



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents,

When you visit the Academy you will see our splendid new 'values logo' around the building. We have been talking a lot recently about the school community. The ones we feel SJA the kind of school we want it to be, In assemblies, the children have heard constant reference point for the encouraging, and which are relevant to centrepiece that we felt represented shield depicting two children holding



kind of values that we want for the entire that everyone can aspire to and will make are 'kindness, working hard and resilience'. stories about the values and they are a behaviours and attitudes that we are all. A competition was held to find a SJA. The winning design at the centre of the the SJA shield was designed by Tessene, one

We are very proud to display the shield and exemplify the values! World Book Day has come and gone. It is so important that children read proficiently and also for pleasure. It is a crucial skill to master which is why we continue to ask that all parents ensure that they are reading with or ensuring that children are reading each day. The impact of daily home reading is very noticeable and has a positive effect in the classroom not only for attainment and progress but also for general confidence. Please also remember if we haven't got a book in school that your child wants to read - we will buy it!

Kind regards  
Anne Ratsey

## Dads' Day 2017

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February we welcomed nearly 200 dads in to school for our annual Dads' day event. It really was a fantastic turn out. Year 3 and 4 deepened dads' understanding of English whilst Year 5 and 6 focused on maths. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning with their dads and there was certainly a buzz of excitement coming out of every classroom. The feedback we have received is overwhelmingly positive, showing how much the experience was enjoyed. Some of the common themes to the feedback included feeling welcomed by the school, enjoying seeing the interaction with the teachers, the insight it gave to what and how the children learn



and the engagement and enthusiasm of the children- as well as the professionalism of the staff. Here are some of our favourite quotes.

'Algebra! My head hurts. Great lesson, thanks'

'An excellent initiative. It's my fourth year and the experiences get better and better. It's valuable to see how the children learn in the class environment so that we can help them further at home.

'Great mix of learning as well as fun'. We are already looking forward to

2018!

## The 'Daily Mile'

The Daily Mile has been a great success since starting it earlier this term. The whole school is now involved in running, jogging or walking the mile every afternoon for 10 minutes. Since integrating this into the school day, children have been extremely positive with their feedback, finding it an enjoyable experience which also enables them to stay fit as well as having a sense of well-being.

Research has shown that by doing the 'Daily Mile':

- ✓ There is a clear improvement in children's health and wellbeing.
- ✓ Children become fitter.

- ✓ Self-esteem is raised.
- ✓ There is improved focus in the classroom.
- ✓ There is improved resilience – One of our core values!

### **Governors' Corner**

The pace of the academic year continues and within the school, activities remain focused on ensuring we offer the best possible experience for all pupils at SJA.

In the November newsletter we referenced the work that had been completed on our Vision and Mission, setting out the strategies and defining our future goals. You will be aware through the children that this has now extended to encompass work on our Values of 'Working Hard, Resilience and Kindness'.

The attention in Year 6 continues towards the end of year SATs testing, with the children completing their mocks before half term. Thank you to parents for your unwavering support, the children for their positive attitude and hard work and of course to all staff who bring the learning together for the tests in a calm and structured manner!

Through recent feedback, including the changes to our Admission's Policy and the introduction of Sporting Activities, we have become aware that a number of parents consider the two academies to be 'one-school'. Whilst we work closely, we are independent schools and as such operate separately to each other. There will be a change in Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher at Southwater Infant Academy and Mrs Ratsey and her Leadership team will be on hand to offer full support to the new appointees in September. We continue to look for opportunities to strengthen links between the two academies.

Lastly, we make a continued plea about parking and road safety. Regrettably the number of related incidents continues to rise – a subject which is of huge concern to us. We are all in agreement that it would be terrible if it took an accident for people to be more thoughtful. Please park and drive responsibly in all surrounding areas of the school, but in particular we ask that you respect the layby and the no parking zones outside the gates.

As always, we are open to receiving your ideas and feedback – contact can be made through the school office.

### **Easter Egg Raffle**

We will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds. 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 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Good Luck!



### **Charity Stalls**

This year's charity stalls were once again very successful as the children raised the grand total of £351.75 which will be split between Guide Dogs and The Children's Society.

We had a huge variety of sweet treats and cakes, lucky dips and 'Guess the Name' among the usual favourites. Hook a Duck and Seren's Stones were new additions for this year's event.

The children should be very proud of their efforts as the charity stalls only run for one half hour session. We obviously also need to acknowledge the support of parents in this event as we are very aware much of it would not happen without you!



## **Sports Update**

Our pupils enjoyed a wonderful half-term on the sports front, enjoying lots of success!

- Our 3 basketball teams have gone from strength to strength in their league this year. All 3 teams have qualified to compete in the A division in the final league meeting.
- Our Table Tennis A team finished as runners up in their league, winning all of their games except one, when unfortunately the majority of our team were at the Young Voices concert! Special mention to Harry Yip and Finn Dock who both ended the season with a 100% win record. Our B team performed really well too, finishing in 4th place.
- Harry Yip, Finn Dock and Zack Bull finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the West Sussex individual finals. Harry will head to the National Finals next month.
- Our Sportshall Athletics teams both won Gold at their competitions recently. The Year 3/4s won by just 1 point, while the 5/6s won by almost 60 points! Well done both! The 5/6s will compete in the Central Sussex finals next week.
- 8 pupils enjoyed representing the school for the first time ever at Millais, at a new age kurling festival. All eight had a great time, and the behaviour was fantastic.
- Our fantastic football teams carried on their success, with our Year 5/6 team qualifying for the South-East regional Chelsea FC finals, as champions of Sussex after beating Maidenbower 2-1 in the Sussex finals. While our Year 3/4 A team won the Chelsea FC Horsham Schools final, after beating Leechpool 1-0 in the final, and an 8-7 win on penalties in the semi-final over Holbrook. Our B team performed excellently too on the day, particularly as all players were in Year 3!
- Our Netballers currently lie in 2nd place in their league after two 5-0 wins over Greenway and Billingshurst. There is one round of fixtures left of their season.
- Our Cricket team won both of their matches at their tournament, thus qualifying for the Horsham Schools Final.
- 5 of our pupils qualified for the Sussex School Games Cross Country finals, which took place at Hickstead Race Ground. Out of the 150 runners, Honey finished 110th, Nicole 63rd, Elsie 48th, Max 28th, and Harry an amazing 3rd! Well done to all!
- Our hockey players enjoyed great success in the final hockey league meeting. Our A team finished as runners up, by just 1 point (for the second year running!) while our B's won the C division, going unbeaten in the final meeting!
- Well done to all pupils who participated in our cross country event before half-term, there were some fantastic performances, and a special well done to our winners! Year 3 winners - Grace and Jack, Year 4 winners - Caitlyn and Jack, Year 5 - Honey and Max, Year 6 - Elsie and Harry.

[This year we are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, we have purchased some fantastic equipment with these vouchers over the years, and any vouchers we receive are greatly appreciated!](#)

[Please check out our Social Media accounts, which highlight the great work our pupils are getting up to every day!](#)

[Twitter - @SouthwaterJA\\_PE](#)

[Facebook - Southwater Junior Academy - PE and Sports Page](#)

## **Pupil Council**

The pupil council have been very busy so far this year. They have been working every Tuesday and Thursday break time to run the Pupil Council shop and make sure that everyone who visits goes away happily with the items that they bought. They have also spent time together discussing the school and what their classes think are important issues at the moment. During Pupil Council meetings, children have been focusing on the core values of the school: kindness, resilience and working hard. Currently, the council



has been debating ways in which kindness could be promoted more. They are very excited over some of the ideas they have and cannot wait to share these with the rest of the school.

### **Easter Holiday Clubs**

This Easter, Mr Showell will be running Holiday Sports Clubs again. They run from 10am-3pm, and pupils will play a wide variety of sports including: football, table tennis, gymnastics, basketball and cricket. The holiday clubs are open to all pupils who attend the juniors and the cost will be £12.50 per day. The Holiday Clubs will run on the following dates: 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April with a G and T day on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Further details to follow.

If drama is your thing – Sarah Esser will be hosting three days of drama based activities from 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> April.

### **Red Nose Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Red noses will now be on sale at the Pupil Council shop every Tuesday and Thursday during first break. The noses are £1 – exact money only please. On Red Nose Day, children are welcome to wear funky socks and have whacky hair, if they want to. Silver coin donations will be collected by class teachers on the day.

### **Summer Clubs**

Applications for summer term clubs will be available in the last two weeks of term.

### **Y6 NCT meeting**

Please remember the Y6 NCT (SATs) information evening is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. Please do come along with your children. We envisage the meeting will last for about forty minutes and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

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**Do you have any comments about any information in the newsletter? Do you have any suggestions or concerns?**  
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**Parent:**

**Name of child:**

**Class**



## Spring Term 2017



Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival – The Hawth
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Voices for Freedom @ Chichester Cathedral; Table Tennis B @ Collyer's 5-6.30; Y4 Football tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 SATs Meeting – 6.30pm; Tag Rugby Tournament @ HRFC @ 1-4pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	4CB Class Assembly – 2.45pm; Y5 Football Tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm
Wk beg 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Assessment Week Y3-5
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3/4 Basketball Festival @ Collyer's 11.30 – 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Football workshop @ Forest 9.30-11.30
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	6pm Full Governing Body Curriculum Meeting
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day; Y6 Football tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Tag Rugby @ Collyer's 1 – 3pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball Tournament @ Collyer's 1 – 3pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y4 Superhero Day; Girls' Football Tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm; Tennis League @ Horsham Park 4-6pm

## Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day back
Wk beg 24 <sup>th</sup> April	SJA run clubs start
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	6 - 7pm Science Workshop for Y3
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Music Festival Rehearsal @ Kingslea; 3LW Class Assembly
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45 4AER Class Assembly
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	National Curriculum tests for Y6 – until Thursday
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45 3AMR Class Assembly
Wk beg 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Peri Demo Week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Greek Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Music Festival at The Hawth – Rehearsal am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45 3CC Class Assembly
Wk beg Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 to IOW Y5 to Dalesdown ; Y4 to Lodge Hill
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Sleepover
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Roman Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3-5 Assessment Week;
Wk beg 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last week of SJA run clubs
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Sports Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Meeting for Y2 parents
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening: Y6 production - The Capitol - Horsham
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening: Y6 production - The Capitol - Horsham
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	THS Transition Day for Y6
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Disco
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term; 9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly