



25th June 2018

Dear Parents,

Things never stand still in a school. Since my last newsletter, Mrs Toogood has been appointed as my successor. We are working together to ensure that the hand over is as seamless as possible. Mrs Toogood has already been into school twice and will be visiting on a regular basis up until the end of the term.

Miss Rhodes and Mrs Selves will also be saying goodbye at the end of the term. We have enjoyed having them in the school and wish them well in their new teaching posts. In September we welcome back Miss Evans to the teaching staff who has realised that SJA really is the place to be. Mrs Benson will also be back from maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Sleight to the staff who will be sharing a class with Mrs Benson. Congratulations also to Mr Thrasher who will join the Leadership Team as Year Leader in September.

Our first lower junior sports day was a great success. Thank you to Mr Showell for his precision planning. We now hope that the upper junior sports day will be as successful – both with the weather and the general ambience. The PE monitors were a credit to the school. They really epitomise what we want to celebrate in our pupils as leaders.

We still have an incredibly busy few weeks left. The Y6 are concentrating on perfecting their performance of Dragon Days. Y5 are visiting Bignor to support their learning about the Romans and Y4 are off to the coast at Brighton for their Coasts and Cutlasses topic. The children are so fortunate in what they have access to.

With best wishes

Anne Ratsey

Year 3 - Science Evening

Over 40 children from Year 3 and their parents attended the annual Science Evening. This event gave them an opportunity to experience what science is all about at SJA. From acids and alkalis to reaction times and magnetism, children had a chance to experience hands-on investigations for themselves. There were 23 different experiments and engaging activities from across the sciences. Our messy experiments proved to be particularly popular this year. Throughout the evening, thoughts, ideas and concepts were shared by children and parents alike, and by the end of the night, everyone left having learnt something new.



Comments:

“The experiments were simple and fun to do with my child and it was nice to see how science can be made fun for young children.”

“I was very impressed by how many experiments there were to do!”

“It was good fun and allowed the children to learn about science in a fun way.”

“A great evening with awesome exploding eggs.”

A Guide to Written Methods in Mathematics

As part of our commitment to ensure continuity and consistency across the school, Mr Cooper has been combining his knowledge in maths and ICT to create visually engaging videos as a support guide for how we teach the pupils the different maths methods. These videos are designed for parents, carers, teachers, learning support assistants and all those involved in teaching or helping children with their maths work both in school and at home. The methods detailed in these videos demonstrate our approach to teaching mathematical methods – from informal methods, which use practical apparatus and pictures, to more formal abstract methods of calculating. We hope that these methods will provide children with a thorough understanding, and that children will be able to explain and understand how each method works, rather than simply being able to use the method without the relevant knowledge. We believe that with understanding, the method will become clearer and more embedded in the child's learning.

To begin viewing and using these videos, please visit the school website and you will find the 'Maths Method Videos' underneath the 'Learning' tab.

We hope that you enjoy them and we anticipate that you will find them an immensely valuable learning tool.

Sports Updates

Congratulations to our Y6 girls' football team who travelled to Leicester in May to play in the Premier League National Finals at the King Power Stadium. The girls were treated to a night in a hotel with their parents and were photographed with the Premier League cup. The following day they were up against the most successful teams from around the country. It was a memorable experience for all who were there. Well done to you all!



Follow us on social media if you want to see what our pupils are doing in PE, and how they are representing the school in one of our teams.

<https://twitter.com/SouthwaterJA PE>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/50721126307003/>

PTFA

I hope to see you all at the fair on Saturday 30th. Gates open at 11.45. We are excited by the addition of a circus to the more regular activities and stalls. If you would like to offer your help, please contact a member of the PTFA as help is always greatly needed.

A few reminders.....

Please make sure

- that water bottles are labelled and brought into school each day, particularly now the weather is warmer. The water fountains around the school have been removed and replaced with taps for reasons of hygiene. The children will therefore be encouraged to take bottles out to breaks with them and refill from the taps.
- that children have trainers in school on a daily basis so that any spontaneous changes to the day allow all children to take part.
- that children have equipment to write with.
- that children are wearing the correct uniform and not wearing jewellery / nail varnish.
- that snacks for break times are healthy.
- that any changes to your child's medical details are notified to the office. This includes any permissions for ad-hoc medicines (paracetamol / anti- histamine) which may be required during the school day.

Thank you for your support with this.

Safeguarding – NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe

As you are aware the NSPCC have been working with the school on keeping children safe. The Speak out Stay safe programme has been designed to link directly to the curriculum, and also helps to provide evidence that we are meeting safeguarding requirements. Together let's keep children safe.

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

Wk beg 25 th June	Assessment Week – Y3-5
Saturday 30 th June	Summer Fete
Monday 2 nd July	Y6 Performing at Capitol
Tuesday 3 rd July	Y6 Performing at Capitol
Wednesday 4 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day – am; Y4 to Brighton; Y2 Meeting for parents 6.30pm
Friday 6 th July	District Sports
Monday 9 th July	5ZL, 5RF to Bignor Roman Villa; Y4 Pizza
Tuesday 10 th July	5PW, 5JE to Bignor Roman Villa; Y6 Pizza
Wednesday 11 th July	Y5 Pizza
Thursday 12 th July	Y3 Pizza
Friday 13 th July	Y3-5 Reports to parents
Wednesday 18 th July	Y6 Reports to parents
Monday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Tuesday 24 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service to parents; Last day of term

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 rd September	Inset Day
Tuesday 4 th September	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th September	First day back for children
Half Term – Wk beginning 22 nd October	
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of autumn term