



5th February 2016

Dear Parents,

As the half term break is approaching, I am taking the opportunity to update you on events at Sarisbury taking place before and after the holiday.

E-Safety workshop for parents:

I am pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for parents to attend a useful workshop on internet safety at Hook with Warsash Primary School on Monday 8th February between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. The event has been organised by schools across the cluster and further details were included in a letter emailed earlier this week.

Parents' Evenings:

Our Spring Term parents' evenings will be held on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March.

We are asking 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; a copy of these will be provided for you to discuss with your child. These are valuable discussions and ensure that you are well informed about your child's progress and their future targets. We do encourage children to be present throughout the meeting, but should you wish to talk to the class teacher individually prior to the learning review with your child; please indicate this on your child's booking slip which will be sent home in a separate letter after the holiday. We would also like to remind you that, at this stage in the school year, the Steps to Success summary written for your child will now contain a statement measuring progress against end of year age related expectations in reading, writing and maths.

If you have more than one child at the school, we will do our best to arrange appointments so that they follow one another. If the times stated are not convenient, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Governors and I will be available throughout the evening should you have queries or concerns.

School Discos

The PFA are holding discos for children in the Lower and Upper school on Friday 12th February.

The disco for Years 3 and 4 will take place between 5:30pm and 6:45pm.

The disco for Years 5 and 6 will take place between 7:15pm and 8:30pm.

There is no need to purchase tickets as the entrance fee of £2.50 will be payable on the door. Further information has been e-mailed to parents in a letter from the PFA; a paper copy is available from the school office on request.

Dinner Money:

We have been notified by Hampshire Caterers that the price of school meals will increase from £2.00 to £2.10 with effect from 1st April 2016.

We would also like to take this opportunity to request that all outstanding dinner money is paid as soon as possible. We have to reimburse Hampshire Caterers for all meals ordered and therefore any money owed by parents comes directly from the school's resources budget; your cooperation is much appreciated. Due to the end of the financial year, the last date for online payment will be Monday 21st March

Pupil Absence:

We have had clarification from the DfE that any unauthorised holiday absence in excess of 9 sessions (4.5 days) in any period of 100 sessions (50 days) will attract a penalty notice. This differs from the 10 sessions quoted in the previous guidance issued to parents. It is the 10th session of absence that triggers the penalty notice. Please do pop in and ask Mrs Edwards or myself if you would like further information.

Themed Walk to School Event:

On Thursday 10th March, to celebrate our bronze school travel award, we will be holding a themed walk to school event led by a theatre company. More details will follow from Mrs Bleeck and our Travel Team after the holiday but in the meantime, please add the date to your diary.

And Finally...

We would like to offer our love and very best wishes to Miss Stevenson for the safe arrival of her second baby due after the half term holiday. She leaves us at the end of this week to take her maternity leave.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Stockton

Mr A. J. Stockton
Headteacher