



6th November 2017

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and we hope you had a restful half term holiday.

Shoe Box Appeal

The School Council would like to offer their support to Operation Christmas Child once again this year and you should have received a leaflet providing further information about the appeal and how you can help. The children were shown an example shoe box in assembly and given further information about how to support the appeal. With your continued generosity, we are aiming to ensure that children at home and in the wider community, have a much happier Christmas. Thank you.

Shoe boxes can now be brought into school by Monday 13th November and will be collected from Sarisbury on **Thursday 16th November** in the morning. The School Council have set the school a goal of over 100 shoe boxes and again we ask for your support with this very worthwhile cause; thank you for those already sent in.

Parents' Evenings

We are holding two parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November between 4:00pm and 7:30pm. As with last year, you will be able to book your appointments via our online system and we will notify you once the booking process is open.

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 Year 6 Parents

Assessment & SATs Information Evening (for Year 6) Thursday 16th November @ 6:30pm

This is an important event to provide further details to Year 6 parents about the changes, 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 Allotment Road becomes 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 (20th November) to ensure that children are made more aware of the dangers presented by local traffic.

Please may I also request that parents show more consideration when parking outside residents' houses in Cold East Close; these are our closest neighbours and are often blocked in by parents parking to collect from school; thank you.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November we will be supporting this year's Children in Need appeal. The theme at SJS will be 'Spotacular' and the School Council will send some information home with children tomorrow. As with previous years, the Civic Award Team in Year 6 will also be selling a variety of delicious cakes for the children to purchase at break time.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Mrs Hartley who has been appointed to the post of Year 5 Leader at Hiltingbury Junior School with effect from January 2018. This is an excellent opportunity for Mrs Hartley and we thank her for her contribution to life at SJS and wish her every success for the future. We have advertised for a new member of staff to join the Year 6 team from February 2018, but I am delighted to confirm that from January, Mrs Wright will be teaching Class 6CH. Mrs Wright is a regular teacher at Sarisbury and the children in Year 6 know her well. I will write again later in the term once further details about Mrs Hartley's replacement are known.

Yours sincerely

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