



26th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2017 and to what looks like being another busy and successful year. This year we aim to really embed our key values of kindness, working hard and resilience. These are values which all members of our community can strive towards showing.

Towards the end of last term we had two external visitors to the school who were quality assuring our provision. Both were extremely impressed with standards in the school and both commented on the excellent behaviour in lessons, which has been a key focus for the last three years. One commented on the good relationships between pupils and teachers; the skill of the teachers in their assessment of the pupils; the pace and challenge in lessons; the accountability of the Year Leaders for their teams and the good progress made by pupils who have special educational needs. We were delighted with the feedback and as always look for ways of making things even better at the Academy.

The staff and I are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Evenings at the end of February but as always don't hesitate to contact us before then if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

Anne Ratsey

Awards

On the last day of term we held our termly awards' ceremony. Awards are given out for a variety of reasons - all round performance, sport, music, endeavour, teamwork and consideration. Congratulations to last term's winners. We are very proud of them.



Esprit de Corps - Awarded to the children who have made an extra special contribution to the life of the school. Autumn 2016 – Alfie and Ella

Moulden Trophy - Awarded to the children who have made outstanding contributions in sport. Autumn 2016 – Lily and Bertie

Standing Trophy - Awarded to the children who have made outstanding contributions in music or the performing arts. Autumn 2016 – Harry and Grace

Rivendell Cup - Awarded to the child or children who have shown endeavour. Autumn 2016 - Keely and Evans

Triple C Trophy - Awarded to those who have displayed Consideration, Cooperation and Communication. Autumn 2016 –Arthur and Izzie.

Iggy Cup – Awarded to the 'Green Team' for the Autumn Term. This cup is for children who are asked to do something extra like an intervention group, to help them with their learning. Points are earned individually for effort and achievement and collated into colour teams, to find the overall winner. Well done to all for their hard work and perseverance.

Daily Mile



As many of you may know the school has decided to include 'The Daily Mile' into the school day. On Monday 9th January, Years 3 and 4 started trialling it, which proved a huge success! The aim of the Daily Mile is to improve the physical, emotional and social health and wellbeing of the children here at The Southwater Junior Academy. The Daily Mile is meant to be a fun social activity for the children to take part in, with no need to get changed. Every child that has taken part so far has managed to have a go at running or walking the 8 laps which equates to a mile. With it being such a success with lower school, we are now hoping to include Years 5 and 6 in the event within the next week. It is fully inclusive; every child, whatever his or her circumstances, age or ability, succeeds at the Daily Mile.



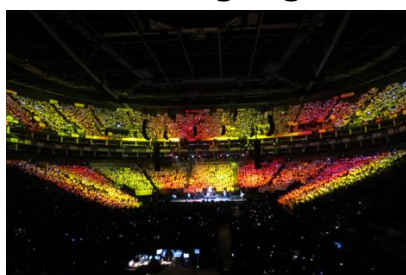
PTFA

Southwater PTFA will be holding a meeting on 31 January 2017 (7:30pm in the junior staff room). Any parents/carers who wish to get involved (or just to find out more) are welcome to attend. Just email southwaterptfa@gmail.com if you want further details. Just to remind parents that the Southwater PTFA organise a quiz night (date to be confirmed soon), the summer fete (July) , fireworks night (October) and run a stall at the Southwater Christmas Festival (December). With more volunteers we can run more events. So do come along if you are able. We really need your help and involvement to continue to run these great community events.

As you may also remember, Southwater PTFA has been chosen as part of the local Southwater Co-Op community funding initiative. Anyone with a Co-op card registered to the Southwater store get cash back on Co-op branded goods (that's basically free money for you) and the Co-op make a donation to their locally chosen charities (that's free money for us too!). Please note there are 3 charities and you should choose where you want your charity cash back to go - we hope that you'd choose Southwater PTFA. If you do use the Co-Op please continue to present your blue Co-op card each time you shop and/or ask staff for more details. The scheme is running until April 2017 and all those pennies are adding up. Thank you all on behalf of the PTFA. We will keep you informed via the newsletter how we are doing.

We will soon be working with the school and school council to find suitable projects for PTFA monies to fund. Thanks to the hard work of parents and carers the following sums are due to the Junior Academy: Summer Fete £1,700, Fireworks £ 1,600 and Christmas £1,000. That makes over £4,000. We could not do this without parent/carer help. To all those who have helped and will help this year, we thank you.

Outstanding singers wow crowds at the O2 Arena.



On Friday 20th January, 66 children from Year 6 went to the O2 Arena in London to take part in Young Voices 2017. They formed a huge choir of 7000 children and under the direction of conductor David Lawrence performed with a professional band and dancers. The repertoire included a traditional African song sung in harmony and a medley of favourite rock classics through the ages. The children learnt all dance moves



and lyrics off by heart in preparation for the day including a section of a song sung in Welsh! A favourite amongst the children to perform was a medley of pop songs from the current chart. We were lucky to be seated directly behind the main stage so could see the guest artists The Beatbox Collective, Natalie Williams and Tabby Callaghan. The children were true ambassadors of SJA and they set the standard for the schools around them with their exceptional behaviour, commitment and enthusiasm. We are all very proud of what they have achieved and it was a day that many of us will remember for years to come.

Sport

Well done to our pupils on a great start to 2017!

- Our boys football team were crowned Sussex Champions, after winning a fantastic tournament, winning both the semi-final and the final on penalties!
- 10 of our boys had a great time at Forest Boys School at a tag-rugby workshop.
- Our table tennis team headed to London for the zonal finals. The boys played excellently, before losing in the final set in the semi-finals to the overall winners. The league is also going well and heading into the final week, with the As in 2nd place, and the Bs in 4th place.
- Our boys' football team got knocked out in the semi-finals of the National EFL cup on penalties, having played superbly throughout the group stages!
- We won both the boys and girls Cross Country races last week, with over 140 pupils taking part in each race. Our girls all came in the top 18, and our boys all came in the top 33. There is a special mention for Harry Lee who finished in 1st place!
- We had 2 tag-rugby teams taking part in the Horsham Schools' competition, although only a friendly competition, our teams played fantastically. The As won all 6 of their games, while the Bs won 3, drew 1 and lost 2.



Early Morning Maths

The Year 6 teachers are once again holding extra maths sessions on a Tuesday morning at 8am for Year 6 children. We are proud of what we have achieved in maths in recent years and these extra sessions have been instrumental in helping the children to feel confident and to do their best. We do ask for your support in encouraging your child to attend these sessions.

Parents' Evenings/Reporting to Parents

Parents' evenings are on Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March from 3.40 to 7pm. You will be able to sign up online for an appointment. At the appointment you will receive a report showing your child's attainment and effort in each subject and targets for reading, writing and maths. The targets will relate to specific things which your child needs to work on to achieve the standard expected by the end of the academic year.

Charity Stalls and Fundraising

These are in the diary for the 27th February and 6th March. This year's charity stalls will be held in aid of Guide Dogs and The Children's Society. Further details to follow.

Just before Christmas we raised: £578.71 for Ronald McDonald House Charities; £768.31 from the discos; £140.81 from the fun run and £90.30 from the Christmas jumpers. Thank you for your support with these events.

Uniform

Our high expectations of personal appearance are in line with those of the local secondary schools. We ask that shoulder length hair should for safety and hygiene reasons be tied back from the face. Extremes of fashion are not acceptable and hair should be of natural colour. Boys hair should be cut no shorter than a no 2 and hair gel, mousse etc. should not be worn to school. No jewellery should be worn to school. If children have pierced ears only studs should be worn which must be removed during all PE lessons. Shoes should be suitable for school wear enabling your child to play safely at playtimes. Therefore shoes must not have high heels or wedges. Children should not wear trainers to school. Girls may wear red or grey tights. Thank you for your co-operation with this. Please see the website for more details.

Dog Owners

Please make sure that you clear up after your dogs, particularly around the area of the school gate. Also – please don't leave dogs unattended if they are 'lively'. We are receiving some concerned comments from parents. Thank you for your co-operation.

Spring Term 2017



Thursday 26 th January	Basketball Tournament @Henfield – 4-6pm
Friday 27 th January	Girls Football @THS 4-6pm; Table Tennis @Collyer's 5-6.30
Tuesday 31 st January	Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ Collyer's 10-2pm
Friday 3 rd February	Table Tennis B @Collyer's 5-6.30
Thursday 9 th February	Y5 Ghana Day; Basketball Tournament @ Collyer's 4-6pm
Friday 10 th February	Table Tennis B @Collyer's 5-6.30
Wk beg 13 th February	Y6 Mock Week
Tuesday 14 th February	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Collyer's 10-2pm
Thursday 16 th February	Kurling @Millais 12.30-2.30pm
Friday 17 th February	9.10am – 10.15am Dads' Day; Table Tennis B @Collyer's 5-6.30
Half term	
Monday 27 th February	Charity Stalls 3.20
Tuesday 28 th February	Parents' Evening 3.40-7pm
Wednesday 1 st March	Swimming Gala @ Pavilions 1-3pm
Thursday 2 nd March	Parents' Evening 3.40-7pm; Basketball Tournament @ Collyer's 4-6pm
Friday 3 rd March	SJA's World Book Day; Music Festival Rehearsal – Kingslea; Table Tennis B @Collyer's 5-6.30; Y3 Football tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm
Monday 6 th March	Charity Stalls 3.20
Tuesday 7 th March	Dance Festival – The Hawth
Friday 10 th March	Y5 Voices for Freedom @ Chichester Cathedral; Table Tennis B @Collyer's 5-6.30; Y4 Football tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm
Tuesday 14 th March	Y6 SATs Meeting – 6.30pm; Tag Rugby Tournament @ HRFC @ 1-4pm
Friday 17 th March	4CB Class Assembly – 2.45pm; Y5 Football Tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm
Wk beg 20 th March	Assessment Week Y3-5
Tuesday 21 st March	Y3/4 Basketball Festival @ Collyer's 11.30 – 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	Football workshop @ Forest 9.30-11.30
Thursday 23 rd March	6pm Full Governing Body Curriculum Meeting
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day; Y6 Football tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm
Tuesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Tag Rugby @ Collyer's 1 – 3pm
Wednesday 29 th March	Netball Tournament @ Collyer's 1 – 3pm
Friday 31 st March	Y4 Superhero Day; Girls' Football Tournament @ Horsham Park 4-6pm; Tennis League @ Horsham Park 4-6pm