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YEAR 6 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final term at Sarisbury! The children have come back and hit the ground running and it is clear to see that the revision and work over the Easter break is paying off. This term promises to be extremely busy so please ensure that you are aware of the many and varied exciting aspects to this finale to the year.

SATs

Over the past few weeks, the children have had the opportunity to revise key topics in preparation for their SATs. Please ensure your children continue to work hard on their home learning. Please find attached a time table for the week beginning **14th May**. It is important that your child attends school every day during SATs week, however, if there is a problem, please call the office to discuss it as soon as possible and the options at that point. Please ensure they have a healthy snack and water bottle with them during this week. The school will provide your child with a cooked breakfast (which they have already chosen) every morning during SATs week to help with concentration during the week and they should arrive for **8.30am** each day and we will share this together in the hall. If your child has specific dietary requirements, please inform the office as soon as possible. Regular bedtimes will also help the children to focus; many thanks for your support during this important time.

Year 7 Transition

After SATs, our focus will turn to preparation work for the Year 7 transition. Teachers from Brookfield are working closely with junior schools on transition projects and They will observe Year 6 being taught by their current teachers to understand how your children work.

There are two planned visits to Brookfield this term. There is a bridging day on **Wednesday 13th June** and on this day Brookfield teachers will teach a series of lessons designed to prepare your child for their initial work in September. The children will be taught with their current classmates and will be accompanied by their current teacher. Any children not going to Brookfield in September should come to SJS as usual.

The second visit is on **Friday 6th July**. On this day the children will meet their new tutor groups as all children from the cluster will be attending. Pupils who are not attending Brookfield work as part of a team to welcome the new Year 3 pupils to Sarisbury. However, if you wish to make alternative arrangements, such as a visit to their secondary school, for these days please inform your child's class teacher.

Stone Farm

As we're sure you're aware, the highlight of the year, our residential trip to Stone Farm, is now only weeks away. Please ensure you refer back to the kit list sent out before Easter and double check the dates of your child's week - don't forget children are to arrive for 9.30am on their day of departure to avoid congestion on Allotment Rd & we will leave around 10am. When not at Stone Farm, children will attend school as normal for their week of Mayan learning and a focus on South America.



Sex Education

There will be a sex education information evening for parents on **Thursday 14th June - 6.30pm**, where we will share the content and purpose of these lessons with you. Following soon after this, there will be a sex and relationships week where children will learn about the physical and emotional changes that they will experience as they mature. If you cannot attend the sex education evening, please feel free to talk to your child's teacher about the work that we will be covering and to view any resources that we will be using.

Civic Award

We have been very impressed with all the hard work that has gone into the children's Civic Award so far this year. The deadline for handing in completed folders is **Friday 4th May** – if your child will need a brief extension they must come and see their teacher with the reason. We will then assess each folder and, if there is sufficient evidence, the children will be awarded either a Merit, Honours or Distinction Award (please see hours and evidence required for each of these on the information sheet in your child's Civic Award folder.) There will be a Civic Award ceremony on **28th July @ 11am (TBC)**, where the children will be presented with their awards. As a finishing event for Civic Awarders, we will also be holding a fantastic team building evening on **Friday 6th July**. There will be a BBQ and lots of fun games and team activities for our Civic Awarders to join in; this is both an opportunity for them to show the skills they have learned and a reward for all their hard work. More information about this evening will come after folders have assessed and invites will be sent nearer the time.

Mary Poppins and Leavers' Celebrations

Towards the end of this term the pupils will be working hard on a fantastic musical production of Mary Poppins and you are invited to attend the evening performances (or limited tickets matinée) on the dates listed - this will be a ticketed event with drinks & ice-creams available during the interval and the opportunity to purchase cast photos. Further details & ticket information will be released after half-term. Auditions will be held towards the end of SATs week and we encourage all children to 'have a go!' We have purchased the licensing for an adapted 'junior edition' of the popular West End version of the show and have chosen a production of this size for the range of main parts and the chorus element of the show in which all children are able to be fully involved whether a main character or a smaller ensemble part. Some children will also have the opportunity to produce the show from a technical perspective, bringing the West End to Sarisbury Junior School hall! If you are able to offer help making (or sourcing) costumes/props or provide any other equipment or expertise then please do get in touch!

At **11am on Friday 20th July**, we will be holding our final leavers' assembly where the children will share their memories and highlights in what is always a poignant time. Please join us for this assembly and also afterwards for a picnic on the school field with the teachers and children (please bring rugs and food for you and your child; if you are not able to come, please provide a packed lunch for your child so they can join in). Many children and parents find this an emotional time and therefore if you feel it would be best to take your child home with you following registration on the field at 1.15pm then please inform your child's teacher on the day.

The Final Approach

As we approach the end of your child's time at Sarisbury Junior School, we recognise that there are lots of changes, pressures and things to look forward to - all of which take place against a backdrop of just growing up! This can present all children with various emotions so we are working on their personal development as a priority; please encourage your child to discuss their feelings with you or their teacher as there is nothing that is more important than your child's health and wellbeing. If you have any concerns, questions or things that are you really pleased with then we are always available and would love to hear them.

We look forward to what promises to be a busy and exciting term ahead,

Mr Munsie

Mrs Hamblin

Miss King



SCHOOL MEMBER



Diary Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Friday 4 th May	Civic Award folders handed in
Monday 7th May	May Day Holiday
Friday 11 th May	Sarisbury Fun Run
Monday 14 th –Thursday 17 th May	SATs week (8.30am breakfast)
Monday 21 st May	Stone Farm Week A departs (arrive 9.20 - 30am)
Friday 25 th May	Stone Farm Week A returns (arrive 4pm approx.)
Monday 29th May	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 6th June	Return to School
Monday 4 th June	Stone Farm Week B departs (arrive 9.20 - 30am)
Friday 8 th June	Stone Farm Week B returns (arrive 4pm approx.)
Wednesday 13 th June	Year 6 Bridging Day at Brookfield
Thursday 14 th June	Year 5 and 6 Sex Education Evening 6:30pm
Tuesday 19 th June	Sports Afternoon for Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 20 th June	Sports Afternoon for Years 3 and 4
Saturday 23 rd June	Summer Fair (Year 6 running games – can count to Civic Award)
Thursday 28 th June	Civic Award presentation (11am)
Friday 29th June	In-service day closure
Tuesday 3 rd July	Sports presentation ceremony (2.30pm)
Friday 6 th July	Transfer Day
Friday 6 th July	Civic Award Activities Evening 6pm to 9pm
Tuesday 10 th July	Mary Poppins Matinée 1.30pm
Tuesday 10 th July	Mary Poppins 7pm
Wednesday 11 th July	Mary Poppins 7pm
Friday 13 th July	Summer Family BBQ - 6pm
	Year 6 BBQ at lunchtime – organised by the PFA
Thursday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Paul's 2.30pm
	End of Year 6 treat – Moby's 6pm to 8pm
Friday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents 11am & picnic
Friday 20th July	End of Term

SATs week 2018

<u>Monday 14th May</u>	<u>Tuesday 15th May</u>	<u>Wednesday 16th May</u>	<u>Thursday 17th May</u>
<u>English</u> Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar <i>45 minutes (plus spelling test)</i>	<u>English</u> Reading Paper <i>1 hour</i>	<u>Maths</u> Arithmetic <i>30 minutes</i>	<u>Maths</u> Reasoning Paper 2 <i>40 minutes</i>
		<u>Maths</u> Reasoning Paper 1 <i>40 minutes</i>	

