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**5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

## **Welcome Back!**

Dear Parents,

On behalf of everyone here at Sarisbury Junior, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all at the start of this new school year and hope you have had a relaxing and restful summer break. The staff and I look forward to working with you as we strive to make this another very successful year for all at SJS. We are certainly looking forward to the opportunities and challenges presented by the year ahead.

We welcome the children and parents of our new Year 3 as they begin their time at Sarisbury and also extend a warm welcome to the new members of teaching staff who have joined the school this September; Miss Cooper who joins our LSA team and Mrs Pugh who will complete her teacher training with Mrs Hartley in Year 6.

Despite the early rain, the school got off to a very smooth start today and already the children are working hard and becoming familiar with the routines of life at Sarisbury. May I also express my thanks to parents for your support with our school uniform policy; the children looked very smart as we began the new term and we are committed to maintaining these high standards throughout the year. In an effort to reduce lost property, please would you **label all items of uniform** etc. with your child's name.

Good quality name labels are available from a company called **Stikins** who specialise in labels that need no sewing or ironing; I believe these are used by a number of parents already and come highly recommended. Please order these online at [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) quoting the school number **17499**.

### **Oliver Twist**

On Thursday of this week, we welcome M&M Productions to Sarisbury to see their performance of Oliver Twist. All children will have the opportunity to enjoy this show but we do ask for a donation of £2 towards the cost; this can be paid online via the school's website or brought directly into school. Thank you.

### **Open Classroom & Parents' Evenings**

Autumn Term parents' evenings will be held in the second half of the term on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in order to share more detailed information about children's progress and learning goals. You will receive further details on how to book appointments nearer the time.

However, we appreciate that these are a long way ahead and therefore, to keep you updated on your child's progress, this half term we will hold an open evening in classrooms on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, for our Lower School and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October for Upper School pupils between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. These will provide an opportunity to look at your child's work and chat informally with their class teacher about how they have settled.

**Year 3 Parents** – Welcome to our new Year 3; we are holding an information evening for all Year 3 parents on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm. The purpose of the evening is to give a more detailed breakdown of routines and expectations at Sarisbury, once the children have settled into life in Year 3. It will also give us the opportunity to discuss the transfer arrangements that have taken place and seek your feedback on the induction process. A useful booklet that contains information about key events during the year, as well as a few reminders about routines and procedures at Sarisbury, will be distributed at the Information Evening; we hope you find this helpful.

During the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a series of guided learning walks for parents of children in Year 3 who are interested in learning more about Junior School life. These will give parents the opportunity to visit during a typical school day, experience the ethos at Sarisbury and see first-hand the school at work. Mrs Bleeck and I will lead these tours of the school and we will write to confirm further details nearer the time. Please note that due to space in classrooms, there will be a limited number of places per session but we will aim to offer a selection of times to enable as many parents to join us as possible.

**Year 5 Parents** – The information evening for the residential visit to the East Dean Centre on the Isle of Wight will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm when we will be outlining the programme for this new venue and providing details of approximate costing. Mrs Allan, Headteacher at Brookfield School, will also attend this meeting to answer any questions parents may have regarding the future application process to Brookfield School.

**Year 6 Parents** – We are holding an information evening for all Year 6 parents on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm. The purpose of the evening is to give a more detailed breakdown of curriculum changes and new assessment arrangements specific to Year 6 this year. The information evening for the residential visit to Stone Farm will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm when we will be outlining the trip and providing details of approximate costing. Mrs Allan, Headteacher at Brookfield School, will also attend this meeting to answer any questions parents may have regarding the application process to Brookfield this term.

### **Parent Helpers**

We are grateful for the tremendous support we receive from our parent community at Sarisbury and are always very happy to see parents helping in classrooms or on school trips etc. If you have any time to spare then please contact your child's teacher, or year group leader, who will be delighted to hear from you.

We run a very successful guided reading programme at Sarisbury that requires regular support from parents. Full training is offered and further details will follow shortly about how you can volunteer for this, but we would welcome any interest from parents who would like to support reading in school. Guided reading sessions take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning between 9:00am and 9:30am.

Please remember that Year Leaders, Mrs Bleeck and I are always happy to see parents about any concerns or problems, usually at the beginning or end of each day. If unavailable, then an appointment can be made through the school office.

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, please come to the AGM on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm in the school hall.

### **Parent Governor Vacancies**

If you are interested in helping the school continue to provide the best learning opportunities and experiences for the pupils at Sarisbury, then volunteering to become a parent governor is one of the ways you can contribute. We currently have vacancies on the Governing Body at SJS and would welcome your interest and application. There is a separate letter sent with this newsletter providing further information and details on how to apply; we look forward to hearing from you.

### **Club Activities**

We run a wide range of clubs at Sarisbury and are in the process of organising activities for the new school year. I will contact parents as soon as further details are available; children will be given information in assembly as well as via letters home. Details of club activities at SJS will also be posted on the school's website [www.sjsonline.org.uk](http://www.sjsonline.org.uk)

### **Water Bottles & Healthy Snacks**

Children will need to bring water bottles into school each day. Bottled water is available from the school office at break times at a cost of 20p but in addition, the school has a number of water fountains available on site. As part of our 'Enhanced Healthy Schools Standard', we have a policy of fresh fruit and vegetables only for snacks at breaktime (this can include fruit / cereal bars). This initiative has proved beneficial, not only in terms of children's health, but equally in the significant improvement to the school's environment through the reduction in litter; your support with this policy is appreciated. **Due to severe food allergies, please refrain from sending snacks that contain nuts.**

### **School Meals & Packed Lunches**

Hampshire Caterers provide a good range and standard of school meals for the children and regularly review their lunchtime menu. At £2.15, it represents very good value for money and as part of our work as an 'Enhanced Healthy School', we are keen to promote school meals through Hampshire Caterers for the children. Sarisbury Junior offers a flexible school meal service whereby meals can be ordered and paid for daily. A copy of this term's menu is available from the school office if parents are interested. The school also operates an on-line pre-payment service for school activities and meals; details and the relevant link are available through our website. Please note that a credit balance is required before any meals can be ordered. Hampshire Caterers have also now opened a Facebook page which can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/hc3seducation/?fref=ts>

If your child brings a packed meal to school, please will you ensure that their name and class are marked clearly on their lunch box. In line with our Healthy School's Policy, we would also encourage parents to consider a healthy and balanced meal when providing a packed lunch for their child. **Due to severe food allergies, please refrain from sending snacks that contain nuts.**

### **Children's Safety:**

As you are aware, there can be a great deal of congestion in Allotment Road at the beginning and end of each school day and we therefore encourage a number of different ways for children to travel to school in order to reduce vehicles accessing the school site.

Mrs Bleeck has done an excellent job in promoting alternative travel arrangements and we are delighted that the school now holds the 'Silver National Travel Award'; your support in continuing to support this initiative is much appreciated. Since the removal of the school bus service to the Sarisbury Schools, we use the layby as a stop and drop zone; therefore we would appreciate it if parents refrain from parking in the layby unless using it for this purpose. Again, your support with this is much appreciated.

Parents who wish their child to cycle to school will need to obtain a cycle permit from the school office in order to leave bicycles on the premises. I would also ask that parents are vigilant when accessing the cycle racks as this passes through the staff car park; we do ask that parents and children dismount at the entrance to the school site. Children who hold the 'Bikeability Level 2' qualification are able to cycle to school unaccompanied by an adult. Bikeability training is available to all pupils in Years 5 and 6 as part of the school's curriculum; this runs in the autumn and spring term.

We also have two scooter parks available for those children who wish to scoot to school. As part of the school's safer travel initiatives, we are offering Year 3 scooter safety training this term which is run by the Pedal Power team and is again funded by Hampshire travel.

#### **Security Arrangements:**

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that all visitors to the school should report to reception when visiting the school premises.

The school has recently installed an extensive CCTV system around the school grounds for everyone's safety; this system is in operation 24 hours a day.

Yours sincerely,

*A. J. Stockton*

Mr A. J. Stockton  
Headteacher

For your information, a list of diary dates for this term is included below and is also available from the school office. These and a wide range of information about the school are included on our website which can be accessed via the following link [www.sjsonline.org.uk](http://www.sjsonline.org.uk)

#### **Initial Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:**

##### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
W/B 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

##### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

##### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

##### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

##### **In-Service Day Closure**

##### **Autumn Term 1 Begins**

Oliver Twist – M&M Productions  
Year 3 Scooter Training & Year 6 Greek Day  
Year 6 Information Evening (6:30pm)  
Year 3 Information Evening (6:30pm)  
Year 5 Swimming (Class 5SC) – 12 weeks  
PFA AGM (6:30pm)  
Year 3 to visit Sarisbury Green  
Stone Farm Information Evening (6:30pm)  
East Dean Residential (IoW) Information Evening (6:30pm)  
Year 3 to Winchester (geography field trip)  
Year 5 Bikeability (cycle training)  
Y3 & Y4 Open Classrooms to see children's work (4pm to 5:30pm)  
Y5 & Y6 Open Classrooms to see children's work (4pm to 5:30pm)  
Harvest Festival  
Individual School Photographs  
Open Evening for Year 2 Parents

##### **Half Term Holiday**

##### **In-Service Day Closure**

##### **Autumn Term 2 Begins**

Year 5 to Ashmolean Museum (Egyptian Topic)

Remembrance Service @ 10:45am  
Year 6 SATs Information Evening  
Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 7:30pm  
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Year 4 Nativity @ St Paul's  
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Carol Services

##### **End of Term**