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15th November 2016

Dear Parents,

A reminder that due to a cluster wide training event, there are no after school clubs at Sarisbury today. Karate will take place as normal.

Parents' Evenings

We are holding two parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November between 4:00pm and 7:30pm. I hope that you have been able to book your appointments successfully via our online system. If not, then please do contact the Admin Team who will be more than happy to help.

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. These have been revised this year to reflect our focus on learning behaviours and learning goals which your child needs to practise at home; 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) Thursday 1st December @ 6:30pm

This is intended to provide parents with a reminder about the principles of mastery learning within the National Curriculum and how the assessment of children's learning is used to inform progress.

Assessment & SATs Information Evening (for Year 6) Thursday 17th 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.

Travel Safety

With the darker mornings and evenings upon us, and given that many more children now walk, scoot or cycle to and from school, I am including a few reminders to ensure everyone's continued safety. The crossing point on Barnes Lane and Allotment Road become heavily congested at certain times and therefore, I would ask that we are all more vigilant and reduce speeds accordingly. If your child walks, cycles or scoots to school along the new link path, it is a good idea to ensure that children travel in pairs, small groups or preferably, accompanied by an adult

We will be focusing on road safety as part of our assemblies and road safety week (21st November) to ensure that children are made more aware of the dangers presented by local traffic.

Children in Need

As notified in my previous newsletter, on Friday 18th November we will be supporting this year's Children in Need appeal. The theme at SJS will be '**going spotty for Pudsey**'. For a donation of £1, children will be able to come to school dressed in a variety of spotty garments, 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 warmup routine at the start of the school day!

Book Fair

I am pleased to confirm that between the 6th and 13th December, we are hosting our annual book fair where all new titles will be offered at half price; an excellent opportunity to purchase some stocking fillers for Christmas! Further details will follow soon but please put the dates in your diary.

Yours sincerely

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