



19th July 2016

Dear Parents,

What a year it has been! So much has been achieved in so many areas and we have shown ourselves to be continuing in an upward direction! We are delighted with the Year 6 NCT results (see below) and very proud of how the staff and pupils prepared themselves and dealt with the task in hand, in what has been a chaotic year for assessment. We have continued a relentless focus on the quality of teaching and the standards we expect across the school and been suitably rewarded.

Meeting Age related Expectations in Y6 (ARE)

Reading		GPS		Mathematics		Writing (TA)		R,W and M	
NA 2016	SJA 2016	NA 2016	SJA 2016	NA 2016	SJA 2016	NA 2016	SJA 2016	NA 2016	SJA 2016
66%	82%	72%	93%	70%	86%	74%	77%	53%	68%

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

On the sporting, music and computing front we have also continued to excel and we are now being more adventurous with our approach to the arts. However, none of this could happen without your support. We strongly feel that the Academy promotes a three way partnership between the child, the parent and the staff. That relationship is key. We are eternally grateful for having such supportive parents. Thank you as well to all of you who offer your time in class. It is a wonderful sight to see adults scattered around the school listening to children read.

As the term ends, we are sad to be saying 'Goodbye' to Miss Evans, Miss Vincent and Mr Cooper. They have given so much to the Academy in the time they have been with us and we will miss them. We hold out a strong hope that they will return to work with us again in the future. We are however, delighted to welcome Mrs Short, Miss Rhodes, Miss Evans and Mr Purdew to the teaching team and Miss Andrews, Mrs Mirza, Mrs Masterson and Mrs Rumsey to the support team. We hope that they will enjoy their time at SJA and benefit from all the opportunities which the Academy offers.

It just remains for me to wish you all a much deserved happy and safe holiday. I look forward to welcoming the majority of you back in September and wish those of you who are moving on a fulfilling future.

With my best wishes
Anne Ratsey

Cinderella and Rockerfella

On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th July, the Year 6 children once again took over the Capitol Theatre to perform the pantomime 'Cinderella and Rockerfella'. Did they wow the audiences? Oh yes they did! Performing to a packed house on each night, the children had the audience clapping along to a plethora of catchy songs, laughing out loud at a host of rollicking jokes, and of course, booing



and hissing at the baddies. With an abundance of sparkle and shine, every child was a star, performing as they all did with energy and enthusiasm. The show was directed by the illustrious Sarah Esser, who managed to bring out the very best in every child. With Mr Rob Cooper adding his talent on the piano and academy staff working tirelessly behind the scenes, this year's production was an absolute triumph.

Sports Update

The end of another absolutely incredible year of sporting success at SJA! We end the year at the top of the winner's podium of Horsham Schools, with 12 wins. The next highest school ended with 7! It's great for the pupils to see how much they have achieved yet again this year. We have been strong the past few years in athletics, table tennis, hockey and football, and while we



have been successful in these sports again this year, it's great to see us achieve so much in other sports as well, with our swimming, tennis and in particular our cricket teams being so fantastic this year. Our cricket teams qualified for all three county finals. They were the only school from Horsham to achieve this, and one of only two schools in Sussex to do so as well!

This year we have finished as runners up in numerous competitions as well. Being only one more win away from even more success is hard for our pupils to take, but the manner they have accepted defeat has always made us just as proud as when we win. To finish as runners up in the stoolball, rounders, sportshall athletics (both Years 3/4 and 5/6), Year 3/4 football, bowls, hockey and even a few more competitions, is just fantastic. This year has offered us more opportunities to encourage pupils to represent the school, with more festivals and inclusive tournaments, giving more pupils than ever the chance to take part. This will carry on next year, with Horsham Sports Development (the organisation who run our competitions) having a big push on inclusive tournaments, as well as carrying on with the traditional ones. This can only be good news for our pupils, and we look forward to giving even more pupils the opportunity to represent SJA next year!

- Our Year 6 cricket team and the Year 4/5 mixed cricket team, both carried on from the Year 6 girls' success at the recent Horsham Schools competitions, by winning their matches and qualifying for the county finals! The Year 6s had a great tournament, winning 2 and losing 1 group game, before losing by just 4 runs in their quarter final. The Year 4/5 team were crowned as Sussex champions, after winning all 5 games on the day, including the final against Greenway! What a massive achievement by the team!

- The year 5/6 football team unfortunately ended their season with a 4-3 loss to Leechpool at the semi-final stage, but ended the year as 7-a-side champions!

- The stoolball team performed excellently at their tournament, winning 5 out of 6 games, but lost the final game to Shelley, to see them finish as winners, and us as runners up. Well done to all who played on the day though!

- Our road to Eastbourne tennis superstars had a fantastic time down at Devonshire Park last month, and came agonisingly close to being Sussex champions again, beaten narrowly by Lindfield in the end, making us runners up out of all the schools in Sussex who entered. Still a wonderful achievement!



- Our cycling team had a great day at Kingslea, in their cycling skills festival. Our pupils enjoyed learning new skills, and competing in some cycling races!

- Eight of our gifted and talented athletes enjoyed a great day at Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre, on the Talented Athlete day, learning about nutrition and different aspects of fitness.

They also took part in several tests such as the bleep test.

- Last but no means least - on Friday 8th July, we enjoyed our most successful day of the whole year, when both our Year 3/4 team, and our Year 5/6 team were crowned



as District Sports champions! Both of our teams managed to outscore all 11 other schools, to see us crowned as double champions, the first time any school has managed this feat in a very long time! It was a fantastic day, and a magnificent way to end the year for our pupils!

Thanks everyone for another great year of competitions and success, and thanks for all the support again!

Mr Showell

Southwater Junior Academy Orchestra Wows Crowd

On Monday 27th June SJA Orchestra held an open rehearsal for parents and teachers. Under the direction of their conductor Mrs Whittaker, the thirty players performed with confidence 'Traffic Jam', a movement from Haydn's 'Surprise' Symphony and Yankee Doodle. The parents were delighted by the way in which the children played together and were able to follow their individual parts. In the case of Yankee Doodle the score reading was particularly challenging for the children. Mrs Ratsey was particularly thrilled that a junior school should have such a range of instruments in their orchestra – violins, flutes, clarinets, oboes, saxophones, cornets, trumpet, trombone, tuba and percussion. Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Kerney-Haynes are already planning the repertoire for SJA Orchestra 2017. Watch this space instrumentalists in Years 4, 5 and 6 next year.



Forest Schools



Forest school club has run almost every Monday and Friday throughout the year and has proved to be very popular with both boys and girls across all of the year groups. 'Forest Schoolers' have learnt many skills from how to build and light fires to creating art work by 'bashing leaves' into fabric.

Many of the students completed the 'Forest School Challenge' which was introduced for the summer term, demonstrating competency in a number of Forest School skills, including fire lighting, den building, tying knots, cooking over the fire, the safe use of tools and showed continual good team working over the 10 weeks.

Well done to all who completed the challenge, there is no doubt that we have the next Bear Grylls in our midst 😊.



South and South East in Bloom Art Competition

SJA entered the Schools Art Competition for the first time and amazingly we had a 1st place winner in the KS2 section. The theme was a floral tribute to Beatrix Potter. So congratulations to Arthur in Y5 who delighted judges with his painting of Jeremy Fisher and waterlilies.



SJC

From September, the new location of SJC will be the Music Studio which is currently being developed as a dual purpose room. Access for drop off and collection will be through the mini paddock at the front of the school via the small gate next to the hall.

PTFA

We are delighted to report that so far this year money which has been raised by the PTFA has been spent on an eco-curved bench, Top Trumps cards for wet playtimes and prizes to support

our work for the Artsmark. We will also be purchasing chrome books for use next year. Thank you to the PTFA for giving up their time to raise these much needed funds.

Governors' Corner

The governing body would like to thank Mrs Ratsey and all staff within SJA for delivering a highly successful academic year. As you have read, the children achieved an excellent set of end of KS2 results, despite the significant changes to assessment, which has been highly publicised in the media. In addition to these results, we've added to our phenomenal sporting success – congratulations to the children on being double winners at District Sports!

To build upon our success, we continue to evaluate and develop our strategy and rolling 5 year plan. With the multiple complexities at both the government and local level, it continues to be a changing environment. Within our own community we have supported the West Sussex 'Worth Less?' Campaign and are actively communicating with Berkeley Homes regarding the new housing development. The Academy has delivered against its aspiration to have smaller class sizes, with the introduction of 4 classes in every year group from September. This is a significant financial investment, made at a time when school budgets are under immense strain. We've had some great ideas from parents and children that we have built into our plans and will work to achieve in the coming academic year. We are always open to receiving your ideas – contact us through the school office.

Finally, we are proud to be celebrating our 5 year anniversary as an academy and are delighted to be going from strength to strength.

Best wishes for a great summer .

Roofing Work at SIA and Access to SJA

Work to the Infant Academy roof is scheduled to begin on Monday 25th July for 10 weeks. This will affect anyone who accesses the Junior Academy via the Infant site. The compound for the contractors will be in the staff car park so the footpath across the front of SIA up to the field will be closed. The plan is that parents and children who need to access SJA will be able to walk round the Infant Academy, past the mobile classrooms and onto the field via the Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor classroom at the beginning and end of the day only. Please be vigilant here as arrangements may unavoidably change and a different route may need to be taken.

Autumn Term 2016		
Monday 5 th September	INSET –School priorities; Child Protection	
Tuesday 6 th September	INSET – Teaching of Maths	
Wednesday 7 th September	First day back for children	
Friday 9 th September	2.30pm Reading volunteers' meeting	
Tuesday 13 th September	2.30pm/6pm Y6 Parents' meeting	
Wednesday 14 th September	9am Reading volunteers' meeting 2.30pm / 6pm Y5 Parents' meeting	
Thursday 16 th September	2.30pm / 6pm Y3 Parents' meeting	
Monday 19 th September	2.30pm / 6pm Y4 Parents' meeting; 6pm Full Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 23 rd September	Y3 to Southwater Country Park	
Friday 30 th September	Y5 Decades Day;	
Wednesday 28 th September	SIA/SJA Open morning for children starting SIA/SJA in September 2016 10.30am	
Friday 30 th September	Y5 Decades Day	
Friday 7 th October	9.10-10am Y3/Y5 Parent class visits	
Monday 10 th October	9.10-10am Y3/Y5 Parent class visits; Bikeability – all week	
Tuesday 11 th October	9.10-10am Y4/Y6 Parent class visits	
Wednesday 12 th October	9.10-10am Y4 Parent class visits	

Monday 17 th October	Bikeability – all week
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening 3.40pm- 7pm
Thursday 20 th October	Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 7pm
	Half term
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day;
Wednesday 2 nd November	Y6 Evacuation Day
Thursday 3 rd November	Individual/ SJA sibling photos
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 24 th November	SIA/SJA Open morning for children starting SIA/SJA in September 2015 10.30am 6pm Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 8 th December	Y5 Christmas Performance 1.30pm / 6.30pm
Friday 9 th December	Sparkle Disco
Tuesday 13 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Performance 1.30pm / 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Performance 1.30pm / 6.30pm
Friday 16 th December	Break up; Christmas Jumpers
