



Dear Parents,

4th November 2015

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term, which I know will be every bit as busy as the first half. The recent class visits were again a resounding success with many of you asking for more opportunities to come into the classrooms. The feedback, as before was immensely positive showing just what a special place SJA is. We are looking forward to inviting dads / granddads / uncles in on Friday 15th January, which always proves to be an enjoyable, if somewhat challenging event!



The Harvest Celebrations were as always a much enjoyed experience and we were proved right to hold two services as there was standing room only at both! The children delighted, amused, educated and moved their audiences with their singing and harvest related readings. Thank you for your donations of non perishable food, which were gratefully received by the Trussell Trust and to Reverend Kath for her address.

Another conker championship has been and gone, ably supervised by Mr Dudeney. It was good to see children taking part in this simple pastime which dates back to the 19th century. As the winter is now imminent, please ensure that children bring in coats to school as they are encouraged to be outside at break times.

Thank you for all your support. It is a vital ingredient in making SJA the successful school that it is.

With warmest wishes

Anne Ratsey

Staff Changes

We have partially said goodbye to Mrs Slater who is no longer a Learning Support Assistant with us as she has taken up a role at the Infant Academy, in order to gain experience with younger children. The good news is that Mrs Slater will still be with us at SJC for a while longer.

We are also welcoming Mr Benn McIntyre who has been appointed as Premises Officer from the end of this month.

Poppies

Just a reminder that poppies are on sale this week - not next week as previously advertised! Poppies and related items can be purchased from the pupil council shop and the academy office. A minimum donation of 50p/item has been suggested. Please note no change is available as the donations will go straight into the Poppy Appeal collection boxes. Thank you.



Children in Need



On Friday 13th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. Along with SIA we have decided that this year's theme again will be pyjamas! Children can wear their onesies, pyjamas or other suitable night clothes, with warm clothing underneath. Silver coin donations will be collected by class teachers.

Sport Update

Well, what a fantastic start to the term for our sports teams. We remain unbeaten throughout 13 matches, scoring 170 goals/points and only conceding 3! That is across basketball, netball and both boys' and girls' football matches.

We started off our campaign by travelling to Kingslea, in possibly the first ever under-water Basketball matches. The rain was horrific, but both of our teams performed excellently, with the A team winning 44-0, before the rain really started coming down. The B team played during the downpour and won 6-0. A great start to our year! Max F, Lily, Jaime, Keylan, Gustav, Jack, Archie, Max N, Millie, Isa, Ross, Louis, Ashley & Aidan.



Next, we played North Holmes in two Year 5/6 football matches. Both our teams played some absolutely fantastic, fast paced football which impressed watching family members and staff alike! The A team racked up a brilliant 14-0 win, while the Bs were equally as impressive with an 11-1 victory. The majority of all outfield players scored at least 1 goal and all had a great time. A special mention to Jaime, who managed to score 6 goals in the second game! Sammy, Toby, Melvin, Keylan, George, Frankie, Gustav, Max, Oli, Harry, Sam, Archie, Jaime, Bertie, Charlie & Jack.



The girls' football team were up next, opening their season in style with two brilliant victories over Kingslea. The A team won an incredible 17-0, with some brilliant play involved - Captain Georgia helping herself to 7(!) goals along the way. The B team, featuring several players playing in their first ever match won 4-0, scoring some great goals along the way. Sophie, Lottie, Katie, Elsie, Georgia, Millie, Eloise, Ruby, Isabelle, Maddy, Madelin, Ella, Ellie, Issy, Lily, Chloe, Olivia & Holli.



The netball team got their campaign underway, in the first of their league meetings at Collyers. They played 2 games, and won both comfortably, beating All Saints and Plaistow & Kirdford 10-0 and 7-0 respectively. Well done to all who played - a great start to the season. Issy, Georgia, Lottie, Andrew, Jaime, Max.



The following day, we took on Kingslea in another netball match, this time in a friendly, rather than a tournament. The team blew away their opponents, winning by an incredible score line of 27-2! Some fantastic performances and brilliant play were rewarded by nearly all of the players scoring at least 1. Well done to all, but especially to the two Year 5s who dropped into the team and played excellently. Jemma, Georgia, Issy, Elsie, Max, Jaime & Finley.



Finally, we ended the half-term by hosting Castlewood in 2 football friendlies. The year 3/4 team finally got the chance to show how strong they will be again this year, after their previous matches had been postponed. They started superbly, and scored some fantastic goals in a brilliant 14-0 victory, Nicholas scoring several along the way, ably supported by the rest of the boys.



The year 5/6 team carried on from where they left off against North Holmes, scoring quickly and regularly against their opponents. We think the final score was 11-0. Some wonderful one-touch football was a joy to watch, and this team are looking very strong for the upcoming season.

Over half-term we ran four holiday clubs, which were attended by a total of 75 pupils. The children were all fantastically behaved throughout, and had a great time playing a wide variety of sports including table tennis, gymnastics, cricket and football. The next holiday clubs we run will be over Easter (not February half term).



On the Friday in half-term, we ran three football workshops, aimed specifically at our gifted & talented footballers. Despite the pretty shocking weather, the pupils who attended had a great time and hopefully learned a great deal, and enjoyed themselves along the way!

If you haven't already, please "like" our page on Facebook. Just search for Southwater Junior Academy, to find out what our pupils are learning about in PE, and to see how the teams are getting on. We are also on Twitter, and can be found at @SouthwaterJA_PE

County Times Awards

The sports update makes for impressive reading. Mr Showell has been hugely instrumental in raising the profile of sports in the academy. It hasn't just been about the competitive side but also about sportsmanship. We are therefore very proud that a parent has nominated Mr Showell for the County Times Community Awards. We are even more proud that he has been included in the final shortlist of nominees. We will all be rooting for him at the Awards Presentation Evening on the 16th November.

'The Big Bang Fair 2015'

Eight enthusiastic scientists from SJA attended the first Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) 'Big Bang Fair'. These scientists gave up their time during lunch breaks to plan, carry out and record an investigation, as well as prepare for a presentation to a panel of judges. On Friday 16th October 2015, the children travelled to Pennthorpe School where the competition took place. After setting up their display, amongst sixty other entries, the children had an opportunity to be involved in some hands on experiences set up by some large companies. They also had two talks, one from The Bloodhound Team (about the attempt to break the world land speed record) and Jaws and Claws (reptile handling). The day was enjoyed by Year 6 – Jemma, Sophie, Jamie and Maddy B and Year 5 – Tessene, Lucas, Alex and Alfie. Plans for the next 'Big Bang Fair 2016' are underway, so we will be looking for another group of keen scientists.



Fireworks Night

Tickets are now on sale for firework night taking place on the academies' field, next Saturday. As usual there are two displays - the quiet and the main display. Gates open at 5.15pm.

ICT E-safety – Joint Parent Forum

On Thursday 26th November we will be running E-safety meetings for SIA and SJA parents. The meetings will be held at SIA at 2pm and 6.30pm. Please do come along to find out more about this important topic and to ask any questions you may have.

Previous SJA Parent Forums have been cancelled due to insufficient numbers attending so if you have any ideas or views on what would make this a valuable exercise please contact the school.

Sparkle Disco is back!

Our first disco of the year is on Friday 11th December. The Y3/Y4 disco is 4.30pm to 5.30pm and the Y5/Y6 disco is 6pm – 7.15pm. Entry is £2.50 and includes crisps and a drink.

Do you have any other comments about any information in the newsletter?

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Name of child:

Class:



Autumn Term 2015

Thursday 5 th November	Individual/sibling photos
Saturday 7 th November	Southwater Firework night – 5.15pm
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Service, Lintot Square – Y6 children invited
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need - Pyjamas
Wednesday 18 th November	Netball at Collyer’s
Friday 20 th November	SJA run music workshop for selected pupils from West Horsham Learning Network
Wednesday 25 th November	Netball at Collyer’s
Thursday 26 th November	SIA/SJA Open morning for children starting SIA/SJA in September 2015 10.30am Joint Parent Forum with SIA on e-safety 2pm and 6.30pm 6pm Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 27 th November	Y3 Brazil Day – Topic Celebration; Y4 Stuart Day
Saturday 28 th November	Y6 singing at Village Christmas Fair Lintot Square
Thursday 10 th December	1.30pm / 6.30pm Y5 Christmas Performance
Friday 11 th December	Sparkle Disco Y3/Y4 4.30pm-5.30pm Y5/Y6 6pm – 7.15pm
Tuesday 15 th December	1.30pm / 6.30pm Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16 th December	1.30pm / 6.30pm Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term – Wear a Christmas jumper for charity!

Spring Term 2016

Monday 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First day back for children
Friday 15 th January	9.10am – 10.15am Dad’s morning
Friday 29 th January	Y6 choir singing at the O2