



Dear Parents,

11<sup>th</sup> September 2013

It has been a fabulous start to the term. Year 3 have settled brilliantly into their new classes and have already shown us some of the wonderful work they can produce. Even with the builders still working in a number of rooms, there is a calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school with the children engaged and focused on their learning. Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 have all carried on from where they finished off last year and have impressed their teachers with both the quality of their work, and their positive attitude to learning.

I would like to thank the thirty or so parents who came to the reading meetings last week. It was a fantastic turnout and we appreciate the time that you are willing to spend in school listening to children read. As always we have new books coming into school over the next few weeks. We do expect children to read at home, at least 5 times a weeks, with their reading journals/home contact books signed by you. If the children find a book that they enjoy and we haven't got it in school, they should let me know the name of the book and we will buy it for the school library for the enjoyment of them and others.

Alexis Conway

### **School Colour Captains**

Congratulations to the following children who have been voted in by the rest of Y6 to be Team Leaders for their colour team. The Captains are expected to be role models for the rest of the school in terms of attitude and behaviour, in both a sporting and academic context. Well done Riley and Colette (Blue Team), Stacey and Toby (Red Team), Lauren and Bradley (Yellow Team) and Jess and Callum (Green Team).

### **Playground Buddies**

Congratulations on the appointment of our new playground buddies. The playground buddies work on a rota basis at lunchtimes, organising games, looking after equipment and mediating in minor disagreements. The buddies also spend a few lunchtimes a week in the Infant playground playing with the younger children. Our new buddies are Archie, Sam, Daniel, Abigail, Liam, Thomas and Ella from 6CJ. Jemma, Emily, Katie, Amelia, Pippa, Kira and Kyle from 6AER. Esme, Ben, Claudia, Cerys and James from 6CD and Keira, Jes, Madison, Katie, Sinna, Harvey and Nicole from 6DM.

### **Transfer to Secondary**

The application process for Year 6 transferring to secondary school in September 2014 will begin shortly. We expect to send the information packs out on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This will contain a leaflet and a letter giving details of how to apply online. The closing date this year is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 but I would ask parents not to leave it until the last minute.

I would encourage you to visit the secondary schools on their open days, please check the relevant websites but I believe the dates are Forest on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, Tanbridge on the 26<sup>th</sup> September and Millais on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Water Bottles**

It is great to see so many children bringing water bottles into school. Please can I remind you that bottles need to have a sports cap and contain water. Juice/squash etc. may be drunk at lunchtime but not during lesson time.

**Mr Showell**

My name is Paul Showell; I am the new PE instructor here at Southwater Junior Academy. I will be working alongside Mr Buckler (Upper Juniors PE Co-ordinator) and Miss Marriott (Lower Juniors PE co-ordinator) to ensure that PE provision at SJA is the best that it can be. I have been teaching sports to primary school pupils for 6 years, and am looking forward to working with your children.



I will be leading many of the PE lessons, teaching each class in each year. Over the year we will be learning a variety of different sports. I will also be running many of the school sports teams, and taking them to the various competitions.

Each day after school, we will be running a different sports club, some of which will be aimed at specific age groups. Part of my job is to try and encourage as many children to develop a love of sport, a love that will last into adulthood.

Over the next few years, we aim to improve the standard of sport and PE lessons here at SJA to the highest possible level. We want to keep our high standard of sportsmanship - before, after and during sports matches/events, while at the same time bringing the school plenty of success and hopefully a few more trophies to add to our collection!

Please keep an eye out for further information regarding clubs and match information.

To the pupils.... If you are taking part in matches, competitions or any sporting event outside of school, make sure you let me know how you get on (win or lose!) as I am always interested in how our pupils get on out of school, as well as inside!

**Classroom Visits**

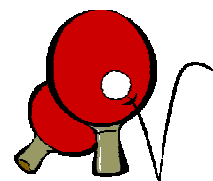
Between Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September and the 27<sup>th</sup> September you will have the opportunity to spend 30 minutes in class with your child, either at 9.15am or 2.45pm on the allocated day. You don't need to sign up just come to the school office. This will give you the chance to see your child in the classroom and spend some time learning with them.

**School office**

After 12 years of working at SJA Mrs Jackson is leaving us to take up a position in another school. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all the care she has given to the children over the years and we wish her well.

**Family Table Tennis**

Family table tennis will be starting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at SJA run by Horsham Table Tennis. Details to be sent out separately.



**Scooting in the playground**

Thank you to the children who walk their scooters on school grounds. There are however a number of children, mainly pre-Junior age children scooting through the playground. Could parents please ensure their children walk their scooters through the school grounds. Thank you.

**Coats**

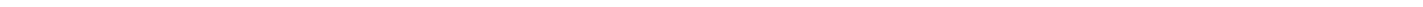
A number of children have arrived at school this week without coats. Please can parents ensure children bring coats to school everyday. We do our best to ensure children can spend their break and lunchtimes outside.

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

Name of child:

Class:



## Autumn Term 2013

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9am Y3 Meeting for parents. 2.30pm Y4 Meeting for parents. 6pm Y3 Meeting for parents. 7pm Y4 Meeting for parents.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 to Newhaven Fort. Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 to Brighton
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am / 2.45 pm Y3/Y4 Classroom visit
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Y4 to the Tower of the London. Y3 to the country park.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am / 2.45 pm Y3/Y4 Classroom visit
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	8.15am Finance Committee
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am / 2.45 pm Y5/Y6 Classroom visit
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am / 2.45 pm Y5/Y6 Classroom visit
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	6pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Joint Open Day with SIA, from 10.30am at SJA
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9am Parent Forum
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Smarter Choice Roadshow (Sustainable transport)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	6.15pm Teaching and Learning Committee
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
<b>Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> October– 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45am – 10.30am Bring you dad to school.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Southwater Schools' Firework night
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Environment Committee meeting
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability for Y6 ( over 2 weeks)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Stuart Day for Y4
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Pirate Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	7pm Full Governing Body
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Joint Open Day with SIA, from 10.30am at SJA. pm Sparkle Disco
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Christmas Concert 1.30pm / 6.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6/Y2 Christmas service @ Holy Innocents am or pm depending on class
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school

## Term Dates 2013-14



### AUTUMN 2013



Monday 2nd September to Thursday 19th December 2012

**Inset Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3rd September- First day back Wednesday 4th September**

**Half Term** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1st November

**Christmas Holiday** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 6th January

### SPRING 2014

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Inset Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - First day back Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**Half Term** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21st February.

**Easter Holiday** Monday 7th to Monday 21st April

**(Inclusive of Good Friday and Easter Monday – 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April)**

### SUMMER 2014

Tuesday 22nd April to Wednesday 23rd July.

**(Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday)**

**Half Term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30th May.

**Inset Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Summer Holiday** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### AUTUMN 2014

**Inset Thursday 4th & Friday 5th September - First day back Monday 8th September**