



Dear Parents,

20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Well done to all the children who entered our shelfie quiz for World Book Day. I hope the children had an enjoyable time working out the staff shelfies and putting together their own. The answers are now on the website. The class with the most entries was 4CB class, with 3LB the highest in Y3, 5PK highest in Y5 and 6AER highest in Y6.

It is fantastic to see the children reading all the new books that came into school in the last few weeks. A particular favourite is 'The Story of the Blue Planet', a lovely story of appreciating what you have written by the Icelandic author Andri Snær Magnason. Even though we have bought 12 copies there is a waiting list for the book.

We have noticed that our class libraries have become somewhat depleted. Please could children and parents have a look at home for SJA reading books and return to school.

Every Monday in assembly we review how many team points each of our teams have. It always impresses me to see how many points are collected each week. Team points are given out for a myriad of reasons, all centred around going above and beyond expectations. Children receive their team points for excellent work; positive attitudes and engagement with their learning; kindness to others and for pushing themselves to achieve more. We also hand out two teddies: Snoopy and Woodstock to the classes with the highest attendance. Our attendance continues to be above the national average and I hope that continues as we move into summer. It does please me that so many children aim to get their 100% attendance certificate.

Over the last few months the school office has had an increase in the number of children asking to ring home as they have forgotten their PE kit or recorder. Please note the office will no longer be ringing home to ask parents to bring in forgotten items.

On the same lines the office gets lots of calls regarding changing pick up arrangements at the end of the day. We are happy to take calls for an emergency change of pick-up time but not regarding play dates etc. Please ensure that arrangements for play dates are made in good time. Not only does it take up the time of the office staff but teachers are disturbed from teaching the class to take the messages.

Kind regards, Alexis Conway

## Year 5

Year 5 have been busy this term learning about what it means to be a Superhuman. This has involved learning about their bodies and looking at superheroes. They have had the opportunity to design their own superhero and villain, write these into stories and then create comics using a piece of software called ComicLife. In addition they have enjoyed a trip to the Natural History Museum and learnt how to stay healthy. They are very much looking forward to Superhero Day where they will be dressed up as their own superhero and taking on various challenges throughout the day as they are trained in what it means to be a superhero.



children on each stall.

## Charity Stalls

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February we held our annual charity stalls' event. Thank you to everyone who attended and came along with their silver coins. The charity committee children were involved with the organisation of the event and some even ran stalls themselves. Congratulations to all the children who volunteered to run a stall. We had an overwhelming response from children this year and had twelve stalls running with up to five or six

The support you give to your children for these events is much appreciated as we realise the effort that is required in order to make the charity stalls a success. The grand total raised, in under an hour of activity, was £272.39. The funds will be split between Sports Relief and WWF. (The latter was voted for by children as one of our global charities to support this academic year.) Well done and thank you once again.

### **Dancers Delight at 'Dancetime 2014'**

A team of twenty seven dancers left school, at lunchtime and headed for The Hawth, Crawley on Wednesday 12th March in preparation to perform their 'Opposites' dance live on stage. Nerves were settled that afternoon, at the dress rehearsal and the reserves had an opportunity to dance on the stage in front of an audience. The dancers' dedication and skills paid off with an outstanding applause on the night and messages of praise for their performance.

Miss Winchester and Mrs Kitchener would like to thank all the pupils involved in dance club for their commitment, patience and willingness to step in at a moments notice. Also dance club members would like to thank the parents for their support and transportation to the rehearsal.

The focus now for the dancers is to prepare for the Horsham Country Dancing Festival 2014, in June. Further details to follow in a summer issue.



### **Year 3**

It has certainly been a busy term for Year 3 and they have been learning a lot about the Victorians. The children threw themselves very enthusiastically into a Victorian school day at the beginning of term complete with copybook writing, regular recitation of their times tables and a little sewing or woodwork to enhance their practical skills. The children gained a clearer understanding of what it might have been like to be a Victorian scholar, which they have used in English and history lessons. The trip to Preston Manor also enabled the children to gain a good understanding of what life might have been like as a domestic servant. During the visit the children had the opportunity to polish cutlery; prepare orange juice and lemonade; wash clothing and make beds. Skills we hope they have been able to use at home as well! The children have been using their experience as domestic servants to write a story based in Preston Manor which we look forward to showing you at our Victorian Tea Party on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. The children will be preparing gingerbread and waiting on our guests, whilst showing them the work they have completed over the term.

The staff in Year 3 would also like to thank all parents for their support with the topic as the children have been dressed perfectly for their theme days. Also the research based homework has been completed with many interesting details about life in Victorian factories and family employment history - sparking discussion in class. We look forward to welcoming you into the Year 3 Victorian classrooms on 4<sup>th</sup> April!



### **Year 4**

Battling through wild and windy weather conditions, Year 4 have been working hard this term on their topic Coasts and Cutlasses. They have spent time looking at how life might have been spent on the high seas and all were successful in their applications to become pirates! Pirate Day enabled the children to explore more about how to remain safe around water and whilst swimming (important pirate skills!) and it also saw the beginning of the construction of their model lighthouses. The staff have been particularly impressed with the design and care taken by the pupils over their



lighthouses; they look very impressive and have certainly helped shipping during the recent stormy weather!

The trip to Brighton in February enabled the children to understand more about our local coastal area. Despite a damp start to the day, the children represented the school very well and learnt a lot about both the human and physical features of the Brighton coastline. They have developed this understanding and are now busy producing an explanation of coastal erosion in their English work. The Year 4 staff would like to thank parents for their support of the topic, in particular supplying the costumes for Pirate Day and the Pringles tubes for the lighthouses! We look forward to a few more weeks spent on the high seas before the end of term.

### **Y6 Isle of Wight and Y5 Dalesdown residential meeting**

We will be holding our pre-residential meetings on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm for Y5 and 7.30pm for Y6. Parents and children are encouraged to join us to hear about the trips and for us to answer any of your questions.

### **Newspapers**

Year 6 would appreciate any old newspapers you may have. They will be using them to make Egyptian masks.

### **Sparkle Disco**

The next Sparkle Disco will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Y3/Y4 4.30pm – 5.30pm.  
Y5/Y6 6pm – 7.15pm.



### **Quiz Club**

Well done to our quiz teams, Bradley, Ruby, Jane, Freddie, Steven, Maya, Sinna and Ben. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at Leechpool Primary competing against quiz teams from all over Sussex. They certainly impressed us with their general knowledge, ranging from classical music, the arts, history, geography to spellings and maths.

### **Staffing update**

At the end of the term we say goodbye to Miss Winchester and Mrs Joy. We would like to thank them both for all the hard work they have put into working with our children. We would like to welcome back Miss Gale who will be teaching in Year 5.

### **Maths Competition at Christ's Hospital**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, four Y5 pupils went along to Christ's Hospital to participate in this year's Maths Challenge. They competed in pairs against schools from all over Sussex. During the course of the afternoon, the children tackled six different mathematical tasks, gaining points according to how many they could complete in eight minutes. The challenges included tangram shapes, number dominoes, train timetables and shopping list solving. Well done to Anabel, Catherine, Nathan and Oliver for approaching each task with great skill and enthusiasm - with a particular mention to the girls pairing who came first in their half of the competition, a fantastic result.

### **Sports News**

There are still places available for the Easter holiday activity days run by Mr Showell. If you need a form please pick one up at the office. Congratulations to all the children who have received their colours over the last few weeks. Sports colours are awarded to children who represent the school in a sport and show exemplary attitude during practice sessions, on the pitch and to their team mates.

### **Hockey**

Seventeen children represented SJA, in two seven-a-side teams, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, in the second of three Horsham Primary School Tournaments. Team A played in Division 1 and won five of their six

matches. They scored the highest total of goals with 18 for and only 1 against. They finished second in the table. Team B played in Division 2 and won all six of their games. They scored 12 goals and had none against. Now promoted, both teams will play in Division 1 in the final tournament on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Every child played with great determination and they encouraged one another. They were highly motivated throughout the tournament and listened carefully to advice. It was very encouraging to see the children passing the ball accurately and working together in their teams. Thank you to all parents who supported the players.

### **SportsHall Athletics**

Years 5 & 6 entered a strong team into the annual SportsHall competition, with some magnificent performances from all involved. With the boys' team winning the vast majority of all the morning's races, and the girls' performing excellently in the field events, Southwater missed out on 1<sup>st</sup> place by just 6 points, but came a brilliant 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were several outstanding performances by the athletes, but a special word must go to Collette, Ethan and Ruby who demonstrated fantastic ability and attitude throughout, and won pretty much every race they entered!

### **Swimming**

Southwater entered the Horsham Swimming Gala and finished a very credible 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8, a great day was had by all, and some very promising performances for the future!

### **Netball**

This has been an extremely exciting term for the netball club with both the A Team and B Team doing exceptionally well. The term started off with the A Team tournaments which consisted of three meetings. In all of the meetings Southwater played well but by the second meeting they really got into their stride. The shooting and defending on the court were particular strengths. As a result of this there were 2 wins (6-1 against Slinfold and 5-1 against All Saints). The final match was very close against St Andrew's, where we were drawing 3-3 until the final whistle where they managed to score one winning goal just in time. This then put us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> division for the final meeting where the team played their best, winning every match. Due to this Southwater were the winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> division! The team spirit and enthusiasm across all three meetings has been excellent and it was a well-earned win!



The B Team had a successful tournament where 10 teams played in three groups. Again, the team spirit and enthusiasm were brilliant and it was a pleasure to watch the Year 5 team play their first tournament. Due to the dedication of the team in netball club, they were well prepared and knew the positions and rules well. The B Team fought hard in every game and their defending was a real strength; as soon as the ball went to the opposition they soon got it back. This resulted in one 0-0 draw against Steyning and 4 wins which made Southwater the winners of their group. This has put the B Team in a great position for the tournaments next year! Well done to everyone who played and also thank you to the parents who cheered the teams on.

### **Cross Country**

We took 2 teams of 6 to the annual Horsham Schools Cross Country event. The event was particularly competitive and tough, but both teams competed brilliantly. The girls' team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 23, with Jazmine finishing highest for the team, finishing a very impressive 17<sup>th</sup>. The girls' event was close with only 30 points separating the top 6 teams. The boys' event however was a different story. With all 6 of our runners finishing in the top 60, and the top 4 all finishing in the top 30. Archie, Toby and Finn ran brilliantly, however, the undoubtable star of the day was Charlie, narrowly missing out on 1<sup>st</sup> place by just a few metres, Charlie finished a magnificent 2<sup>nd</sup>, out of roughly 130 children. The boys' team ended up taking home the trophy,



coming 1<sup>st</sup> by nearly 30 points and winning the trophy for the first time in almost 10 years. Well done to all!

### **Football**

Both football teams have started their league seasons with some fantastic results and performances. Years 5 and 6 A team remain unbeaten since the start of the school year, winning 2 and drawing 2 in their league. The B team have played some fantastic football, narrowly losing 3 games, however winning their last game to hopefully inspire them in future tournaments. The Years 3 and 4 A team, won 2 and lost 1 in their league, with Alfie scoring with the very last touch of the match, to win the final game of the evening. The B team, played 4, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. A big well done to all involved; a very promising start for all of the teams!

### **Table Tennis**

All 3 of our table tennis teams currently top their leagues, with the A team continuing to successfully beat all of the other teams in their league. We have some new faces in the B team and the girls' team have picked up where the A team left off, beating all in front of them!



We have even more sport coming up, with Tag-Rugby, Gymnastics, Football, Netball and Table Tennis competitions all still to come before Easter!

Lastly, please follow our Twitter account for all sporting news and information, our Twitter handle is @SouthwaterJA\_PE

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

This year we will be once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers in order to purchase new sports equipment for the pupils. This is a great scheme and a great way to encourage pupils into trying out new sports, and helping all pupils to improve themselves! Vouchers to be left in the Collection Box in the library please!

### **Parent Forum**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Forum. Discussions included the new curriculum, assessment and homework. The next meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

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

**Name of child:**

**Class:**



## Spring Term 2014

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	4pm Basketball League
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	4pm A Team Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	1pm Netball Tournament
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Gymnastics Competition 6pm Full Governing Body
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50pm 3CC Class Assembly 3.30pm Football v North Holmes 4pm B Team and Girls Table tennis @ Collyers Sparkle Disco
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	4pm Girls Football practice @ BBH
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y5 Superhero Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term

## Summer Term 2014

Tuesday 22nd April	First Day Back
Thursday 24th April	am Music Festival Rehearsal @ Tanbridge House PC Beckley with Y6, Football Tournament 6.30pm Dalesdown meeting for Y5 7.30pm IOW meeting for Y6
Friday 25th April	4pm B Team and Girls Table tennis @ Collyers Y5/Y6 Football Tournament at BBH 6pm Y3 Sleepover
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	2.50pm 5PK Class Assembly 4pm B Team Table Tennis @ Collyers
Wednesday 7th May	am Music Festival Dress Rehearsal and at 7pm Music Festival Concert @ The Hawth
Friday May 9th	Y4 to Lodge Hill Y3/Y4 Football tournament at BBH
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	2.50pm 3PW Class Assembly Y5/Y6 Football tournament at BBH
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 to the Isle of Wight Y5 to Dalesdown ( 2 nights each per group)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	pm Rounders' tournament
<b>Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Girls' Kwik Cricket Tournament 6pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Mixed Kwik Cricket Tournament
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Hard Ball Cricket Tournament 2.50pm 3LB Class Assembly
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Horsham Youth Triathlon
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y2 Parent Transition meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9. 30am Y3/Y4 Sports Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Horsham Secondary Schools induction day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9. 30am Y5/Y6 Sports Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	District Sports am Y3/4 pm Y5/6
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon 2pm onwards
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 production 7pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 production 7pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15am Y6 Leavers assembly Last day of term



## Term Dates 2014-15



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

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

**AUTUMN 2014** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
**INSET Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Half Term** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
**Christmas Holiday** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

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

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