

The Southwater Junior Academy

Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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As the FIFA World Cup approaches we thought we'd add a little something into our curriculum to celebrate the event. In our assembly last week, I introduced the children to the background of the World Cup, the country of Brazil and the names of the other countries competing in the competition. In true World Cup draw style each class had two competing countries drawn at random for their class to follow during the tournament.

3LB	France	Algeria		5ZL	Cameroon	Colombia
3PW	Australia	USA		5PK	Chile	Argentina
3CC	Costa Rica	Belgium		6CD	Germany	Russia
4LM	Japan	Greece		6CJ	Portugal	Netherlands
4LB	South Korea	Iran		6AER	Spain	Switzerland
4SD	Ghana	Ecuador		6DM	Nigeria	Ivory Coast
5DB	Brazil	Bosnia Herzegovina				
5KG	Uruguay	Croatia				

Each class will be researching their countries in school, but they can also bring in research from home. If children would like to do a home project on any aspect of the World Cup or the countries competing, they can bring it directly to me. We would also like the children to be able to recognise the 32 flags of the countries competing. Children can follow this link: <http://www.southwaterjunioracademy.co.uk/world-cup-2014>, or use the powerpoint on the website which can be found in news. We will then be holding a competition to see who, in each class and in the whole school, can name the flags the quickest. Not as simple a feat as it may seem at first. Parents please give it a go yourselves!

Yours sincerely, Alexis Conway

Southwater Junior Academy awarded the coveted Horsham Gamers of the Year title



On Friday 9th May 2014, 2 teams from Southwater entered the Horsham Gaming Competition which was held at Tanbridge House School. Over the course of last term Mr Whetton and the teams spent many hours designing and creating their games. The teams were required to create their own game using 'Scratch' and a controller using a 'Makey Makey' kit.

Summer, Gemma, William and Archie from Year 5 created a maze game within Scratch, where the player had to collect the Wotsits, while avoiding 'Crazy Tim' and 'Crazy Jim'. Year 5 used their Makey Makey kit to create a dance mat in which to control the player.



Sinna, Alice, Archie and Will from Year 6 created a game named 'Parachuting Porky'. This was a game in Scratch, where the player controls a pig with a parachute. The player has to get to the bottom without hitting the floating porcupines while trying to land on the red marker for the most amount of points! They used the Makey Makey kit to create parachute type controls, attached to a clothes rail, which could move the player.

The children thoroughly enjoyed working together and creating their games and controllers. Year 5 won the 'Student's Choice' award, while the Year 6 team won the 'Gamers of the Year' award! Silicon Valley here we come!

Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight

Just before half-term the school was a little quieter than usual as 81 year 6 children travelled to the Isle of Wight for their residential trip at the Kingswood Activity Centre in Bembridge. The children spent the week climbing, go-karting, body boarding, zip wiring and abseiling to name but a few of our activities. The children participated in every activity, gave 100% to every challenge, supported each other and demonstrated all the desirable traits that we aim to reinforce with our children. They challenged themselves, usually to go higher, encouraged one another, showed leadership and teamwork skills and most of all had fun! They ate copious amounts, slept well and were a credit to SJA and their parents.



Art, Gardening, Sport, Drama and 'Dominoes Pizza' were the focus activities for the Year 6 children who stayed in school. Mrs Newman is now delighted! The Garden of Peace is looking beautiful with the 'River of Flowers' sown, the pond started and the area generally tidied. The children have also made some poppy plaques to go on the fence posts to commemorate 100 years since World War 1. With art as a main activity, the children have painted some absolutely fantastic Roald Dahl and Southwater children figures to go on the runway. Mrs Lanning deserves a special mention here as she cut out all the figures – getting quite good with a jigsaw along the way! 'Dominoes Pizza' was definitely a Friday treat. 30 pizzas were created and there was almost silence at lunch time as they were consumed. Drama with Sarah Esser on Friday afternoon finished off a very successful week.

Horsham Bowls Champions

Fourteen Year 4 children were lucky enough to spend the afternoon competing in a bowls competition, at BBH indoor bowls centre. On arriving, we were told that the children would be competing against children from years 5 and 6. However this didn't worry our children at all. The children spent a lovely afternoon learning about the rules and how to play bowls. They were split into groups of two and played numerous games. The children bowled extremely well, against some tough competition and eventually it came down to a bowl off (the equivalent of a penalty shoot out) between the three winning teams - including SJA.



The team decided that Hannah would take the spot light and bowl for us. With great poise Hannah bowled the most amazing bowl and won the competition, bringing the cup back to SJA.

Sports Day 2nd July (reserve 9th July) for Y3/Y4 and 4th July(reserve 18th July) for Y5/Y6

Please be aware of the above dates for Sports Day. We would like to invite parents and families to come and watch their children take part in the events. I would encourage you to bring a chair / blanket to sit on. As I'm sure you can appreciate we are unable to predict the weather and if the weather looks variable, as it did for one of the events last year, we make a decision as late as possible (around 8.45am) on the morning and inform parents by text, however our preference is always to go ahead with the original date rather than postpone.

West Horsham Network Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents who have filled out the West Horsham Network Questionnaire. If you haven't already done so we have put an electronic version on the website Parents / Online Questionnaire, West Horsham or follow this link <http://www.southwaterjunioracademy.co.uk/onlinequestionnaire> .

Maths Workshop for Year 4

Please remember to send back your slips to join us on Thursday 26th June 6pm – 7.30pm for a Y4 maths workshop for children and adults. It will be a fantastic evening of puzzles, problems and fun!

Uniform - PE kit - a reminder

Currently children wear their school sweater when it is cold outside for PE. A number of children have asked if we could have a red hoodie as part of the PE kit (similar to the ones the staff wear). We think

it's an excellent idea and it will save school sweatshirts from getting dirty during PE lessons. Hoodies are now in stock. Children are still welcome to wear their school sweater for PE or the new red hoodie. They can also wear the hoodie at school clubs, lunchtimes, out of school etc. They are priced at £11.00 (3 sizes 7-8, 9-11 and 12-13).

We have been able to reduce the price of some of our uniform items that we sell from school to:

Polo Shirts £3.75; Sweatshirts £6.00; Fleece £8.00.

These three items, together with other uniform basics, such as skirts, trousers, shorts and dresses are also available to order online from <http://UniformEasy.com>. Payment for online orders is made directly to UniformEasy.

We will continue to stock all of our regular uniform items in school and there is now the additional option of paying for these via ParentPay (Parentmail2). Items can be paid for and collected the following day from the school office (please allow 24hrs between payment and collection). We will continue to offer payment by cash or cheque for our usual items at the school office if preferred.

Staffing news

As we near the end of the term there are a few staffing changes to announce. We will be saying goodbye to Mr Buckler and Mrs Gale. We would like to thank Mr Buckler for the last year and all the time, effort and hard work he has put into his Y5 class and a host of extra-curricular activities. We wish him all the best for the future. I'm a little wary of saying goodbye to Mrs Gale as we said good bye last year but she missed SJA so much she came back at Easter!

We welcome two new teachers: Mr Dudeney, who is currently teaching in south London and Miss Evans who completed a very successful teaching practice so we were delighted to be able to offer her a job for September 2014. Both teachers will be in during this half term to meet their new classes and plan with their year groups.

We will be informing children and parents of their new class teacher on Monday 30th June, with children meeting their new teacher on Thursday 3rd July. Year Two, Year Three and Year Five will be staying in the same classes as this year. Year Four will be being mixed as they will be moving from three to four classes. This is due to the size of the current Year 4 year group and the fact that we have been able to manage the budget very carefully to put the children into four smaller classes. Those parents whose children are in Mr Dudeney's class will be able to meet him after school on Thursday 3rd July. All other parents can meet the new class teacher on Open Afternoon.

Year 3	Miss Bumford	Miss Day	Miss Evans	
Year 4	Miss Cooper (Y3/Y4 Leader)	Miss Marriott	Miss Briggs	
Year 5	Miss Lush (Y5 Leader)	Mr Whetton	Mrs Lowries/Mrs Boyd	Mr Dudeney
Year 6	Miss Dudman (Y6 Leader)	Mrs Johnson	Mrs Mussellwhite	Miss Rumble

Year 2 Transition

It seems only the other day that our Year 3s were starting at SJA, but already we are at the time of year when we are preparing for the current Year 2 to start at SJA. One of the most exciting parts of our transition programme is when Year 2 come and play on the field with the juniors. I never know who are more excited the Year 2s or the juniors. Every Tuesday and Thursday, dry ground permitting; the Year 2s join us on the field during lunchtime. Other events planned are for the Year 3 teachers to spend time in Year 2, for the Year 3 teachers to go on the Year 2 school trip, Year 2 to spend time in their new Year 3 classroom, an assembly which I will take and a joint project.

Year 6 production at The Capitol

Tickets for the 'The Piper' are going quickly for the performances on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July. Tickets are priced at



SOUTHWATER JUNIOR ACADEMY
PERFORM
THE PIPER
AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE, HORSHAM



£6.50 and £5.00 for concessions. Tickets are on sale at the Capitol box office and are on sale to all, not just Y6 parents.

A message from Nicky Fuller (Learning Support Assistant in Y5)

In October 2012 my father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He started intensive chemotherapy within weeks of his diagnosis, but sadly the chemotherapy did not help his condition. He was told in January 2013 that there was nothing more that could be done, and he lost his fight on 16th May 2013, just seven months after the diagnosis.

Losing a loved one to pancreatic cancer is heart-breaking. Pancreatic cancer is notoriously difficult to diagnose and treat, because it is unusually aggressive, symptoms are often vague and appear at a late stage and surgery is very difficult. It also has the lowest survival rate of all cancers – just 3% of those diagnosed survive for five years.

Yet despite its high death rate and lack of improvement in chances of survival, pancreatic cancer attracts little research funding in comparison with many other cancers. In 2011, pancreatic cancer attracted just 1% of research funding from the major funding bodies.

So, in memory of my father and to support such a worthy cause my sister and I are walking over 160 miles during the weekends of May this year; from Gatton Park in Reigate, to Burton Bradstock Beach in Dorset. Both are areas of natural beauty and places that are important to us with happy memories of our Dad.

Please help us to raise money for this very worthy cause so more precious lives can be saved. My father meant the world to my family and he will always be in our thoughts.

Any contribution, no matter how small would be gratefully received. There is a shaker in the staff room and our just giving page is

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/BennettNJ>

Class photos on Monday 23rd will be for 6CJ, 5ZL, 3LB, 6AER

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

Parent:

Name of child:

Class:



Monday 2 nd June	INSET
Wednesday 4 th June	Y6 Girls' Kwik Cricket Tournament 6pm Parent Forum
Thursday 5 th June	PE monitors to Holmbush Activity Centre 9am-12pm
Friday 6 th June	Reptile man in Y3
Tuesday 10 th June	Class photos Horsham and District G&T Sports Day at BBH 6.30pm Country Dancing in Horsham Park
Wednesday 11 th June	Y5 Stuart Day Y6 Mixed Kwik Cricket Tournament
Wednesday 18 th June	Y4/Y5 Mixed Kwik Cricket Tournament
Friday 20 th June	Tombola Items for Summer Fair Hard Ball Cricket Tournament 2.50pm 3LB Class Assembly
Sunday 22 nd June	Horsham Youth Triathlon
Monday 23 rd June	Class photos for 6CJ, 5ZL, 3LB, 3CC
Tuesday 24 th June	West Sussex Maths competition 7pm PTFA meeting
Thursday 26 th June	6pm Y4 Maths workshop
Friday 27 th June	INSET
Monday 30 th June	New classes announced 6pm Full Governing Body
Tuesday 1 st July	Y2 Parent Transition meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd July	9.30am Y3/Y4 Sports Day
Thursday 3 rd July	Horsham Secondary Schools induction day. Y2 – y5 meet new class teachers.
Friday 4 th July	9.30am Y5/Y6 Sports Day
Saturday 5 th July	Summer Fair 1- 4pm
Friday 11 th July	District Sports am Y3/4 pm Y5/6 Reports to parents
Saturday 12 th July	Y6 Choir singing at the Carfax 2pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Open Afternoon 2pm till 5pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 production 7pm
Thursday 17 th July	Y6 production 7pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	9.15am Y6 Leavers assembly Last day of term



Term Dates 2014-15



SPRING 2014 Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April.
Inset Monday 6th January - First day back Tuesday 7th January
Half Term Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.
Easter Holiday Monday 7th to Monday 21st April
(Inclusive of Good Friday and Easter Monday – 18th and 21st April)

SUMMER 2014 Tuesday 22nd April to Wednesday 23rd July.
(Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday)
Half Term Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May.
Inset Monday 2nd June and Friday 27th June
Summer Holiday Thursday 24th July to Wednesday 3rd September.

AUTUMN 2014 Thursday 4th September – Friday 19th December
INSET Thursday 4th & Friday 5th September
First day back Monday 8th September
Half Term Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October
Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

SPRING 2015 Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March
INSET Monday 5th January
Half Term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
INSET Monday 23rd February
Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

SUMMER 2015 Monday 13th April – Thursday 23rd July
Bank Holiday Monday 4th May
Half Term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
INSET Friday 26th June
Summer Holiday Friday 24th July – Tuesday 1st September (TBC)