



16th December 2015

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!

Dear Parents,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who passed on their best wishes following my operation and short period away from school. I am feeling much better and although officially still 'off' I am looking forward to spending time at SJS over the last few days of the autumn term. Thank you to Mrs Bleeck and our Leadership Team who have ensured the school has run smoothly whilst I've been away.

Thank you also for your fantastic support and generosity at our recent Christmas Fair, where we raised over £2100. I am also very grateful for the great support and contribution of our PFA who ensured the event ran superbly.

Congratulations to Year 6 who planned, researched and put on an excellent Ancient Greek Exhibition last week; an activity attended by many parents. The quality and imagination of the exhibits was great to see and my thanks go to the children and staff in Year 6 for their hard work.

This week's Christmas Events:

Year 4 presented their first Christmas Nativity performance at St Paul's Church on Tuesday 15th and what an excellent evening it was! My congratulations and thanks go to Mrs Hart, the staff and children in Year 4 for their superb production. The second performance will take place at St Paul's this evening.

The carol services at St Paul's will take place on Thursday 17th December at 9:45am for the Lower School and 1:45pm for the Upper School. If you are able to help by walking the children to and from the services you will be very welcome to stay and join us for coffee & mince pies afterwards. Please contact the school office, if you are able to help.

Several members of the school choir are singing in the Family Candlelit Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday 20th December at 10:30am. I'm sure Rev. Matheson and our friends at St Paul's would be delighted to see you if you wish to join them for the service.

Christmas Jumper Day:

Please support us on Friday 18th December when we will be wearing a Christmas Jumper and/or non-school uniform in aid of 'Save the Children' for a small donation of £1; thank you.

Club Activities:

Club activities will start in the week beginning 11th January. Further details about clubs running during the spring term will appear in my first newsletter of the New Year. Parents can also access a variety of information about the school, including club activities, on our website.

Year 5 Swimming:

Children in Class 5PD will commence their swimming lessons in the week beginning 11th January. These sessions take place at Fareham Leisure Centre on a Monday afternoon and last for 5 weeks.

Class Assemblies:

We are introducing class assemblies during the course of the spring term, which will give the children an opportunity to share examples of their work with the rest of the school. Parents will be invited to attend their child's class assembly and I include the relevant dates for your diaries.

Friday 15th January
Friday 22nd January
Friday 5th February
Friday 12th February

Class 6SM
Class 5PD
Class 4LH
Class 3SC

Friday 4th March
Friday 11th March
Friday 18th March

Class 6DR
Class 5SH
Class 4ET

Class assemblies will begin at 9:00am and as the spring term is shorter in length, the class assemblies for 6PB, 5AC, 4PD, 3CH and 3JL will take place during the summer term. I have included other dates for your diaries during the spring term, which I hope parents will find useful, at the end of this newsletter.

School Meals:

Please will you also ensure that any school dinner money owed is paid in full by **Thursday 17th December** at the latest. Thank you.

Please note the school dinner menu will be as for **week 2** when we return after Christmas.

Postcards from our Christmas Travels:

This is a reminder that Miss Davies is hoping to display postcards from our travels over the Christmas holiday. If you have time and would like to send the school a postcard from wherever you may be, that would be much appreciated. This is part of our Geography learning at SJS and will provide a helpful resource for children in improving their knowledge of the wider world.

Dates for the Spring Term:

Monday 4th January
Tuesday 5th January
Thursday 7th January
Monday 11th January
Monday 11th January
Monday 11th January
Friday 15th January
Friday 22nd January
Friday 29th January
Friday 29th January

Term Begins

Ukulele concert @ 11am
Year 6 to Harry Potter World
Year 5 Swimming (Class 5PD – 5 weeks)
Spring term club activities begin
Year 6 Bikeability (further details to follow)
SJS Film Night for Year 5 and Year 6
SJS Film Night for Year 3 and Year 4

In-Service Day Closure

Portsmouth Race 4 – this will run as normal

Friday 5th February
Friday 12th February

Portsmouth Race 5
Year 4 to Sea City, Southampton
Spring term discos (to be confirmed)

Monday 15th February

Half Term Holiday

Monday 22nd February
Friday 26th February

Mock SATs Week for Year 6
Portsmouth Race 6

Wednesday 2nd March
Friday 4th March
Friday 4th March
Wednesday 16th March
Thursday 17th March
Monday 21st March
Tuesday 22nd March
Wednesday 23rd March
Thursday 24th March

Year 3 to Swanwick Nature Reserve
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Crookhorn College Championship Race
Parents' Evening 4:00 to 7:30pm
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Class Photographs
Year 5 Easter Production 7:00pm
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Easter Services

Thursday 24th March

Term Ends

Friday 25th March

Good Friday Bank Holiday

Monday 11th April

Summer Term Begins

This has been a very enjoyable and successful term at Sarisbury and I am grateful for the efforts and hard work given by all associated with the school. On behalf of the staff at SJS, Governors and myself, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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