the school community enjoying life beyond the bubble! Thank you for your support also with our school uniform policy and in helping us to maintain our one-way system at the start and end of the school day. From a school perspective, these systems are running smoothly and becoming familiar routines to us all; we do appreciate your cooperation with this over the coming weeks.

Now that the new school year is underway, I am writing with further details about some of the half term's events and other information you will find helpful. Please also look out for the autumn term newsletters from our Year Leaders at Sarisbury with more detailed information about curriculum activities specific to your child's year group.

Covid-19 Update and Management:

As outlined in my newsletter prior to the start of the school year, we have a detailed Covid-19 outbreak management plan at Sarisbury and this, along with the school's risk assessment and other helpful information, can be found on our school's website. As we enter the autumn term, there will undoubtedly be isolated cases of Covid-19 alongside the many other coughs and sneezes typical of winter months! The message for all of us is about how this is managed effectively to ensure that any disruption to children's learning is kept to a minimum. The Government have issued an 'inform and warn' letter for parents where schools have identified positive cases and a copy of this is also on our website. To date, we have a few confirmed cases across the school community and I would remind parents that should your child display symptoms typical of Covid-19, please book a PCR test and keep them away from school until the results of the test are known. Our Covid-19 absence guide for parents is also a helpful document and can be found via this link:

[Health and Safety Policies | Sarisbury CE Junior School \(sjsonline.org.uk\)](https://sjsonline.org.uk/Health-and-Safety-Policies)

Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Festival assemblies will take place on Friday 24th September and once again, we will be supporting the 'Basics Bank' appeal organised by The Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport. The children will be learning more about the great work of the Basics Bank as part of our assembly on Monday 20th September. From Monday 20th, 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 Rights Respecting School, we feel it is important for children to have the opportunity to think about those in need of our help. Given current economic circumstances, 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. Items donated during the week will be collected in classrooms and then taken by the Basics Bank team after school on Friday. We ask that children take donations directly to their classroom from Monday and once again, your contribution is very much appreciated.

Jeans 4 Genes

Alongside our Harvest celebrations on Friday 24th September, we will also be supporting the 'Jeans for Genes' appeal. Children that wish to participate can wear jeans for the day and bring 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.

Remote Learning at SJS

Mathletics & Rediwrite Spelling

In order to support children's learning in maths, reading and languages at SJS, we subscribe to a number of learning platforms and make these available, free of charge, to all parents to access with their children at home. For the platforms listed below, children have their own log on details which will have been given to them by their class teacher; please contact us if you need further help accessing the websites.

Mathletics is a fun and fantastic resource to develop children's arithmetic fluency and we would recommend this as a regular part of children's learning.



Readiwrite is accessed through the same platform as Mathletics and provides a wide range of spelling, reading and writing games – these have proved very successful in raising children’s confidence and knowledge in spelling.

[Mathletics United Kingdom | Empowering Maths Learning Online](#)

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

This is a very popular platform with children and helps develop fluency and rapid recall in their times tables. Children at Sarisbury use this regularly in classrooms as part of our teaching of multiplication and we would thoroughly recommend parents accessing this with children at home; maybe even take up the challenge yourselves!

[Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(ttrackstars.com\)](#)

Bug Club

Bug Club is a great on-line reading scheme that is designed to supplement reading at school and home. We set activities using Bug Club regularly as part of the school’s home learning programme, but would actively encourage parents to use this with their child. Log on details for parents can be found on our website or available from your child’s teacher.

[ActiveLearn: Login \(activelearnprimary.co.uk\)](#)

Linguascope

We have a lovely languages curriculum at SJS and in order to develop this further, the school has invested in a fun and helpful on-line learning platform which all children and parents will have the opportunity to access. The resource is provided by linguascope.com and the link and log on details are included below:

username: sjspupil
password: let5learn

[Linguascope | The World’s Number 1 Interactive Language Learning Platform for Schools](#)

In addition to the on-line resources above, all of the school’s home learning activities are uploaded to Year Group Google drives. These are available for parents to access and are a useful reference point for home learning. This is also the place that we will share class based activities should children need to self-isolate.

School Uniform:

Please may I request that all parents check that their child’s name is **clearly labelled** on all items of uniform (and lunchboxes). We are keen to reduce the amount of ‘lost’ property and the vast majority of these are unnamed. As an award winning Green Flag school, our aim is to encourage children to take greater responsibility for their belongings, their environment and a pride in themselves and their school. Our uniform, and children’s care of it, is an important part of this.

Individual School Photographs:

Please note that the visit of Yellow Photography has been moved to Thursday 4th November for children’s individual school photographs. Further details about timings will be given nearer the time.

Club activities for 2021 – 2022

We are currently finalising details of this year’s club programme for the children at Sarisbury and we are very much looking forward to these running again during the course of the year. A full club list will be emailed to parents along with details as to how you can request places for your child. In some cases where club activities are oversubscribed, two groups will run and some children will be invited to join the second programme later in the term.

And finally...

There are a number of information evenings over the next two weeks and details of all of these can be found on our school calendar:

[Diary Dates | Sarisbury CE Junior School \(sjsonline.org.uk\)](#)

Links to the various zoom sessions will be emailed ahead of the meetings and we look forward to sharing the many exciting opportunities for children at SJS over the coming weeks. For parents wishing to keep up to date with all the fantastic things we do, please follow us on our Facebook page. Please also make sure we have appropriate permissions should you wish your child to be included in these photos; these can be updated at the school office.

With my best wishes,

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