



20th July 2018

Dear Parents,

In this, my final letter, I would like to thank you all for the support that you offer to SJA in so many guises. The academy would not be anywhere near as successful if it wasn't for that unique relationship between the child, the parent and the teacher. I have been so privileged to work alongside so many talented and dedicated people over the seventeen years I have been at SJA and it will indeed be strange not to be part of the community. I would like to wish you all every success for the future.

With warmest wishes
Anne Ratsey

Staff News

Further to my last newsletter, also leaving at the end of the term will be Mrs Derbyshire, who has been supporting children in Y5, Mr Charman who supports SJC and Madame Frost who has taught extracurricular French at the academy for many years. We wish them well in the future and thank them for all they have brought to the school.

I am sure you will also want to join me in wishing Mrs Kear every good wish as she too will be leaving after teaching at the school for 25 years. It has not been an easy decision for her to make but her health has finally dictated that she must take early retirement. No one working with Mrs Kear can ever doubt her talent and passion for teaching and for music. We have achieved so much as a school under her leadership and we thank her for that.

Mrs Wright will also be leaving at October half term after 13 years working at the school and many years before that as a parent helper. She is key to the smooth running of the school and will be greatly missed. Congratulations to Mrs Bamber who is expecting a baby at Christmas.

Meeting Age related Expectations in Y6 (ARE)

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils!

Reading		GPS		Mathematics		Writing (TA)		R,W and M	
NA 2018	SJA 2018	NA 2018	SJA 2018	NA 2018	SJA 2018	NA 2018	SJA 2018	NA 2018	SJA 2018
75%	79%	78%	86%	76%	75%	78%	84%	61%	68%

NA = National Average; GPS = Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling; TA = Teacher Assessment

Sports Updates from Mr Showell

Last weeks' sporting events have brought our year of competitions to a close, and I'm delighted to announce that we have won a pretty incredible 50 tournaments this school year! 50! For the 5th year in a row, we've successfully managed to win more tournaments and events than the previous year, which is a fantastic achievement by all involved!

We've enjoyed tremendous success at District level again, and finish as the highest achieving school in Horsham for the 5th year running, but we also managed to end the year as 5x County Champions, 2x West Sussex Champions, 2x Central Sussex champions, and our incredible girls' football team qualified

for the National Finals. Our successful teams have really made our school into one of the most competitive schools in the county.

We've managed to beat last year's total of 41 wins pretty comfortably in the end, but most importantly we've given even more pupils the opportunity to represent the school this year, with 311 of our 462 pupils (70%) representing the school in at least one competition or event over the course of this school year.

We've strived all year to ensure that inclusion takes precedence over success, and this year I believe we've definitely achieved that. We've entered more tournaments than before, consistently taken A, B, C and even D teams on some occasions to tournaments to maximise inclusion, and we've entered more inclusive tournaments and festivals to ensure that not just our sportiest pupils get the opportunity to compete. Every single pupil who attended either football, hockey, dodgeball, cricket, rounders, stoolball or basketball clubs has represented the school in a tournament or event this year!

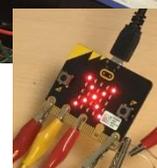
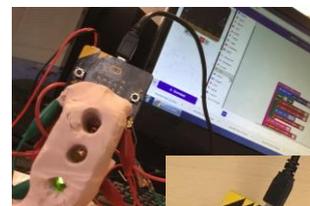
Well done to all involved!

Computing Day - 7th June

On Thursday 7th June, we ran our annual Computing Day, aimed at Year 6 pupils who have a particular interest or passion for computing. As well as nine of our own pupils, we also had pupils from four other schools in the locality attend the session for the day.

The day was aimed around the BBC Micro:bit, a small programmable computer. After learning about algorithms, variables and abstraction, the children then programmed and created their own game of 'Frustration', where the player cannot touch the wire without losing a point. This required the children to use different inputs via the pins on the Micro:bit and create a circuit that would make the game work. We then moved onto programming our own set of traffic lights using LEDs. The children had to think carefully about the timings of each LED in order to make their traffic lights safe for pedestrians to use!

Overall, we had a great day of coding and creating and we look forward to applying the Micro:bit's capabilities even more in future Computing and Science lessons.



Spanish - Español



At SJA, we are thrilled to announce that we will be focussing on learning Spanish from September 2018.

Over the last term, the children have shown such enthusiasm for learning the language that we have decided to continue with it.

On that note, if you are going on holiday to a Spanish speaking country, please encourage your child to 'have a go' at communicating with the locals and do keep any receipts, leaflets, magazines, postcards, tickets etc to bring into school. It would be fantastic to build up our resources, especially with authentic ones. Also, if you have any Spanish speaking within your family, do let us know so that we can invite you in to speak to the children.

Muchas gracias,
Señora Waide

Charities 2017-18

Thank you to our Charity Reps this year for helping to organise and support the various charity events held throughout the year. This year the total amount which SJA has raised for charity is £2830.43. The charities which the academy has supported were: Jeans for Genes, Children In Need, Wish Upon A Star, Chestnut Tree House, Winston's Wish, Sports Relief and Great Ormond Street. We do appreciate the support given by parents too as lots of the fundraising couldn't take place without your help.

Horsham Gaming Competition - 17.7.18

On Tuesday 17th July, we entered the Horsham Gaming Competition at Tanbridge House School. The children were tasked with designing their own game on Scratch, and then making a controller using a Makey Makey kit. The Makey Makey allows any material which can conduct an electrical current to be made into a game controller.



We took two teams to the competition. Our first team designed a festive game, called 'Save Santa' where the player would have to save Santa from a never ending hoard of Easter eggs, and along the way they would fight bosses such as the Easter Bunny and Cupid. Their controller was based on the weapon in their game, which fired baubles.



Our second team's game was 'Ninja Woof', a game about a ninja cat that traversed different levels defeating a range of enemies and bosses. Their controller was a giant ninja star, and the player had to use two swords on the star to make their character move, jump and attack. The competition was judged by Creative Assembly, a Horsham based game developer.



Overall, our Ninja Woof team won the 'Student's Choice' award, which was based on the votes of the other children who entered the competition.

Well done to Ellie, Lily, Adam, Ashwin, Oliver, Jack, Sean and Callum for creating such fun games, and for being fantastic ICT monitors over the year.



PTFA

Thanks to the PTFA for supporting both sports days by serving refreshments. The total raised was £166.81. Every penny counts! Over the whole year, the PTFA have raised nearly £10 500 to support the schools in Southwater. They are always needing extra support so do get in touch with one of the committee if you feel you could be of service.

Safeguarding

Internet safety is one of our priorities at the academy, and the regular lessons children are taught about internet safety are all relevant to what we know our children are using outside of school. Most applications carry age limits, and these are in place to keep the children safe. Below are age limits for the applications we find our children are using at home, and the age limits needed to have an account.

Application	Age restriction
Facebook	13
Instagram	13
Twitter	13
musical.ly	13
Snapchat	13
WhatsApp	16
YouTube	13 with parental permission, 18 without.

It is important that you monitor your child's activity online. There are some great applications out there to help monitor your child's activity on their mobile devices. 'OurPact' <https://ourpact.com/> is a free

service for iOS and android devices. It can restrict the applications your children use, set screen time limits, and manually block and grant internet access. This can all be done anywhere remotely from your phone. Parents at SJA who currently use this find it incredibly helpful in limiting the applications their child uses, the times that they can use them and how long they can use them for.

In addition, Life360 <https://www.life360.com> is another free service which gives you control to see where family members are, and set up safe chat environments for your family. Again, this application has been well received by pupils and parents at the academy.

There is Monster Messenger <https://monster-messenger.com/>. This is a messaging service for children that parents can control and monitor. This means that parents can approve who children are speaking to and the content is moderated. This is a good alternative to those who are using WhatsApp.

As well as the applications above, there are simple things that you can do to monitor your child online, such as keeping laptops, game consoles and mobile devices in places where you can see what is happening, and not allowing them to be used in their rooms. Encouraging your child to speak to you about their concerns, without the fear their device will be taken away, is also highly recommended.

Finally, we are also sending out a guide from National Online Safety, which addresses screen addiction.

This simple guide provides clear tips and advice to prevent children from spending an unhealthy amount of time behind a screen.

We hope you find this advice helpful, especially with the summer holiday approaching.

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

Summer Term 2018

Monday 23rd July

Y6 Leavers' Disco 6pm

Tuesday 24th July

Y6 Leavers' Service to parents – 9.15; Last day of term

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September

Inset Day

Tuesday 4th September

Inset Day

Wednesday 5th September

First day back for children

Friday 7th September

2.15pm Meeting for Parents helping with reading

Monday 10th September

Y4 Curriculum Meetings 2.30pm and 6pm

Tuesday 11th September

Y6 Curriculum Meetings 2.30pm and 6pm; 9am Meeting for Parents helping with reading

Wednesday 12th September

Y5 Curriculum Meetings 2.30pm and 6pm

Thursday 13th September

Y3 Curriculum Meetings 2.30pm and 6pm

Friday 5th October

Y3/5 Class Visits 9.10am

Monday 8th October

Y3/5 Class Visits 9.10am

Wednesday 10th October

Y4/6 Class Visits 9.10am

Thursday 11th October

Y4 Class Visits 9.10am; Y5 Mayan Morning

Half Term – Wk beginning 22nd October

Thursday 1st November

Individual pupil photographs

Monday 10th December

Y3,4,5 Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 19th December

Last day of autumn term