



**21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. With a busy few weeks ahead, I have taken the opportunity to update you on planned events and activities at Sarisbury.

**40 Acts – our focus on Lent 2018:**

In promoting our celebration of Lent this half term, we are repeating the very successful idea of '40 acts of kindness'. This is a lovely initiative that involves children undertaking a different act each day that they can do at home, or school, for someone else. The theme for each day will be posted on the school's Facebook page and text out to parents each morning. I hope this is something that you will also encourage the children to participate in over the next 40 days. For further details about the 40 acts initiative, you can follow the link below:

<https://40acts.org.uk/>

**Ofsted inspections:**

I would like to thank you all for your support and very positive feedback during our two 'Ofsted' visits prior to half term. We were delighted with the outcome and I am very pleased to be able to forward a copy of the reports with this letter. It is good to see that the many strengths of our school have been highlighted clearly in both inspection outcomes. The reports will also be available on the school's website from the end of today. The responses to the Parent View questionnaire were overwhelmingly positive and very much appreciated; a summary of these can also be found via the link on the school's website. I must also congratulate the children who met with the inspectors on the Wednesday and Thursday. They did a fantastic job in talking so confidently about their school, their learning and what Sarisbury meant to them; they were outstanding!

**Parents' Evenings:**

Our Spring Term parents' evenings will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

As with the autumn term discussions, we are asking that your child be present for at least part of the interview, as we will be sharing your child's targets (Steps to Success) during the consultation meetings. A copy of these will be provided for you to share with your child. These are valuable discussions and ensure that you are kept well informed about your child's progress and their future learning goals.

Online bookings for parents' evenings this term will go live from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm.

**World Book Day:**

Sarisbury will be supporting World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. In addition to the children coming dressed as a favourite book character, there are a number of activities planned throughout the day; this will include every child's contribution to their class book in the style of Lauren Child. A special World Book Day menu has been created and details about meal choices for that day are available from the school's Admin Team. My thanks to Mrs Hamblin who is organising events at SJS.

**Staffing Update:**

Miss Dane is away from school over the next two weeks following a planned tonsillectomy. I am pleased to confirm that Miss Kelly-Anne Crow, a regular member of our cover staff, is working with Class 4PD whilst Miss Dane is away. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

I would also like to take this opportunity to offer our thanks and very best wishes to Mrs Mandy Jacobs who leaves our Learning Support Team at the end of this term. Mrs Jacobs has given a great deal to school life at Sarisbury and I know the children who have worked with her have much appreciated her support; we all wish her every success for the future.

**In-service Day Closure:**

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March for staff training.

Yours sincerely,

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