



24th January 2017

Dear Parents,

At the mid-point in this half term, I am taking the opportunity to update you on events at Sarisbury taking place before we reach the half term holiday.

E-Safety workshop for parents:

You will be aware from my previous newsletter that we are able to offer the opportunity for parents to attend a useful workshop on internet safety at Hook with Warsash Primary School on Monday 13th February between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. The event has been organised by schools across the cluster and further details were included in the letter dated January 4th (this is available on our website).

In-Service Day Closure:

This is also a reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 27th January for our in-service training day. As a staff team, we are learning more about the current thinking around supporting SEN in the new curriculum and taking the opportunity to review pupil progress at Sarisbury alongside the new assessment framework.

This does mean that there will be no cross country club on Friday although our Portsdown Race Team will be running; we wish them the best of luck for the first race of the season.

School Discos:

Thank you to our PFA for their support at our recent Film Nights. The next events are the spring term discos for children in the Lower and Upper school on Friday 10th 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 will be e-mailed to parents in a letter from the PFA; a paper copy is available from the school office on request.

Food Technology:

We are currently in the process of refurbishing and updating the food technology room at Sarisbury and I am very grateful to the members of our PFA for the generous £4000 donation towards the cost of the project. The improvements will see the installation of a new kitchen area, two low level ovens and two induction hobs for children to use. Further details about cookery clubs for the spring term will follow once this facility has been completed; watch this space!

Dinner Provision:

We have been notified by Hampshire Caterers that the school kitchens are due for a ventilation refit which will mean that children's meals will be prepared off-site and delivered via courier. We hope that this will mean little disruption to the arrangements for school meals, but during this time, there will be no extra option (meal choice 'M') for Year 6 pupils. The project is planned to run for up to two weeks.

Our aim to keep you informed:

We aim to keep our website up to date with all the latest information about school policies, procedures events and curriculum developments; it is an excellent source of information and also includes copies of all newsletters sent during the school year. There is a section on the membership and responsibilities of our school governors as well as a little information about them; please do take a look. In order to ensure we keep as many parents informed as possible about day to day events at SJS, there are also links to our Facebook and Twitter pages; these are regularly updated and so please add us to your 'friends' list.

With the school using Facebook and Twitter more widely, we will be sending a consent form home, based on Hampshire guidelines, for you to return as soon as possible; thank you for your help with this.

Yours sincerely,

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