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2nd September 2015

Welcome to Sarisbury CE Junior School

Dear Parents,

I apologise that this letter didn't reach you prior to the summer break and hope that your child is looking forward to the new school year and their start at the Junior School. We were all impressed with the children's enthusiasm, effort and behaviour during our transfer day and Mrs Curran, Mrs Hartley and Mr Langdon are certainly looking forward to welcoming them all again this term. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for coming to our Year 2 Information Evening on 2nd July and for the positive feedback we received about the school.

As we begin the new school year, I thought it might be useful to include details of the school's organisation for the year and some diary dates for the Autumn Term.

Staff and Classes for September:

YEAR 3

Class 3SC Mrs Curran (Year Leader)

Class 3CH Mrs Hartley

Class 3JL Mr Langdon

YEAR 4

Class 4LH Mrs Hart

Class 4PD Miss Dane

Class 4ET Miss Taylor

LSAs:

Mrs Blake

Mrs Carter

Mrs Doyle

Mrs Trotman

Mrs Batt

Mrs De La Cour

Miss Helyar

Mrs Lewis

YEAR 5

Class 5RB Miss Davies (Year Leader)

Class 5AC Miss Chaplin

Class 5SH Mrs Hamblin

YEAR 6

Class 6SM Mr Munsie (Year Leader)

Class 6PB Mrs Blois

Class 6DR Mr Richards

LSAs:

Mrs Bowler

Mrs Durnford

Miss Hedges

Miss Helyar

Mrs Jacobs

Mrs Macadam

Ms Wells

Planning and Preparation Time:

As you will be aware, all class teachers are entitled to a ½ day a week non-contact time to plan, prepare and assess children's work (PPA time). At Sarisbury, we organise our cover so that year teams are released to plan together. This enables teachers to discuss planning and provision for the children, undertake assessment and moderation activities and ensure that the best possible learning opportunities are available for them. I include details below on which member of staff will be covering your child's class.

Class 3SC:	Miss Harrington	Tuesday am	Class 4LH:	Miss Harrington	Tuesday pm
Class 3CH:	Mrs Picken	Tuesday am	Class 4PD:	Mrs Picken	Tuesday pm
Class 3JL:	Mrs Townson	Tuesday am	Class 4ET:	Mrs Townson	Tuesday pm
Class 5PD:	Mrs Townson	Wednesday am	Class 6SM:	Miss Harrington	Wednesday pm
Class 5AC:	Miss Harrington	Wednesday am	Class 6PB:	Mrs Townson	Wednesday pm
Class 5SH:	Mrs Picken	Wednesday am	Class 6DR:	Mrs Picken	Wednesday pm

Mrs Bleeck and Miss Stevenson will provide intervention support to pupils in Year 3 and Year 6 who require a more personalised learning programme in literacy and numeracy. Mrs Bleeck, as the school's SENCo, will also have responsibility for Special Educational Needs provision throughout the school.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Patricia Townson to the staff team at Sarisbury from September. Mrs Townson will be part of the school's part time staff next year and work with classes as listed above.

Water Bottles:

Water bottles are available from the school office and cost 25p each. There are also several water fountains for children's use throughout the school building.

School Uniform:

School uniform is an important part of our school's ethos and we are committed to maintaining the highest of standards throughout the year. As we prepare for the new school year, I would like to remind you of Sarisbury's uniform policy and include details below:

- *Red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo*
- *White shirt, blouse or polo shirt with school logo*
- *Dark Grey or black trousers or skirt. Shorts or a red summer dress may also be worn*
- *Sensible school shoes, and not trainers or fashion boots, should be worn at all times*

Optional

- *Grey or red fleece with school logo*

PE Kit

Each class has two sessions of PE each week and it is important that children have the appropriate kit for these sessions:

- *Black shorts*
- *White t-shirt (with school logo where possible)*
- *Plimsolls*
- *Trainers (outdoor activities only)*

During the colder months it is advisable for your child to wear either a track suit or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt; a high quality track suit is available from M&S with the school's logo.

Please note that we do not keep spare PE kit in school.

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery other than small stud earrings and watches, which should be removed for all PE and Games lessons.

Our uniform can be purchased from 'Marks & Spencer' and 'Skool Kit'; details are available from the admin team, or on the school's website. We regularly collect, and recycle, a large amount of lost property and therefore, please will parents ensure that **children's clothing is labelled clearly with their child's name and class.**

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 quoting the school number **17499**.

School Milk Scheme:

Following a Government initiative to make milk available to all pupils under the age of 16 we have teamed up with a company called Cool Milk. Please see their website for more details: www.coolmilk.com

In-Service Days:

We have agreed our in-service day closures for the next academic year with our Infants School colleagues and I include the dates below for your information:

Tuesday 1st September

Friday 29th January 2016

Monday 6th June 2016

Monday 2nd November

Friday 1st July 2016

Attendance Changes for September 2015:

I am sending with this newsletter a booklet published by Hampshire County Council, which outlines the key changes regarding school absence and the issuing of penalty notices. From September, the school will administer, on behalf of Hampshire County Council, penalty notices for all holiday absences taken during term time which have not been approved as exceptional circumstances. The booklet is a helpful guide for parents as to the process should this action be necessary.

Home / School Agreement

I have included a copy of our home / school agreement for your information. This is an important document and as such, begins our partnership in support of your child's learning. Should you have any queries or concerns about the content of this policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition, I would also ask that you read our school's behaviour policy which is available on our website at www.sjsonline.org.uk ; a paper copy is available on request from the school's admin team.

Year 3 Information Evening

We are holding an information evening for all Year 3 parents on Thursday 10th September at 6:30pm. The purpose of the evening is to give parents a more detailed breakdown of routines and expectations once the children have settled into life in Year 3. 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.

Arrangements for School Meals:

Payment for school meals, trips and music lessons can be paid via our online payment service 'School Cash Office'. Information about how to register will be sent home in the next few days. Electronic payments do help tremendously with school Admin and also reduce significantly the amount of money lost by the children. For these reasons, it is our preferred method of payment.

We would like to stress the importance that **any cash** brought into school for payment is in **an envelope, clearly marked** with your child's names and what the payment is for. Please ensure that all meals are paid for in advance at the beginning of the week. Our admin team are happy to text you a polite reminder should your payments fall behind.

Library:

On joining Sarisbury Junior School, your child will be issued with a library card. This will allow them to borrow two books at a time from our extensive range of both fiction and non-fiction books. Home access to our school library is also available, allowing you full access to your child's reading records and the ability to check and reserve books online. Alongside this, reviews can be written and posted to appear on our library programme.

Parents are always welcome to visit our library and please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Edwards, our School Library Manager, with any queries.

Initial Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Tuesday 8th September

Thursday 10th September

Wednesday 16th September

Monday 21st September

Tuesday 22nd September

Wednesday 23rd September

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 24th September

Friday 25th September

W/B 28th September

W/B 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Wednesday 7th October

Thursday 8th October

Friday 9th October

W/B 12th October

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 15th October

Tuesday 20th October

Thursday 22nd October

Monday 26th October

Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November

Wednesday 11th November

Thursday 12th November

Wednesday 18th November

Thursday 19th November

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

In-Service Day Closure

Autumn Term 1 Begins

Year 6 Information Evening (6:30pm)

Year 3 Information Evening (6:30pm)

PFA AGM (6:30pm)

Year 4 Open day

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Year 6 to Mayflower Theatre

Year 4 to Mayflower Theatre

Year 3 to visit Sarisbury Green

Year 3 to visit Eastleigh (TBC)

Individual School Photographs

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

Year 3 Healthy Eating Project

Stone Farm Information Evening (6:30pm)

East Dean Residential (IoW) Information Evening (6:30pm)

Parent Forum Meeting – curriculum & assessment changes

Open Evening for Year 2 Parents

Half Term Holiday

In-Service Day Closure

Autumn Term 2 Begins

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

Other dates regarding school trips during the autumn term will follow once confirmed.

If there are any queries or concerns, the school office will be open each morning from 8:30am. Finally, as we look forward to the new school year, on behalf of staff and governors at Sarisbury may I extend a very warm welcome and look forward to seeing you all on **Thursday 10th September** for our information evening.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Stockton
Headteacher