

6th November 2015

Dear Parents,

Parents' Evenings

We are holding two parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November between 4:00pm and 7:30pm. An appointments slip has been sent home prior to this letter to return to school by **Wednesday 11th November**.

If you have more than one child at the school, we will do our best to arrange appointments so that they follow one another. If the times stated are not convenient, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Governors and I will be available throughout the evening should you have queries or concerns.

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 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 see teachers without your child present, please begin the meeting at the allotted time and then ask your child to join you. We would also like to point out that, due to the early stage in the school year, the Steps to Success summary written for your child this half term will not contain a statement measuring progress against end of year expectations. They will focus more on your child's attitudes, strengths and areas for improvement in reading, writing and maths.

Important Curriculum Information Evenings for Parents

We are holding the following information evenings for parents next week to provide further information about assessment within the new National Curriculum:

Assessment Information Evening (for Years 3, 4 and 5) Tuesday 10th November @ 6:30pm

Assessment & SATs Information Evening (for Year 6) Thursday 12th November @ 6:30pm

This is an important event to provide further details to Year 6 parents about the content and timetable of this year's Key Stage 2 tests.

Traffic Safety

With the darker mornings and evenings upon us, I would be grateful if parents could take extra care when accessing the school site at the start and end of the school day. The crossing point on Barnes Lane and Allotment Road become heavily congested at these times and therefore in the interests of everyone's safety, I would ask that we are all more vigilant and reduce speeds accordingly.

We will be focusing on road safety as part of our assemblies and road safety week (23rd November) to ensure that children are more aware of the dangers presented by local traffic.

Children in Need

As notified in my previous newsletter, on Friday 13th November we will be supporting this year's Children in Need appeal. The theme at SJS will be '**share a bedtime story with Pudsey**'. For a donation of £1, children will be able to come to school dressed in their pyjamas, with this theme in mind, or in non-school uniform; please put this date in your diaries. The Civic Award Team in Year 6 will also be selling cakes for the children to purchase at break time and ensuring a suitable aerobic wakeup routine at the start of the school day!

Life Exhibition

I am pleased to confirm that Year 6 and Year 5 pupils will be attending the Life Exhibition at St John's Church in Locks Heath throughout the day on Friday 13th November. This is an interactive and thought provoking event aimed at developing pupils' personal development and supported by Gordon Curley, a regular visitor to SJS. Further details are available on the following website: www.lifeexpo.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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