



Dear Parents,

3rd November 2014

Welcome back. I hope you all had a good half-term. I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you who came to visit the classrooms last half-term. There really was a feeling of genuine excitement from the children having their parents in school. Although one or two children did try to hide their enthusiasm, some quite well, it does mean a lot to the children having you in the classroom with them, and being able to show you their learning. Thank you also for your feedback forms, which resoundingly agreed that you would like the class visits to continue. Many of you commented on the high expectations and level of learning in all year groups, the excellent focus of the pupils, the calmness of the classrooms and the enthusiasm of the children. One Y6 parent summed things up by commenting on 'what a strong teaching team SJA has'. Our next classroom visit will be our 'Dads' Day' on Friday 16th January, 9am to 10.15am.

Earlier this term our Y4s visited the Tower of London as part of their study of the Stuarts. Whilst there, teachers and pupils took the time to look at the poppies in the moat. On returning to SJA we felt that we would like to organise our own tribute. As well as the children learning about WW1 and the significance of the poppy, every child will be making their own foot tall poppy which we will then plant on the verge outside school. We will also be selling British Legion poppies in the playground, before and after school and a number of Y6 pupils will be representing SJA at the village Remembrance Service. As always many thanks for your support. Alexis Conway



Conkers!

The second annual conker competition took place over a couple of days in October. Conkers of all shapes and sizes were brought along. After some initial instruction on the technique and art of conker bashing, children paired up and gave it everything they had. Accuracy developed as the competition progressed, although most pairings ended up as a draw. We obviously have a tough set of conkers this year. The children played in good spirits, stayed injury free and had a great time learning the art of 'conkers'.



Children in Need



On Friday 14th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. Along with SIA we have decided that this year's theme is pyjamas! Children can wear their onesies, pyjamas or other suitable night clothes, with warm clothing underneath. Donations will be collected by class teachers.

Parking

We have been contacted by local residents who are upset by parents parking in private resident bays. Please can we show greater respect when parking both in the layby outside SJA and in the surrounding areas.

Childline

As part of our Personal, Social, Health Education and SJA's ethos of safeguarding we invited Childline in to talk to our Y5s and Y6s. Childline have launched a new national programme where they aim to come into all primary schools across the country to talk to pupils about the role of Childline. They also talked to our children about what they can do if they are worried or scared about a situation, who they can talk to and stressed that all children have the right to be happy and safe.



Sport Update

Where it can all lead

A special congratulation to one of our ex-pupils Natalie Taylor, currently at Tanbridge, who has been selected to play for the England U17 football team against Germany next weekend. Good luck Natalie.

We have had a fantastic sporting start to the new term at SJA with success for both the boys and girls football teams, and the table tennis A team.

Football

We started off on the 3rd of October, with two mixed gender teams taking on North Holmes Junior School in 2 6-a-side football matches. Both SJA teams played some brilliant attacking football, sharing the goals around the whole team, with most players scoring at least 1 goal. It was fantastic to see both the boys and girls playing so well together and playing such fast-flowing football. We are not too sure about the final scores but we think the first match ended up 14-0, and the second 21-0! A special well done to our goalkeeper Mae who played her first ever match in goal, and kept a clean sheet, making some great saves! Well done to Harry (c) Mae, Toby, Mollie, Millie, Thomas, Zach and Adam and to Finn (c), Tobey, Finlay, Georgia, Gemma, Max, Freya and Gustav.



Table Tennis

The table tennis team have continued where they left off last season. They have won all 3 of their matches so far this term. Winning 8-0, 8-0 and 7-1 so far! With such a strong group of year 5/6s, the future is looking very bright! Well done to Zach, Ben, Sheel and Oliver.

Girls' football

On 25th October, the girls' football team travelled to North Holmes for their first and final match before the tournaments begin on 14th November. The performance of the girls' team demonstrated the improvement the team has made over the past year. The team ran out 11-0 winners, with 4 of the girls playing in their first ever matches. Some of the goals were fantastic team goals, with the passing and moving a joy to watch! Sophie Palmer had a fantastic match in goal, in her first ever game in goal, despite the score line, Sophie made some crucial saves throughout. Well done girls! Gemma (c), Sophie, Freya, Annie, Keira, Millie, Georgia and Mollie.



Firework Night

Tickets are now on sale for firework night taking place on the academies' field, next Saturday. As usual there are two displays - the quiet and the main display. New for this year is a band that will be playing between the displays and after the main display. We are looking for helpers to help run some of the stalls. If you can help for an hour or so please contact the school office.

Jeremy Strong and Tom Palmer

We are very excited to be welcoming two fabulous authors to SJA this week. Jeremy Strong will be talking to Y3, Y4 and Y5. Jeremy has written My Brothers Famous Bottom, The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog, Cartoon Kid and Cosmic Pyjamas. Tom Palmer will be working with Y6 and has written the Foul Play, Football Academy Age (suitable for 6- 8years) and The Squad series of books. Well worth a read if you enjoy football!

Music at SJA – Autumn Term 2014

Peripatetic Lessons



The children continue to be as enthusiastic as always, about their music. Following applications over the summer, instrumental lessons were sorted for September. At SJA, children can choose to play the guitar, trumpet, cornet, trombone, French horn, flute, clarinet, saxophone, keyboard, violin, cello, drums, oboe or bassoon. At the start of this year, we have 176 children having instrumental lessons every week on a wide range of instruments. In Years 4, 5 and 6, 63% of girls and 52% of boys have chosen to have lessons to learn to play an instrument of their own choice. This is an **outstanding** uptake in comparison to other schools both across the county and nationally. The national average is about 16%. We hope that the children enjoy their lessons, and make good progress with their understanding and skill on the instrument they have chosen to play.

Singing at SJA

One hundred and seventy-five children across the school are hard at work, learning song lyrics, new tunes, developing their musical memory, their confidence and their performance skills – in one of the three 'choirs' being run this term.

Forty-two Year 5 pupils will be performing at Chichester Cathedral on Friday 21st November to help celebrate 125 years of West Sussex County Council. SJA children have been invited to perform at this event, as we are one of only a few primary schools in the county to have achieved the 'National Sing Up **Platinum** Award'. It will be a great privilege to work with the hugely talented musicians and performers lined up for this event – and a very positive experience that I am sure the children will remember for many years to come.

Around 70 children from the Year 6 Choir are also hard at work learning their songs for the Young Voices Choir and are excited about performing at the O2 in the Spring Term!



Harvest Assembly

Thank you for all the wonderful comments about the Harvest Service. The very talented Y3s and Y4s delighted our packed hall with their beautiful singing, knowledge about Fairtrade and healthy eating and their poetry recital. It really was wonderful to see so many of you there and thank you for your donations to Trussell Trust and to Reverend Cath for her address.



Sparkle Disco is back!!

Our first disco of the year is on Friday 12th December. The Y3/Y4 disco is 4.30pm to 5.30pm and the Y5/Y6 disco is 6pm – 7.15pm. Entry is £2.50 and includes crisps and a drink. Younger siblings can attend the Y5/Y6 disco, but not the other way round.

MOVEMBER

Mr. Whetton, Mr. Beavis, Mr. Showell, Mr. Dudeney and I have all decided to support the Movember campaign and will be growing (or one case attempting to grow) a moustache - styles to be decided but suggestions appreciated. The Movember Foundation aims to increase awareness and understanding of the health issues men face and to develop greater confidence in men to take action when they do not feel physically or mentally well. If you would like to sponsor the Moustached Five you will be able to donate on the Just Giving site www.justgiving.com/TheMoustached5 or by sending your donation into the office (in an envelope marked Movember) At the end of the month we will put all the names of the children who have made a donation into a hat and they will be given the opportunity to shave off my moustache, live in front of the whole school!



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ICT E-safety

On Monday 17th November we will be running E-safety meetings for SIA and SJA parents. The meetings will be held at SIA at 2.15pm and 6pm. Please do come along to find out more and to ask any questions you may have.

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

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Name of child:

Class:



Autumn Term 2014

Tuesday 4 th November	Jeremy Strong (author) visiting Y3
Wednesday 5 th November	Tom Palmer (author) visiting Y6 3.30pm Y3/Y4 Football @ North Holmes
Thursday 6 th November	Individual/sibling photos
Friday 7 th November	Y4 Stuart Day Y5 to Christ's Hospital for Science Museum Show 4pm A team Table Tennis @ Collyers Y5/Y6 and Y3/Y4 Football v Castlewood @ SJA
Saturday 8 th November	Southwater Firework night
Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance Service, Lintot Square
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need 2pm Opening of new football pitch at the Leisure Centre 4pm Girls Football League @ BBH
Monday 17 th November	2.15pm / 6pm E-safety meeting for SJA/SIA parents at SIA
Friday 21 st November	Dress down day for Christmas Fair/ Tombola pm Y5 Choir to Chichester Cathedral 4pm Girls Football League @ BBH
Thursday 27 th November	SJA/SJA Open morning for children starting SJA/SJA in September 2015 10.30am 6pm Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 28 th November	SJA run music workshop for selected SJA, Greenway and Castlewood pupils A team Table Tennis @ Collyers 4pm Girls Football League @ BBH
Saturday 29 th November	Y6 Writers group @ Christ's Hospital with Michael Morpurgo
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y3/Y4 badminton Festival
Friday 5 th December	4pm A team Table Tennis @ Collyers
Thursday 11 th December	1.30pm / 6.30pm Y5 Christmas Performance
Friday 12 th December	Sparkle Disco Y3/Y4 4.30pm-5.30pm Y5/Y6 6pm – 7.15pm
Tuesday 16 th December	1.30pm / 6.30pm Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17 th December	1.30pm / 6.30pm Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2015

Monday 5 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January	First day back for children
Friday 16 th January	9.10am – 10.15am Dad's morning
Tuesday 27 th January	Y6 choir singing at the O2
Wednesday 28 th January	Dance festival at Collyers (TBC)