



26th May 2017

Dear Parents,

As we approach the half term holiday, I thought I would take the opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable break and update you on forthcoming events at Sarisbury.

Walk to School Week:

Thank you to all of you who have taken the opportunity to walk to school last week. We had over 200 children participate throughout the week and they will all receive their certificate prior to half term.

Fun Run 2017:

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Fun Run. The children should now have received their certificates and once again, can I thank you all for your support. Money raised in this year's run will go towards the new picnic benches we are intending to install on the school field, which the PFA have generously agreed to part fund for us. To date the Fun Run has raised over £415 and we would be grateful if any outstanding sponsor money could be returned, with the sponsor forms, by Friday 9th June. If you have returned money but didn't return a sponsor form in order to gift aid your donation, these can be completed retrospectively and are available from the school office. As a charity, the PFA can claim an additional 30% on donations if gift is selected.

Stone Farm:

Many congratulations to the staff and children in Year 6 for their highly successful visits to Stone Farm over the past two weeks. The children were a pleasure to take away and represented the school superbly. We were all really impressed with the way in which they participated in the many activities on offer. My thanks also to all the staff involved for ensuring the children had a fantastic trip with many fond memories; a lovely way to celebrate their time at SJS as it draws to a close.

Tick Aware:

I have sent with this letter a leaflet raising awareness of tick bites. There have been several children at Sarisbury who have been bitten when playing on the school field recently and as a precaution, I hope you find this information helpful. I know from experience how unpleasant this can be and so am taking every opportunity to share information with you. Advice suggests that long trousers / long socks are advisable when playing on the school field and we do keep the grass cut to a minimum length to reduce the risk further. We would also advise that children keep away from the longer grass and especially when wearing shorts. As a school, we also follow this guidance when participating in PE activities that access the field. The advice from the school health team is that any child who has been bitten by a tick, should be taken to a minor injuries unit to have the tick removed safely. For any further information you can call the school health team on 01489 554992.

Summer Fair:

May I take this opportunity to thank our excellent PFA for the hard work that goes into supporting the school. As we prepare for this year's summer fair, we would ask that if any parents are able to help on the day, please contact Fiona Harrison or Karen Ashworth via the school office. A letter detailing ways in which we seek your support for this event will follow after half term.

The PFA are holding a nearly new school uniform sale on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th June in the school playground (weather permitting!).

Staffing:

We welcome back Miss Davies from her period of maternity leave after the half term break. Miss Davies will assume a part time role in school until September when she will return full time to our leadership team.

Finally, may I remind you that details of all forthcoming events at Sarisbury are included on our school's website and that the school re-opens on Tuesday 6th June after our in-service day closure. Thank you for your support in the many activities the school has undertaken this half term. On behalf of the staff team at SJS, may I wish you all a lovely holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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