

Dear Parents,

Parents' Evening

Thank you for the many positive comments we have received from parents following our recent parents' evenings. Your continued support and feedback is very welcome and much appreciated. The comments left in our visitors' book and survey responses from October about children's learning and progress are helpful in informing our planning and I include a summary of the data for the school below.

84 surveys returned (23%)

30 boys

44 girls

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1	My child enjoys their learning and experiences at Sarisbury	73%	27%			
2	From the work I have seen and conversations I have had, my child is making good progress	57%	37%	1%		5%
3	The work my child is set is interesting and relevant	54%	44%			2%
4	I receive helpful information about events and activities at Sarisbury	65%	35%			
5	Sarisbury responds well to any concerns or comments I raise	45%	30%			25%

Curriculum & Assessment (SATs) Information Evenings

Thank you to the many parents who attended the curriculum and assessment information evenings last week. The presentations from both of those are now available on the school's website via the 'SJS at work' page and then follow the link for your child's year group. You will also find all of the key performance indicators associated within the new national curriculum and as more information becomes available, this is where it will be posted. We hope you find this helpful and informative and would encourage parents to take the time to familiarise themselves with the contents of the new curriculum at SJS.

Children in Need and our Jeans for Genes Appeal

Thank you for your generosity with our two appeals this half term. The children had a great day on Friday 13th November and with many events, including the excellent cakes from our Year 6 Civic Awarders, we raised over £880 for both charities – a fantastic total. Thank you.

Parent Governor Elections:

Voting slips for our parent governor election must be in school by Friday 27th November at **12:00 noon**. Parents will be notified of the result on Monday 30th November.

Christmas Market Evening – Thursday 26th November

Tickets are still available for this event starting at 6.30pm until 8pm. Please feel free to invite your friends and family along too. If you would like more information please contact the admin team for further details.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 27th November

In conjunction with our Infants School and in support of our PFA's Christmas Fair, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27th November. Your child will be able to wear non uniform for a donation of a prize for the PFA **tombola**, which will be part of the Christmas Fair. Prize items could include:

- Box of chocolates
- Packet / bag of sweets
- Bottle of wine etc
- Bottle of fizzy drink
- Box of biscuits
- Chocolate bar

Christmas Fair – Friday 4th December

Thank you very much for the donations already received for our Christmas Fair, which takes place after school at 3:45pm. I have been asked by the PFA to remind you that we are still in need of bottles for the adult tombola and that a plate was sent home with the children today requesting donations of cakes.

Christmas Dinner

Please return your child's order for their Christmas dinner on **Thursday 17th** for our **Lower School** and **Friday 18th** for our **Upper School**.

Please ensure that if your child has a Christmas dinner on Thursday they must bring a packed lunch on Friday. Likewise, if your child is having Christmas dinner on Friday, a packed lunch must be provided on Thursday. For those children entitled to a Free School Meal, a hot meal will be provided on both days unless you advise otherwise.

Christmas Jumper Day!

As with last year, please support us on **Friday 18th December** when we will be wearing a Christmas Jumper in aid of 'Save the Children'. The children can wear their jumper to school for a small donation of £1; thank you.

Companion Care Vets

The school has been nominated to participate in the 'Pet Vaccinate and Educate' scheme where the school will receive a cheque for £5 for every animal vaccination completed, in conjunction with their voucher. Please call in at school's reception for further details and to **collect the voucher**. The scheme runs until the 29th February 2016.

Staff news

I am delighted to share the exciting news that Mrs Blois is expecting her first baby in the summer term and will therefore be taking maternity leave from SJS at the beginning of the summer term. Congratulations also to Mr and Mrs Munsie who are expecting their second baby in March and so Mr Munsie will be taking paternity leave towards the end of the spring term. Plans are in place to cover the absence of Mr Munsie and Mrs Blois and I will write to confirm arrangements nearer the time. In the meantime, we all offer our congratulations and best wishes to Mr Munsie and Mrs Blois for the safe arrival of babies 2 and 1!

Outdoor Club Activities

Please note that, due to the dark afternoons, this will be the last week for outdoor club activities. From 30th November, outdoor clubs will be postponed until after the Christmas break and will start again in the week beginning 11th January 2016; weather permitting! All other club activities at SJS will continue as normal for the next three weeks.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Stockton

Mr A. J. Stockton
Headteacher