

**Working and learning  
together for success**

Dear Parents,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this half term. We are delighted with how the term has started and how well children at SJS have settled into the school year. In the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October, you will receive an email update from your child's teacher about how they are adjusting to new school routines, the contribution we are seeing in the classroom and their early progress now that the term is well underway. Please do look out for these.

### **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 have attached photographs of the display below. I have also been asked to pass on the thanks and gratitude of all associated with the Basics Bank for your kind donations. In addition, we were able to send £320 to 'Jeans for Genes' following our non-uniform day.



### **Club Activities**

It has been lovely to see our clubs programme up and running over the past two weeks and the fantastic participation by the children at SJS. Given the number of children that wanted to take part in clubs this year, we have had to limit numbers in some cases. Where possible, we have arranged for clubs to run in blocks of time to ensure all children that wanted a place are able to take part. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Sarisbury for their time and contribution to the wide variety of activities on offer this year.

With indoor club activities using the hall throughout the week, wet weather will mean we are unable to run outdoor activities safely and may have to cancel these clubs. We will notify parents by 2:15pm via our text message facility should this be necessary. We would ask that if this situation occurs, you collect your child at the end of the school day at the normal time. Thank you.

### **Covid-19 Update**

We are beginning to see an increase in the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases at SJS and whilst these are still a very small proportion of the school population, we are maintaining high levels of vigilance in our use of daily control measures. We have also had the first cases of staff testing positive with Covid-19 and this does present a greater significance with regards teaching and class cover at Sarisbury. To this end, I ask for your support and cooperation by ensuring that, should your child display symptoms associated with Covid-19, including cold like symptoms now more prevalent in children with the Delta variant, that you carry out a PCR test before sending them back to school. The implications of staff absence are considerable as we approach the winter months and ensuring classes remain open safely, is our highest priority.

### **Pupil Progress Review Meetings**

We are holding three evenings of individual 'Zoom' progress review meetings to discuss your child's work and progress this term. These will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Times of these sessions vary and we will share further details nearer the time. Parents will be able to book meeting slots online and teachers will invite them into the parents' meeting at their allocated time. By running these sessions over three evenings, we will be able to ensure all parents are able to book a convenient time. Our Admin Team will notify you by text message once the booking process is open.

As part of the interview, teachers will be sharing your child's targets (Steps to Success). These helpful summaries of your child's first term at SJS include learning goals which can be practised at home; a copy of these will be provided for you to discuss with your child.

Yours sincerely

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