



24th March 2016

Dear Parents,

World Book Day – what a celebration! It is difficult to say whether it was the staff or the children who enjoyed the day the most. A lot of trouble had been taken to create a wide variety of costumes – so thank you for your efforts. There were numerous Harry Potters and Where's Wallys and the Disney classics were also in abundance. The prize for the scariest costume goes to 'He Who Cannot be Named', who was unrecognisable, and of course there always has to be one man in a dress! There are photographs on the website for you to enjoy.



During the week Mr. Whetton, Mr. Dudeney, Mr. Thrasher and Mr Cooper held lunchtime readings in the library and each class chose a poem to perform, which we will be sharing in future assemblies. All in all - a memorable celebration and instrumental in supporting our aim to encourage our children to read for pleasure.

Thank you to all of you who filled in the Parent Questionnaires at Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to read the positive comments and to know that you appreciate what we aim to achieve as an academy.

Have an enjoyable Easter, whatever your plans. I am sure many of the children will be back to take part in the sporting or drama clubs that will be running during the holidays. The summer term looks as packed as ever so take the opportunity to relax as well. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Anne Ratsey

Charity Stalls



Our annual charity stall event has once again been a huge success. Due to popular demand we had to hold the event over two separate afternoons in order to ensure that all the children who wanted to run a stall were able to do so. Once again items for sale included; mouth watering cakes/biscuits, sweets,

popcorn and key rings. Many of the children also put on mini competitions to guess the number of sweets in the jar and to guess the name of a cuddly toy. All in all the total amount raised this year was £573.49 which is a phenomenal amount considering the stalls only run for half an hour on each afternoon. The funds raised this year will be split equally between Sports Relief and Young Epilepsy. A huge 'Thank You' goes to everyone involved as we realise these events wouldn't take place without the support given at home.



Maths Challenge

On Thursday 3rd March, four Y4 pupils went along to Christ's Hospital school to participate in this year's Maths Challenge. They competed in pairs against schools from far and wide and enjoyed watching the marching band before going in to start the competition.



During the course of the afternoon, the children tackled different mathematical tasks, starting with Dicey Dicey, then moving on to sequencing problems in What Next and followed by Make 24 (a version of Countdown). With their brains now fully warmed up, the pairs completed challenges within an eight minute time limit, gaining points according to how many Tangrams, Dominoes and Shopping List items they could complete. Well done to Ellie, Kalina, Rahil and Thomas for approaching each task with great skill and a huge amount of enthusiasm. Both pairs achieved the same score of 98 points, putting the boys in 15th place in their half, with the girls finishing in 13th position. Excellent results for SJA, considering the large number of children taking part.

French at Warnham

Five star, outstanding, very exciting; a few choice words from Tessene, Arthur and Daisy, sum up the fantastic experience they had on a Gifted and Talented course for MFL.

On February 29th, SJA were invited to send three of our most talented linguists on a French course at Warnham C of E primary school. Our star linguists combined ICT skills with French to learn the months of the year, and sing les chansons francaises, to learn the days of the week and numbers too.

All three children agreed, one of the best parts of the day was working with pupils from other schools on French role play scenes. This saw Tessene playing the part of a greedy cafe customer, whilst Arthur received some very bad service in a French bar, and Daisy took the role of an English tourist making her way to Paris by bus. How exhausting!

Thank you so much Tessene, Daisy and Arthur for being such fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Sport Relief - Fun Run

On Friday 18th March, all of our pupils, and many of the teachers, took part in our first ever Fun Run Obstacle Course, in order to raise money for Sport Relief! We had so much fun, and we raised a lot of money on the way! Thanks to the PE monitors for giving up their lunchtime to set the course up! We raised nearly £150.

SJC

Our before and after school club is going from strength to strength. The children are loving the range of activities on offer and the access to the school facilities like the ICT suite. The food is also greatly enjoyed, particularly when they have cooked it themselves!

Sports Update

As such a busy term of sport comes to an end, we reflect on a superb term for our teams, enjoying success after success, and several near wins!

- Our boys' cross country team finished in 1st place at the recent Horsham Schools Event, with 4 of our 6 runners finishing in the top 16 out of 138 runners, and Year 5 Harry finishing in a brilliant 3rd place, with Max not too far behind in 8th position! The girls' team finished in 6th place out of 23 schools, which is a fantastic feat for them!



- Our hockey B team claimed the B Division title this year, with 5 wins from 5 games, and 0 goals conceded in the final league meeting.

- The hockey A team were 1 goal away from claiming a clean sweep of the hockey leagues, finishing in a brilliant 2nd place, but just missing out on 1st, by a single point!

- Our netball B team won the Collyer's B team competition for the second time in a row!

- Our swimming team finished as joint winners at the Swimming Gala - the first time we have won it in several years!
- Our cricket team were crowned Horsham Schools Indoor Champions! We then went on to the Sussex Finals held at Hove Cricket Ground, and narrowly lost in the semi-finals to the eventual winners, despite actually beating them in the group stage.
- Both our A and B teams qualified for the final at the first ever inclusive football tournament held at Collyers', with the A team being crowned champions in the end. We had great success in the table tennis B team tournament, with Krish and Arthur winning their league, and the rest of the teams doing excellently in their leagues!
- Both our netball teams signed off for the season in fine style with a couple of wins each in their leagues. The As finished in 4th place, while the Bs ended up as runners up!
- Our Tag Rugby teams performed excellently at the recent tournament, with the As winning all of their games before agonizingly losing in "golden-try" in extra time in their semi-final!
- Both the Year 3/4s and 5/6s have made excellent starts to their football seasons, and will look to push on after Easter!
- Our gymnastics teams had a great time at the gymnastics competition, with both teams finishing in 4th place, after some excellent performances!



Please can any kit which has been borrowed recently, be returned before the end of term? Our stock is rapidly diminishing - especially football and basketball kits!

We are into the final few months of collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Any donations of vouchers are greatly appreciated, and allow us to purchase some fantastic equipment for all pupils to use in PE, clubs and on the playground!

To keep up to date with what we are doing in PE and info on our teams/results etc. please like our Facebook page - Southwater Junior Academy - PE and Sports Page, or follow us on Twitter; @SouthwaterJA_PE

Easter Holiday Clubs

During the up-coming Easter Holidays, Mr.Showell will be running 8 days of holiday clubs, held here at the academy. Children will be able to play a wide variety of sports including; football, cricket, gymnastics, tennis, table tennis and basketball. Each day the school will be open for all pupils who attend SJA to enjoy a fantastic day of sport and exercise. Clubs will run from 10am-3pm at a cost of £12.50 per child, and will run on the following days: Tuesday 29/3/16; Wednesday 30/3/16; Thursday 31/3/16; Friday 1/4/16; Monday 4/4/16; Tuesday 5/4/16; Wednesday 6/4/16 and Thursday 7/4/16.

All your child will need to bring is: a packed lunch, a drink, a change of clothes, a change of shoes and lots of energy! The price for the day is £12.50 and should be paid at the office.

Please note, there is a maximum of 25 children per day, and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

SJA Photography Competition for Spring



We have asked children to bring in photographs before but a photography competition is a first for the academy. The idea came from Mrs Whittaker and Miss Briggs who are leading the academy in a bid to achieve our Artsmark Gold Award. The theme of the competition is 'spring' and we are asking the children to take a picture of anything related to spring or what spring reminds them of. The competition will be divided into lower and upper juniors and the first prize in each section will be a digital magnifying camera which can be used to take pictures and videos. The closing date is Friday 15th April so an interesting project for the holidays.



Speaking to Teachers

We are always keen to listen to things you want to share with us, however first thing in the morning is not always the best time for class teachers unless your message is very brief. In order for us to be able to give you the proper attention, please try and see the teacher after school or leave a message at the office.

Break Time Snacks

Just a reminder that we encourage the children to eat healthy snacks at break times whenever possible and appreciate your support with this.

Summer Term 2016

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Monday 11 th April	First Day back
Friday 15 th April	Y5/6 Football 4-6pm BBH
Wk beg 18 th April	SJA run clubs start
Thursday 21 st April	6.00pm Y5 Dalesdown meeting 7.00pm Y6 IOW meeting
Thursday 28 th April	6.30pm Science Workshop for Y3
Friday 22 nd April	Y5 Roman Day; 2.45pm 3CE Class Assembly ; 6pm Y3 Sleepover; Y3/4 Football 4-6pm BBH
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 6 th May	2.45 5RF Class Assembly
Monday 9 th May	National Curriculum tests for Y6 – until Thursday
Friday 13 th May	Y4 to Lodge Hill; Y5/6 Football 4-6pm BBH
Wk beg 16 th May	Peri demo week
Tuesday 17 th May	Bowls @ BBH 1-3pm
Wednesday 18 th May	Rounders @ Leechpool 12-3pm
Monday 23 rd May	Y6 to IOW Y5 to Dalesdown
Wednesday 25 th May	Music Festival at The Hawth
Thursday 26 th May	Baseball @ Ingfield Manor 10-3pm
Friday 27 th May	2.45 4AER Class Assembly
Monday 30th May	Half Term
Tuesday 7 th June	Class photos
Wednesday 8 th June	Capitol Box Office open; Girls Cricket @ Horsham CC 10-3pm
Monday 13 th June	Y3-5 Assessment Week
Tuesday 14 th June	Talented athlete Day @ BBH 9-3.30pm; Country Dancing Festival
Wednesday 15 th June	Y6 Cricket @ Horsham CC 10-3pm
Friday 17 th June	Charity Breakfasts
Monday 20 th June	Y5 Greek Day
Tuesday 21 st June	Stoolball Festival @ Horsham CC 10-3pm
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y4/5 Mixed Cricket @ Horsham CC 10-3pm
Friday 24 th June	INSET Day
Wk beg 27 th June	Last week of SJA run clubs
Monday 27 th June	Orchestra – Open rehearsal 4.15
Tuesday 5 th July	Y3/4 tennis @ Pavilions
Friday 8 th July	District Sports: Y3/4 am; Y5/6 pm
Monday 11 th July	Cycling Skills / Race @ Kingslea 12-3pm
Tuesday 12 th July	Y5/6 Tennis @ Pavilions
Thursday 14 th July	Evening: Y6 production - The Capitol - Horsham
Friday 15 th July	Evening: Y6 production - The Capitol - Horsham
Thursday 21 st July	9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly Y6 Leavers Disco
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of Term