



Tel: 01403 730475 · Fax: 01403 733753

office@southwaterjunioracademy.co.uk · www.southwaterjunioracademy.co.uk

9th March 2015

Dear Parents,

We had a fabulous day on Friday. The children looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes. Thank you to all of you who helped come up with such fabulous costumes. We had everyone you can think of: characters from David Walliams' books, Harry Potters, Thing 1s and 2s, Little Vampires and Witches, Geek Girls, Roald Dahl characters and so many more. There are photos of each class on the website, if you would like to have a look. During the day, each class spent time listening to famous authors talk about their passion for writing, as well as studying and reciting a poem chosen by their teacher.

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------|--|
| 3CE | Allan Ahlberg - Please Mrs Butler | 4CB | Ken Nesbitt - I raised my class in hand this morning |
| 3KG | Allan Ahlberg - Dog in the Playground | 4CC | Paul Cookson - Where do all the teachers go? |
| 3LB | Paul Cookson - Mr Shadow's Shoes | 4LM | Michael Rosen - Don't put mustard in your custard |
| 5MD | Michael Rosen - I opened a book | 6CJ | Marriott Edgar - The Lion and Albert |
| 5KL | Michael Rosen - Chocolate Cake | 6AER | Roald Dahl - Television |
| 5ZL | AA Milne - Spring Morning | 6DM | Shel Silverstein - Where the sidewalk ends |
| 5PW | Paul Llyas - McBroccoli | 6CD | Michael Rosen - Words are ours |



During the week Mr. Whetton, Mr. Dudeney, Mr. Showell and I held lunchtime readings in the library and our librarians attended the reopening of Southwater library. All in all - a fabulous celebration.



Kind regards, Alexis Conway

Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee is restarting under the leadership of Miss Lush and Mr Beavis. We are looking for a couple of parents who would like to support the committee. Meetings take place approximately once a month on a Friday at 2.40pm, for 30 minutes. Your role will be to work alongside the children to plan and facilitate eco activities throughout the year; carry out environmental surveys and reviews and create an eco-code. If you are interested in taking up this role then please contact Miss Lush through the school office.

Red Nose Day

This Friday we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes, paint their faces and/or their hair, if they want to. Donations will be collected in the playground.

Eclipse

On the 20th of March 2015, our nearest natural neighbour in space, the Moon, will pass in between us and the Sun. At about 9.30am, we are hoping to see a partial solar eclipse. We will be talking to the children about an eclipse in assembly. The PTFA have bought a pair of special glasses for each child so they will be able to view the eclipse safely.



Our PE Twitter account can be found on the front page of our website. @Southwaterja_PE. It has the latest news and photos from our sports teams as well as PE lessons. Please have a look and do follow us.

Christ's Hospital

Congratulations to Tessene, Oli, Lilly and Harry who represented SJA at the Y4 Maths competition at Christ's Hospital. A fantastic effort from all four children.

Easter Egg Raffle

We will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle on the Thursday 26th March to raise funds for music and sports equipment. Staff will be donating Easter Eggs to the raffle and children have the opportunity to win one of the eggs. Tickets are just 20p, although children can buy as many as they want. If you would like a ticket or two, children can bring their money in to their class teacher from tomorrow until Wednesday 25th March. Good Luck!



Easter Holiday Clubs

During the up-coming Easter Holidays, Mr.Showell will be running 4 days of holiday clubs, held here at the school. Children will be able to play a wide variety of sports including; football, cricket, gymnastics, tennis, table tennis and basketball. Each day the school will be open for all pupils who attend SJA to enjoy a fantastic day of sport and exercise. Clubs will run from 10am-3pm at a cost of £10 per child, and will run on the following days: Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April.

All your child will need to bring is: a packed lunch, a drink, a change of clothes, a change of shoes and a lot of energy! The price for the day is £10 and should be paid at the office.

Please note, there is a maximum of 25 children per day, and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Netball

The second phase of the Horsham Primary Schools Netball League began on 4th February with a match against All Saints. Southwater have continued with their winning streak in netball. The team have been working exceptionally hard on their shooting, marking and spacing of the court. This meant that Southwater won the game 7-1. Following straight on from this match, Southwater played against St Mary's and again won 6-0. This means that Southwater lie top of the league in this phase courtesy of goal difference. Well done to Issy, Tilly, Molly, Keira, Henry and Harry! Next round of matches are on Wednesday 11th March.



Superhero Day



Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day on Thursday 26th February - their Superhero Day. They had spent previous weeks designing their own character and over half term their outfits were created. The children arrived dressed up and it was brilliant to see the enthusiasm and hard work that had gone into these creations! They participated in

three activities throughout the day where they created their own film trailer for a superhero movie, made a superhuman lunch and took part in an assault course. Overall Year 4 had a fantastic day and are now prepared to save the world!



Southwater Village Library

On Friday 7th March, Mrs Brine and the eight Year 6 Librarians were lucky to be invited to attend the re-opening of the Southwater Village Library. As it was World Book Day at school we all had to walk down in our costumes. We got some funny looks from some of the passers-by! We gathered outside the Library with members of the Parish Council, our village County Councillor Mr Watson and other members of the public. The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a speech, along with Mr Watson. Mr Watson then cut the ribbon with a huge pair of scissors. We had our photograph taken, were given a balloon each and had the opportunity to look around the new improved Library. After that, everybody was invited upstairs to the Parish Chamber for a drink and a large slice of cake! By Isabelle Brine.



Residentials for Y3 and Y4.

Date for the summer residentials for Y3 and Y4 are: Y3 Friday 24th April – sleepover at school and Y4 Friday 15th May – overnight at Lodge Hill. Further details to follow soon.

Y6 NCT meeting

Please remember the Y6 NCT (SATs) information evening is on Thursday 19th March at 6.30pm. Please do come along with your children. We envisage the meeting will last for about 40minutes and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Parent Forum

At the Spring Term forum we discussed the new computing curriculum, with pupils showing parents various programmes that we use, including Kodu, Scratch and Prezi. We also discussed the maths problem solving lessons we've been running since September. I'm more than happy to re-start the evening parent forum if there is sufficient demand (ie more than 2 people wanting to attend!) please contact the office and I'll arrange an evening meeting in the Summer Term.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended parents' evening. We had a 98% attendance rate and hundreds of questionnaires filled out. Initial analysis of the questionnaires indicates that the strengths of the school most commonly mentioned, included: positive relationships between children, staff and parents; the strong teaching team and the high expectations in terms of both behaviour and learning. The areas for development were far, far fewer with the most common ones being hot dinners, parking and swimming. I will feedback in more detail in the next newsletter.

Y3 at Preston Manor



Last week Year 3 visited Preston Manor in Hove to learn about the life of a domestic servant. The children experienced a day as a footman, housemaid, kitchen maid or oddman in the Victorian times and they were excited to see inside the historical building. Activities included polishing shoes, washing clothes by hand, churning milk and making gingerbread. At the end of the day four children from each class were chosen to be employed as servants at Preston Manor. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip and the hands on experience gave them fantastic insight into their topic.



Y3/Y4 Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday 5th February, we entered a squad into the annual Years 3/4 Horsham Schools' Sportshall Event. After a fantastic few weeks learning about Sportshall in PE, 18 pupils were selected, many of whom were competing for SJA for the first time. Going up against 8 other schools, we led the leader board from the very first race to the last. The girls were competing in the track events, while the boys competed in the field events. Our girls were so good in the track events, we won every single one of our heats! After lunch, the groups rotated so the boys had their turn running, while the girls jumped and threw. The boys carried on the momentum and also won the vast majority of their races. When the results were announced, Southwater were crowned champions for the first time, winning by over 20 points. A fantastic achievement by all. Well done Elsie, Jessica M, Jemima, Faith, Nicole, Eloise, Jasmine, Ruby, Jessica G, Bertie, Finley, George, Caiden, Harry Y, Harry L, Frankie, Nick and Chico.



Basketball

On Thursday 12th February, Southwater JA entered two teams in the second of three Basketball competitions. Both teams performed excellently in the group stages and both qualified to progress to the next stage. The A team lost their 3rd & 4th place play off, and finished 4th overall. The B team however qualified to play in the final against a very strong St Peter's, Henfield team. The final proved to be a fantastic, very competitive match, finishing 6-6 - so both teams were crowned joint winners of the competition. The final tournament is to be held next week. Well done all! Zach, Henry, Harry, Annie, Theo, Rosie, Daniel, Oscar, Teo and Thomas.

Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday 27th February, we travelled to Collyer's for the Year 5/6 Sportshall competition. The girls enjoyed a similarly fantastic start as the Year 3/4 team, only losing one of their heats all morning, and winning the vast majority by a couple of seconds each time. The boys competed well in their field events, and Southwater were well placed going into the afternoon session. The pattern continued with the team excelling in the track events, and the boys again won most of their heats. The results were announced, with Southwater finishing a very close 3rd place, just beaten by Leechpool and Greenway, who both competed in the other heat. An excellent performance by the team.



Ruby, Louise, Abby, Tilly, Keira, Georgia, Sophie B, Sophie P, Holly, Jodie, Zach, Ethan, Henry, Jaime, Max, Daniel B, Daniel F, Thomas, Tobey and Adam.

Swimming

On Wednesday 4th March, we entered the annual Horsham Schools' Swimming Gala at Horsham Pavilions. The team performed fantastically against some strong competition, with 7 other schools in our division. After some brilliant solo performances, winning their heats, the team entered the relays in a strong position. The team won a couple of their heats and waited to find out our final position. The team ended up finishing in 2nd place - agonisingly short of 1st place, by just 4 points, but having enjoyed a fantastic afternoon. Well done all, on a great performance and a huge improvement on last year. Zach Hodges, Zach Holden, Tessene, Freddie, Keira, Gemma, Jodie, Isabella, Thomas and Madison

Cross Country

We entered 2 strong teams into the Cross Country event on Thursday 5th March, held at Christ's Hospital. With 23 schools taking part, it meant that 138 runners took part in each race. The girls ran first, and performed very well. The top 4 runners from each school scores were added up to give each team a final score. Louise finished 24th and first out of the SJA girls - a big improvement on last year where she finished 92nd. We finished on 179 points, with Abby, Ruby and Georgia finishing as our top 4 runners. Caitlin and Maya performed excellently, and both finished in the top 100.



The boys were up next and the top 2 runners immediately split from the rest, with SJA's Zach Hodges seemingly neck and neck with another boy from Castlewood. Zach finished a magnificent 2nd overall, with Ethan finishing a brilliant 12th. Gustav, Ed and Max all came together, finishing 32nd, 33rd and 34th respectively, with Finn finishing in 39th place, ensuring all of our boys came in the top 40, which considering 138 runners took part, is a brilliant achievement. This gave the boys a final score of 79. Well done Ruby, Louise, Abby, Caitlin, Maya, Georgia, Zach, Ethan, Gustav, Ed, Max and Finn.



Year 3 / 4 football

Southwater JA entered two teams into the first Year 3/4 football tournament of the year. With a number of year 3s involved, both teams started excellently, beating Heron Way A&B in our first matches. The A team went on to finish unbeaten, winning 4, and drawing 2. While the B team won 3 and lost 3. The A team took the spoils in the final match, beating the B team in a very competitive match. A great start to the season for both teams. The next tournament is April 17th. Well done Chico, Finley, Harry, Luke, Frankie, George, Nick, Bertie, James, Charlie, Jack, Samuel, Jasper and Kurtis.



Table Tennis

Congratulations to Charlie Graham- Adams who was crowned West Sussex U11 Table Tennis Champion. Charlie now travels to Tipton for the national finals. After the Boys' A Team came 2nd in the Zone finals held at Tower Hamlets they are preparing to travel to Bristol on Sunday 22nd March to battle for a place in the All-England finals.

Summer Term Clubs

The Summer Term club timetable will come out on Monday 23rd March. Sign up will be on line on a first come first served basis.

Hockey

Congratulations to the hockey A and B teams, a great start to the first event of their three meeting tournament. Some brilliant hockey was played, using the full width of the pitch and playing at a high tempo, with solid defending. Can we retain our League title for a second year running?

.....
Do you have any other comments about any information in the newsletter?
.....
.....

Parent:

Name of child:

Class:



Spring Term 2015

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Monday 9 th March | 3.30pm Children's Charity Stalls in the hall |
| Wednesday 11 th March | 4pm Netball League |
| Friday 13 th March | Red Nose Day 2.45pm 5KL Class Assembly Dance Festival @ Christ's Hospital 4pm Hockey League @ Tanbridge House |
| Monday 16 th March | am Y5 Football at Forest 3.30pm Children's Charity Stalls in the hall |
| Tuesday 17 th March | pm Tag Rugby Festival @ Collyers |
| Wednesday 18 th March | Climbing Wall for Y6 2pm Y5/Y6 Indoor Cricket |
| Thursday 19 th March | 4pm Basketball @ Henfield Leisure Centre 6.30pm NCT meeting for Y6 parent |
| Friday 20 th March | 9.30am Eclipse 2.45pm 4CB Class Assembly 4pm Y5/Y6 Football@ BBH |
| Wednesday 25 th March | Gymnastics Festival @ The Pavilions |
| Thursday 26 th March | am Y4 Music Festival Rehearsal @ Tanbridge House pm Easter Egg Raffle |
| Friday 27 th March | Decades Day for Y5 2.45pm 5PW Class Assembly Last Day of term |

Summer Term 2015

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Monday 13 th April | First Day back |
| Thursday 16 th April | 6.30pm Science Workshop for Y3 |
| Friday 17 th April | 4pm Y3/Y4 Football @ BBH |
| Thursday 23 rd April | 6.30pm Y5 Dalesdown meeting 7.30pm Y6 IOW meeting |
| Friday 24 th April | 2.45pm 3LB Class Assembly 6pm Y3 Sleepover |
| Wednesday 29 th April | Quiz club @ Leechpool 2-3pm |
| Monday 4 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Friday 8 th May | 4pm Y3/Y4 Football @ BBH |
| Monday 11 th May | National Curriculum tests for Y6 – until Thursday |
| Friday 15 th May | Y4 to Lodge Hill |
| Monday 18 th May | Y6 to IOW Y5 to Dalesdown |
| Wednesday 20 th May | 4pm Music Festival at The Hawth |
| Monday 25 th May | Half Term |
| Friday 19 th June | Am Y6 Tanbridge House music |
| Monday 22 nd June | Y6 Egyptian Workshop |
| Friday 26 th June | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 30 th June | 7pm Y2 Parent meeting |
| Wednesday 1 st July | pm Y6 Music at Tanbridge House |
| Thursday 2 nd July | Y6 Secondary Transition Day |
| Saturday 4 th July | Summer Fayre |
| Wednesday 8 th July | am Y3/Y4 Sports Day |
| Friday 10 th July | am Y5/Y6 Sports Day |
| Saturday 11 th July | Y6 singing at the Carfax |
| Tuesday 14 th July | pm Open Afternoon |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Evening: Y6 production @ The Capitol@Horsham |
| Thursday 16 th July | am Y3/Y4 Reserve Sports Day Evening: Y6 production @ The Capitol@Horsham |
| Friday 17 th July | am Y5/Y6 Reserve Sports Day |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | 9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly Y6 Leavers Disco |
| Thursday 23 rd July | Last day of Term |