



25th October 2015

**Working and learning
together for success**

Dear Parents,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this half term and for your generosity at our various fund raising events. My thanks also to the many parents who have given their time to help with guided reading, in classrooms or accompany the children on our trips; your help is much appreciated.

Harvest, Basics Bank, Jeans for Genes & Wear it Pink

Thank you for your generous support with our Harvest Appeal on behalf of the Basics Bank in Fareham. I am delighted to say that the school was able to send a fantastic collection of produce; I've attached a photo of the display at the foot of this newsletter. This was a fantastic amount and I have been asked to pass on the thanks and gratitude of all associated with the Basics Bank for your donations. In addition, we were also able to send £320 to 'Genes for Jeans' following our non-uniform day.

A big thank you also to Mrs Hobin, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Bryan who organised Friday's 'Wear it Pink' day. The total raised was £345; a fantastic total and thank you all for your support with this.

Children in Need

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**' – please watch out for further details after half term. 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.

Focus Week

We are holding an SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural) focus week after half term which will give the children many opportunities to explore current global issues and how the human spirit can help overcome many barriers. Part of this work will be to prepare children for a larger event in the summer term where an enterprise week will help to raise funds for our new partner school in Ethiopia called the Rispin International School. The Headteacher from Rispin has visited to lead an assembly and Mr Langdon has taught at the school prior to joining SJS. Links have already begun and we will provide more information after our Focus Week.

Bikes & Scooters

May I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of our cyclists and scooter riders, that the playground gate is the one to access at the start and end of the school day. **The car park entrance is not a safe entry point to the school and in the interests of safeguarding, we must insist that parents and children use the playground entrance.** Children are asked to dismount their bikes / scooters and walk along the pavement to the bike and scooter racks.

Our postponed assessment evening will now take place on Tuesday 10th November at 6:30pm.

Parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November; appointment slips will be distributed after the holiday.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to remind you that the school is closed on **Monday 2nd November** and that the children return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Yours sincerely

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Harvest Donations 2015 and our School Council in action

