

Sports Presentation Ceremony:

Due to recent events and the reorganisation of our Sarisbury Games Events, the SJS Sports Presentation Ceremony will now take place on Monday 24th July at 2:45pm. This is always a lovely occasion and a great opportunity to celebrate another excellent year's sport at Sarisbury. Please do come along and join us.

Year 6 Leavers' Production:

This year's Year 6 Leavers' Production of 'The School Will Rock You' will take place on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th July starting at 7pm. There will also be a matinee performance on Tuesday 18th July at 1:30pm. Once parents have been notified, tickets for the production can be paid for online via our payment system. Please note that there are no tickets left for the evening performances, but we do have some for the matinee on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30pm; please contact the office team for further details. We wish our Year 6 team the very best of luck for this year's show; it is going to be amazing!

Leavers' Service & Assembly:

The Leavers' Service at St Paul's for Year 6 will take place on Thursday 20th July at 2:30pm; parents are very welcome to attend and we always appreciate help in walking the children to and from St Paul's.

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and picnic will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday 25th July. This promises to be a lovely occasion and we look forward to your company at these special events for our Year 6 pupils.

Family BBQ:

Weather permitting, our family BBQ will take place on Friday 21st July at 6:00pm. You will shortly receive further details from our PFA about tickets and timings for the evening. As always this will be a very popular event and we look forward to you joining us. This year, we are delighted to welcome the Jazz Orchestra from Brookfield School who will provide some of the evening's entertainment.

School leadership and other important information:

You will be aware of the sad circumstance surrounding the passing of Mr Peter Bleeck, Mrs Bleeck's husband last week. Mrs Bleeck has been in touch with the school recently and has asked me to pass on her grateful thanks for the cards and best wishes she has received over the past few days. She will be popping in and out of school over the next few weeks until the end of term, but whilst she is away from Sarisbury, Year Leaders and I will be covering matters related to SEN.

We have now been given the date of the funeral of Peter Bleeck, which will take place on Friday 14th July at 1:00pm. Peter Bleeck had a very close association with the Sarisbury Schools community as a governor, parent and cub leader and was widely respected and well known. There are many members of staff wishing to attend the funeral to pay their respects and support Mrs Bleeck at this difficult time.

Consequently, we have been in touch with Hampshire County Council and they are willing and supportive of the school taking a half-day closure on the afternoon of Friday 14th July; this seems the right decision given the exceptional circumstances. The school will hold an early lunchbreak between 11:30am and 12:00 and we would then request that parents collect children from Sarisbury as soon as possible after 12:00 noon. We appreciate that this will need parents to make special arrangements and that many families will have work commitments. Nevertheless, given the support of the parent community at Sarisbury, I am sure you will appreciate and respect the school's decision to close and enable staff and families that wish to attend the funeral to do so. It will be possible to have a skeleton staff remain at Sarisbury, should parents not be able to make arrangements for their children. I would ask that you contact the school as soon as possible if this is the case in order for us to gauge numbers. Thank you in advance for your support.

With this in mind, the Year 4 visit to the Living Rainforest in Newbury has been moved to Friday 21st July; all other arrangements for the trip remain the same.

Yours sincerely,

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