



13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many of you at the class visits. Each time we do this, we are reminded of what a valuable exercise it is. The children enjoy you sharing in their learning so much and this is obviously a two way process, as evidenced by your wonderful comments.

This year has got off to a great start with extra-curricular activities taking place to enhance what the children learn in school. Year 3 has carried out a field trip around Southwater which included a visit to the Country Park. Year 5 visited Chichester to carry out geographical studies and then learnt about the world and beyond at the South Downs Planetarium. Year 6 has a trip planned to the Imperial War Museum and Year 4 is looking forward to their trip to Hampton Court.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the forthcoming Parents' Evenings and then we will have already been back for half a term. Have a good break.

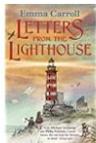
With best wishes,

Anne Ratsey

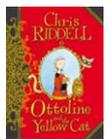
## Applications for Secondary Schools

All Year 6 applications for secondary school need to be in before 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## 100 Hundred books to Read



As we all know, reading opens up new ideas and worlds for children and adults alike. At SJA we are passionate about the children reading both to inform and for pleasure. With this in mind, we are publishing a list of 100 books to read for children aged 7-9 years and another for children aged 10-11 years on our school website. We hope that the books will introduce the children to new characters and storylines which will further their interest and enjoyment in reading. With Christmas fast approaching, they may also offer some ideas regarding books which children might enjoy receiving as a gift.



The lists are recommendations and include authors both old and new. However, the lists are by no means exhaustive and we will add to them over time. A quick browse through shopping websites or the local bookstore demonstrates that new literature for children is readily available and always developing. In whole school assemblies the children have been encouraged to report back to Miss Cooper on books they would recommend to their peers and some of these are also included in the lists. Although we have placed the books into age brackets, please do feel free to explore books on both lists, as literature is there to be discovered and enjoyed by all. If you have any questions about the books please do not hesitate to contact Miss Cooper or Mrs Musselwhite.



## A Few Reminders to Ensure the Smooth Running of the Academy

**SJC** – The club opens at 7.35 in the morning. if you want your child to have breakfast, please make sure they are in club before 8.10

**Start of the day** - We aim to start the school day promptly at 8.45am, with children coming straight into classes to start early work. If you have any messages for teachers, please write them in the Home Contact Book or see the teacher after school. If it is vital that a verbal message needs to be passed on, then please come and see the teacher at 8.30am. Four or five parents wanting to speak to the teacher at the beginning of the day means that lessons do not start promptly or children are queuing up in the playground after the bell has gone. If you need to enter the school, please sign in at reception first. While we operate an 'open door' policy for parents, we also have to be very mindful of

safeguarding the children and we cannot have adults walking through the school without being signed in at the office first. Thank you for your understanding.

**Crossing the field from SIA** – Please use the path at the side of the Y6 mobiles rather than crossing the field.

**Change in child collection arrangements** – If you need to change your child's collection arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances, please make sure you speak to a member of staff rather than leaving a message on the answerphone. We cannot guarantee picking up answerphone messages.

## **Sports Update**

We have made a fantastic start on the sporting front this year, with some brilliant PE lessons, with all pupils participating in football with Mr Showell. 4AM and 4MP have been enjoying some excellent street dance lessons, while 5ZL and 5PW have been having a great time learning about table tennis. Year 3 have been learning about gymnastics, while 4CB and 4DM have been doing netball. 5RF and 5JE have really improved their hockey skills over the last few weeks. Year 6 have started their sports education lessons, and have been learning about the different roles in football and basketball, such as managers, players, referees and we even had some cheerleaders! Our clubs have been excellently attended, and the standard has been superb, which has reflected upon our excellent starts in the football leagues. Both our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 A teams won the first competitions of the year, by winning the Horsham Schools Open tournaments; and the Year 5/6 A and B team will compete in the A league in the final league meeting this Friday. Meanwhile the Year 3/4 A team have qualified for the semi-final of the Year 3/4 tournament, held next week, and the B team will play in the B division. We are expecting a bumper few weeks after the half-term break. In action will be our girls' football and hockey teams, our hockey, table tennis and netball teams. They will all have their turn to represent the school. There will also be a trampolining competition and a badminton festival. So we are definitely in for a brilliant end to 2017!



Please give us a follow on social media, if you are not already;

Twitter - @soutwaterJA\_PE

Facebook - Southwater Junior Academy PE and Sports Group

Both accounts are private, so you must request membership if you would like to see what your pupils are getting up to in PE and in the sports teams.

## **Nutella Alert!**

As we have many children and staff who are allergic to nuts, we aim to be a nut free zone. Please can I request that children don't bring in food that contains Nutella as this poses a risk? Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## **Colour Captains**

Congratulations to Nic and Luke who are our blue team colour captains, Jasper and Chloe who are our red team colour captains, Jess and Harry who are our green team colour captains and Will and Megan who are our yellow team colour captains. Their responsibilities at the moment include counting up the team points their teams have scored each week and supporting and encouraging their teams.

Please see the following notices from WSCC:

### **Back to Work Support for parents**

Are you a parent looking to return to work but feel that you would like some support? This might include help with:

- Accessing training
- Rebuilding confidence
- Gaining relevant work experience to your chosen career
- Help looking for jobs

- Support with cvs and application forms
- Support preparing for interviews

If this is you, then there's FREE help available through the Volunteering and Employment Coordinators at WSCC. Contact Julie Dutton ([Julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk)) or Maria Maloney ([maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk)) for an informal chat.

### **Volunteering**

Do you have some spare time? Want to make a difference to the local community? We have opportunities for volunteers at our Children and Family Centres and Youth Services across the local area eg administration, operating the toy library, assisting at Play and Learn sessions, Baby Rhyme Time groups, Youth services, Music and Movement groups. The time commitment is usually 2 to 3 hours per week/fortnight. We offer access to free training and pay travel expenses. References are required and a DBS (police check) will be obtained at no charge to volunteers). To arrange an informal meeting to discuss our opportunities and what you are looking for, please email Julie Dutton ([Julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.dutton@westsussex.gov.uk)) or Maria Maloney ([maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:maria.maloney@westsussex.gov.uk))

### **School Shop**

The school shop is now open every Tuesday and Thursday break time in the Library Annexe. The shop is run by the School Council, with all profits being used to buy equipment for the playground. Prices are the same as the last three years! The main items on sale are items of stationery but it would be good to see the table tennis tables fully utilised during break times again.

#### **OPENING TIMES: TUESDAY BREAK TIME; THURSDAY BREAK TIME**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
POCKET POSTERS	£1.50
PENCILS	10p
SHARPENERS	10p
ERASERS	20p
RULERS	20p
HIGHLIGHTERS	45p
HANDWRITING PENS	25p
WHITEBOARD PENS	30p
GLUE STICKS	£1
TABLE TENNIS BATS	£2.00
TABLE TENNIS BALLS	20p

### **The Pocket Science Funfair at the Billingshurst Centre**

Brighton Science Festival is taking the Pocket Science Funfair on tour this October half term.

**Friday 27th October** The Billingshurst Centre, Roman Way, Billingshurst, RH14 9QW.

The Pocket Science Funfair – all the fun of the fair, plus all the buzz of science. Our funfair with a twist celebrates the twentieth anniversary of Harry Potter by doling out 'magic' of our own. And why stop at Potter? We have magic from The Lord of the Rings and from Star Wars. It's very easy magic. Even parents can do it. Plus we'll teach you to perform science-magic miracles with just plastic cups, straws and napkins - the stuff you find in your home, or down the local cafe.

**These are drop-in events: arrive any time between 10.30am and 4pm, but we encourage allowing at least an hour to make sure you see and do everything.**

Tickets cost £4 for all ages 7+. Under 7s free. £14 for a family of 4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Buy tickets in advance or just arrive on the day.

For more information, please visit [www.brightonscience.com](http://www.brightonscience.com)

**Safeguarding** – Please attend out Internet Safety meeting for parents on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.

**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**

<b>Autumn Term 2017</b>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5/6 Football Tournaments at Horsham Park 4-6pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTFA Fireworks
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening – 3.40 to 7pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Evacuation Day; Y3/4 Football Tournament at Horsham Park 4-6pm
<b>Half term</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET DAY
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Individual Pupil Photographs
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Girls Football Tournament at THS 4-6pm; Table Tennis at Collyer's 5-6.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sibling Photographs – SJA children only
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Internet Safety – Parents' Meeting 6pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Hockey at THS 4-6pm; Table Tennis at Collyer's 5-6.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3/4 Flu Vaccinations
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Girls Football Tournament at THS 4-6pm; Table Tennis at Collyer's 5-6.30pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Trampolining at BBH 1-3pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Open Morning – 10.30
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Open Morning – 10.30
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Table Tennis at Collyer's 5-6.30pm
Wk of 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 Mock Mocks
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Badminton at Collyer's 9.30-12pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Girls Football Tournament at THS 4-6pm; Table Tennis at Collyer's 5-6.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Girls' Hockey at Millais 1-3pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 Christmas Concert
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Girls Football Tournament at THS 4-6pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Performance 1.30pm / 6.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Performance 1.30pm / 6.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of autumn term
<b>Spring Term 2017</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day back at school for pupils
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Open Morning – 10.30 – Y2 Parents
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Young Voices O2
Wk of 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 Mock Mocks
<b>Half term</b>	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of spring term

