



1st March 2016

Dear Parents,

Sports Update:

I am delighted to confirm that Sarisbury has been awarded the Association for Physical Education's (afPE) Quality Mark at Distinction level for its work in demonstrating outstanding commitment to improvement in physical education and sport. This is a prestigious award that recognises and celebrates the quality of sport and physical education at SJS and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and parents who have offered their support and commitment to our PE provision, including the extensive range of clubs. My congratulations also to Mr Munsie and Mrs Hartley for their leadership of our PE provision which was also recognised as an outstanding element in the report. For those parents wishing to find out more about the award and what it recognises, please follow the link below:

<http://www.afpe.org.uk/professional-leadership/afpe-quality-mark-for-pe-a-sport>

Parents' Evenings:

Our Spring Term parents' evenings will be held on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March. I am hoping that you have managed to book your appointment on line. Please contact the admin team if you have had any problems.

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 kept 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 on line booking form. 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.

Parents' Questionnaire:

We very much value your views, suggestions and feedback about the quality of provision at Sarisbury and in order to help us improve our school further, I would welcome your opinions about your child's learning at SJS. We will be sending home this year's questionnaire for parents at the end of this week and I would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete this and then return it either to the school office or at the parents' evenings on **Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March**. I appreciate that it takes time to complete but the higher the response we have, the more informed we are about the views of our parents and therefore the areas of strength and development for our school. We have included a section on the questionnaire this year which relates specifically to SJS as a Church school and would welcome your views on this aspect of the school's work also.

Shakespeare Week and World Book Day:

Please look out for the newsletter explaining this event in more details. A copy is also available on the school's website on the 'newsletters' page.

Sports Relief:

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 18th March and the School Council will be providing further details nearer the time.

Staffing Update and School Organisation from April 2016

We all offer our love and very best wishes to Mrs Blois as she takes her maternity leave at the end of this term and look forward to the safe arrival of Baby Blois! With this in mind, I'm pleased to confirm that Miss Harrington will be teaching Class 6PB for the remainder of the summer term. This will ensure continuity and minimise any disruption to children's learning for the remainder of the year.

We also welcome Mrs Jones back to Sarisbury after the Easter Break. Mrs Jones will provide intervention and booster group support for pupils in Years 3 and 6 in a similar role to Miss Stevenson.

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Sammy Stevenson born on Sunday evening; Mum and baby all doing very well!

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Stockton

Mr A. J. Stockton
Headteacher