

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in getting this term off to an excellent start. Now the new school year is well underway, I am writing to update you on events that are approaching this half term as well as some useful reminders about school policies. In order to keep you fully updated on events in each year group and planned learning opportunities, year team newsletters will be sent out to parents next week.

### **Harvest Celebrations**

Our Harvest assembly will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and we will be supporting the 'Basics Bank' appeal organised by The Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport. We would be very grateful if the children could bring in items from the following list:

<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Tinned fish</i>	<i>Tinned meat</i>	<i>Tinned spaghetti</i>	<i>Pasta</i>
<i>Sauces</i>	<i>Tinned fruit</i>	<i>Jam / Marmalade</i>	<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>Chocolate bars</i>
<i>Soap</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>Toothpaste</i>	<i>Toothbrush</i>	

This initiative is also supported by our friends at St Paul's. I am always keen for the children to have the opportunity to think about those less fortunate than themselves and this seems a particularly worthy cause. Mr Phil Rutt, a representative of the basics bank, will be coming to talk to the children over the next few weeks and will arrange for members of the School Council to organise the food parcels. Please would children bring items into school in the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, and by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the latest; once again your contribution is very much appreciated.

Alongside our Harvest Festival celebrations, we will be supporting 'Jeans for Genes'. Children that wish to participate can wear jeans for the day for a £1 donation towards the appeal. Further details about the charity and its work will be sent to you nearer the time.

### **Open Week**

Our Open Days are always very popular and a great opportunity to see the school at work and share in your child's learning. Due to the large number of visitors we receive and space available in classrooms, places are limited to nine in each session. I have attached a form explaining arrangements and further details about the activities on offer. We look forward to seeing you during the course of Open Week.

Please also put Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> (Years 3 & 4) and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October (Years 5 & 6) in your diary when we will be holding our first open classroom evenings. These are an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and chat informally with class teachers about how they have settled into new classes.

### **Parents & Friends Association – AGM**

Our Parents and Friends Association are always looking for new volunteers. If you feel you are able to help with fund raising events this year, or want to find out more about the PFA and its work, please join us at the AGM on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 6:30pm in the school hall (please note the change of date).

### **Lost property**

We have already had a significant amount of lost property at Sarisbury and as a school do encourage children to take greater responsibility for their property and uniform. Clothing found at the end of lunchtime is returned to children at the end of each day and therefore it is essential that all children's uniform, PE kit and lunch boxes are named **clearly** and with your child's class. Any 'lost' items are hung on pegs outside the ICT suite for children to see and will be sent to the local clothes bank once a fortnight. May I draw your attention to the labels available from 'Stikins'. These are good value and easy to use; just register on the company's website [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and quote the school's unique number 17499.

### **Club activities 2015**

Details of our club activities for the coming year have now been finalised and emailed to parents at the end of this week; a paper copy will be distributed to parents not on our email system and copies are always available from the school office. Individual letters regarding membership of our clubs will be given to the children who are offered a place and we ask that you sign the permission slip in order for your child to attend.

We take an attendance register at every club activity and do ask that children signing up for a club commit to the sessions. If they are unable to attend, we ask that you let the admin team or member of staff know in advance. If we have not heard from parents, then we will expect your child to attend the activity.

Yours sincerely

Mr A. J. Stockton  
Headteacher



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## SJS Open Week 2015

### Classroom Visits Booking Form

Please complete and return this slip on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** to your child's class teacher. Please note that due to available space in classrooms, there will be a limited number of places for each session (a maximum of nine parents).

Please fill in the form stating your preference **numbered 1, 2 or 3** according to the session in **your child's class** you would like to visit. Unfortunately, due to the large number of visitors in each year group, we may not be able to accommodate your first preference; places will be allocated on a first come / first served basis.

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year 4** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September      9:30-10:30am  PDL – Emotions poetry      11:00am-12:00  Maths – problem solving      1:30-2:30pm  Science investigation

**Year 6** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September      9:30-10:30am  Literacy – Greek Myths      11:00am-12:00  Maths – problem solving      1:30-2:30pm  Science investigation

**Year 3** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September      9:30-10:30am  Literacy – Creative writing      11:00am-12:00  Maths – problem solving      2:00-3:00pm  Science investigation

**Year 5** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September      9:30-10:30am  Literacy – Writing in the Style of Roald Dahl      11:00am-12:00  Maths – problem solving      1:30-3:30pm  Football – Sports Education  
5PD @ 1:25pm  
5SH @ 2:00pm  
5AC @ 2:35pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent / carer