



Dear Parents,

14<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Over the last year we have been preparing for three major changes that have been introduced for schools across England from September 2014. As an academy we are always looking at ways of adapting our practice, learning from others and ensuring we have a clear strategy in place to ensure we provide the best possible provision for our pupils.

In a future newsletter I will talk further about our partnerships with a variety of schools and educational partners, including the West Horsham Network. One example of how the West Horsham Network work together, is how we track pupils' attainment and progress. At a recent meeting, all but one of the schools in the network decided to take on the pupil tracking system that SJA and SIA have been using for the last two years. The other schools in the network were very impressed with how closely we track our pupils and how teachers and leaders at SJA and SIA are able to monitor pupil progress and quickly intervene where necessary. As the Department for Education is removing the current system of levelling children eg Level 2, Level 3, Level 4 and asking schools to come up with their own tracking systems, this partnership work is essential. By working together as a network we will be able to share ideas and work together to replace the current system.

The second major change is to the national curriculum. This is the first major review of the curriculum since 1988. We have already introduced the new maths curriculum, a year early, with its higher expectations. As we reviewed our planning for many of the subjects in 2013, we are already in a very strong position for September 2014. All of our current topics are staying in place e.g. Superheroes, The Victorians, Touching the Void but we will be adapting them where necessary. We are using one of our INSET days in June to ensure the rest of the plans are in place and are very excited about our updated curriculum for September.

The third major change is to the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice. Again, we are working with the West Horsham Network to look at the proposed changes and make the necessary adaptations.

Kind regards, Alexis Conway

## **Uniform - PE kit**

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. We are currently sourcing the hoodies and will let you know when they are in. 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, 9-20 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; Sweatshirt £6.00; Fleeces £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.

### Music Festival 2014

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014, 55 of our Year Five children took part in this year's Horsham and District Music Festival alongside 350 Year Five and Six children from across the district. This year the children took the audience on the journey of First World War in celebration of its centenary. Through the medium of song they shared the highs and lows felt during war (past and present), ending with The Last Post played by our very own Oliver Michell, followed by a very moving performance of In Flanders Field – a very technical choral song sung in three parts. The children from Southwater have worked extremely hard in the months since Christmas and excelled on stage as a result. All that remains to say is a huge well done to all of them for the part they played in creating such a moving and memorable performance.

### Y5 Streetdance

As part of our intention of ensuring that our curriculum is exciting and varied for our pupils we have introduced streetdance into the Y5 curriculum. Our new instructor, Sophie, proved a big hit last Tuesday, with a high energy, up tempo start to the day for year 5.

### I'm a Geographer, Get Me Out of Here!

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014, 6 of our Year Five children travelled to Reigate Grammar School to take part in a geography quiz. The team were challenged to name famous places; identify which continents different foods come from; build an earthquake proof building out of straws, plastercine and paper; identify country names in a 'Dingbat' round; and finally build a volcano and make it erupt. The children achieved full marks in the final round thanks to an impressive eruption that lasted for 20 minutes! Overall, the children came second and only a point behind first place. Well done Mae, Charlie, Sheel, Steven, Archie and Sam!



### 'Green Day' at Pennthorpe

12 Year Five children went to Pennthorpe Prep School on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to take part in their Green Day. The children were split into two teams and took part in a competition to design an outfit out of recycled products. The children did very well with one of our teams coming an impressive second. Well done to all who took part!

### Year 4 at Lodge Hill

Last Friday 91 Year 4 pupils spent a fantastic day and night at Lodge Hill Educational centre. On a lovely sunny day the children were an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and SJA. We spent the day building shelters, exploring the grounds, going on a treasure hunt, climbing and learning the skills of archery. In the evening the children were well-fed and served each other their dinner, observed by very impressed members of the Lodge Hill staff. In the evening the children played in a large field outside until dusk, followed by a film and finally to bed. An excellent residential and one we aim to repeat next year.



### 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

After the fabulous success of last year's Year 6 production at the Capitol Theatre, we have once again decided to end the term, and Year 6's time at SJA, in style by hiring The Capitol. This year's production will be 'The Piper' and will be performed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are priced at £6.50 and £5.00 for concessions. Tickets are now on sale at the Capitol box office and are on sale to all, not just Y6 parents.

We always try to ensure our pupils get the best possible opportunities we can offer and we believe that we are the only primary school that hires The Capitol for the end of year production. Allowing our talented pupils to act and sing on the professional stage gives them the opportunity that many would otherwise never have and give children, parents and family members, lifetime memories.



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



### Year 3 Sleepover

The school was a bit busier than usual on the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Over 80 very excited Year 3s arrived at school weighed down with overnight clothes, sleeping bags, pillows and teddies. The children were quickly out into the playground for rounders and basketball and into the classrooms for craft activities and board games. Mr Beavies cooked



hotdogs for a very grateful group of children. It was then into pyjamas and into the hall for Bugs Life, with Miss Cooper serving hot chocolate to all. The children then brushed their teeth, washed their faces and went to 'sleep'. All credit to the children, although they were very excited, they sensibly went to bed rising at about 6am. We then had breakfast in the hall before everyone was picked up promptly at 9am. Thank you to Miss Copper, Miss Bumford, Mr Whetton, Mrs Ratsey and Mr



Beavis for organising such a memorable evening.

### Hockey

On the last day of the Spring Term, seventeen children from Year 5 and 6 represented the Academy at the seven-a-side Horsham Hockey Primary League Tournament. Both the A and B teams were in the top division, which meant the teams had to play four matches and then compete against one another.

The A team (Mainly Year 6) played with immense determination and amazing teamwork. They had to battle hard but won the first four of their games convincingly. Led by an enthusiastic captain, the team played some inspired hockey.

The B team (Mainly Year 5) played some superb hockey and scored goals but found the physical strength of the top teams challenging. Every player performed at their best and has the skills to compete well next year.

The final match for both teams was the game between the Academy A and B teams. The A team needed to win to be sure of being crowned overall winners. It was a joy to watch the children passing the ball around the pitch, building scoring opportunities and enjoying their hockey. It took five minutes for the A team to score their first goal and the game finished 2-0 to the A team. The B team certainly did not make it easy for the As! At the end of the game the B team captain was heard calling for "Three cheers



for our friends!" This summed up the wonderful spirit amongst the players and how both teams have worked so well together this year.

The final result was the A team came first and the B team fifth out of fourteen teams entered. Thank you to all the parents and spectators that came to the tournament to encourage the players. Your support is very much appreciated.

### **Year 4 A-Life**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May Year 4 were fortunate enough to have the experience of a company called A- Life come in and visit the school. A- Life are a company who promote how to live a healthy lifestyle.

For the healthy workshop, children were split into groups of 4 or 5 and visited around 25 different activity stations around the hall. Different games, puzzles and activities taught pupils about healthy eating, exercise, sleep, hygiene, body awareness, where food comes from and lots more. The coach's interactive sum-up at the end ensured children had taken in key facts from the activities and were able to apply them.



During the fitness sessions, the children took part in a well-organised circuit fitness session that used a mixture of specialist equipment to challenge their strength, jumping, balance, fitness, flexibility, coordination in a fun but controlled environment. Circuits included: boxing, trampolining, push-up hockey, football, the gym zone and more.

Overall, it was a fun and exciting day where the children were able to enhance their learning in a range of interesting ways.

### **Reports on the 2014 Horsham Primary Schools Table Tennis Leagues**

Last Friday Southwater Junior Academy saw their A Team successfully defend the title previously won in the inaugural competition in 2013. The ever present team of Jacob, Zach, Ben and Sheel won all of the 9 matches they played, only conceding 6 sets out of 72 played.



Whilst in the newly formed B League the Southwater B Team emulated the achievement of the A Team again winning all 9 matches played, only losing one game throughout the season. The team led by Bob & Oliver who both played every match, were ably supported by the other squad members who all played their part, Adam, Finlay, Sam, Archie, Henry, Harry & Sam.

The following quote was from Ian Ford of Horsham Leisure link, who ran the leagues at Collyer's Sixth Form College throughout the winter "Southwater have been fantastic leaders providing some excellent play but also conducting themselves with great fairness and decorum. They have been most worthy winners for sure".

Not to be out done, our newly formed girls' team completed the Triple by winning the new Girls' Competition, a format of two girls representing each competing school, playing weekly matches on a round robin basis. The girls: Jess, Thea, Caitlin, Freya & Alicia played a total of 54 matches winning 42 and losing just 12. Jess was our star finishing the season undefeated, but all the girls were a credit to Southwater.

Southwater's A Team and the Girls' Team will now be put forward as the Under g11s West Sussex representatives in the English Schools' National Table Tennis Competition early in 2015. At the beginning of September our squads will be assembled to start training in preparation for this honour.

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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:**



## Summer Term 2014

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Girls cricket match at Southwater CC, leaving school at 2.50pm and walking to club
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
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5/Y6 Football @ BBH
<b>Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	G&T Athletics, 9.30-11.30 year 3/4, 12-2 year 5/6
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	G&T Cricket, girls' 9.30-11.30, boys 12-2
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Girls' Kwik Cricket Tournament 6pm Parent Forum
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	PE monitors to Holmbush Activity Centre 9am-12pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos Horsham and District G&T Sports Day at BBH
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Mixed Kwik Cricket Tournament
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/Y5 Mixed Kwik Cricket Tournament
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	-Group of year 4 pupils playing bowls at BBH 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
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Choir singing at the Carfax 2pm – 4.30pm
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)