



# SIJS NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! News of our recent inspection should be in several papers this week.

We have been working hard on creating a special celebratory keepsake /memento for children and families and this should be with you on Friday. Pupils will be celebrating that afternoon with a Mr B's ice-cream following an exciting cinema trip in the morning! The whole school will go to see Tintin, which will be funded by School Improvement work. We will assume you are happy for your child to go to the cinema (Tintin is a PG), unless you tell us otherwise. Well done to each and everyone and as it says in the keepsake- Congratulations to all pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors- past and present.



This half term I have been asked to continue supporting other schools in my role as a trained Ofsted Inspector and Consultant School Improvement Officer for the local authority, increasing to two days a week. Mr Allcock will be acting head on the days I am not in school and Mrs McAvoy will at times cover his teaching commitment in the classroom. This should continue to work well as Ms Teagle will continue to support Mr Allcock in her assistant head role or as acting deputy head. Ms Teagle will be available regarding any issues as usual and will continue teaching her class but with several extra Wednesdays covered by Mrs Watts, especially as we approach Christmas, as Ms Teagle is our sole music specialist on site with Mrs Bosustow currently on her second maternity leave.

This is a temporary 2 day a week secondment and we hope you are supportive, as SIJS is well placed to continue to forge ahead as we have been doing, with the same key staff at its helm. The 2 days I am not in school will vary and for example Christmas performance week I will be here all the time.

## POPPY DAY & REMEMBRANCE

Poppies will be on sale in school and we will hold the 2 minute silence on the school playground as usual at 11am on FRIDAY 11th of November. The whole school community shares in this very special time and even though the winds can sometimes be gale force and the heavens open with driving rain- we pay our tribute steadfastly. Ms Teagle will play the Last Post on her flute to mark the start and end of the silence, as we still miss hearing the lifeboat flares. Thank you.



## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

We very much hope you are also being kept up to date by your child about this community initiative. The key principle is... all children have rights and with rights comes responsibilities- hand in hand. We look forward to sharing your thoughts during consultations (see below), about how we can cascade this initiative into the whole community at large, more successfully.

**EXCITING TIMES** ahead...please phone the office or pop in, to arrange a suitable time for you with your child's class teacher.

### 14th – 18th November

Parental consultations AFTER SCHOOL- week 1  
+ National Anti-Bullying week

**MON 14th NOVEMBER- WEAR BLUE** to support National Anti-Bullying DAY.

### 21st – 25th November

Parental consultations AFTER SCHOOL- week 2

### 25th November- School Photos

INDIVIDUAL AUTUMN PARENT CONSULTATIONS together with your child are

being held during these 2 weeks after school through to about 6pm.

All parents or carers who have not contacted us to arrange a convenient slot; will be allocated a time and day by text, by **Monday 7th November**. Please ensure you let us know if this time is not okay immediately. This is a statutory duty for schools together with parents and carers to meet with each student actually there during the consultation/conference. After all it is about your child's learning and life chances and not ours.

If you have already had a Special Needs review meeting, you do not have to attend another meeting unless you specifically request one- except if your child is in year 6, when an additional meeting is absolutely essential to target set altogether, following the mock SATs results.

## STUDY/HOMEWORK/LEARNING CLUB

Provision on Tuesdays after school in the hall/library/ICT suite, is available for your child. PLEASE make use of this additional opportunity at school for your child to be supported in their homelearning. Support staff are on hand to help in any way needed, giving one-to-one tuition.

## MOVEMBER SHAVING DAY!

Wednesday 30th November will be **NON-UNIFORM DAY** in aid of mens health- we will publicly shave all those members of our SIJS community who from 1st November have grown a moustache! It promises to be great fun...



## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

**Sssssshhhhhhhhhhhh it's still a secret!**

£1 TICKETS for the Christmas performances will be available from **Wednesday 16th November**. This covers the basic cost of the shows and also ensures we can fit in the number of people safely for each performance as well, given our limited hall size. Tickets are not limited in anyway and you can

purchase as many as you wish. We have found over time that keeping tickets back so every family has 2 etc simply does not work as we have been left with unclaimed tickets with disappointed family members who had wished to come from the outset. We have also had to work around community celebrations, the Infant School and Kidz R Us performances, which is never easy.

### MONDAY 5th DECEMBER-

1.45pm- dress rehearsal for grandparents, over 60's and year 2 Infant School pupils

### TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER-

6.30pm 1st evening performance to parents/relations / family members

### WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER-

1.45pm Afternoon performance

### WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER-

6.30pm 2nd evening performance

Auditions will be held and speaking parts will be allocated. We are trying something different this year so that more children get the opportunity to have a speaking role. The most important aspect of each performance will be the **massive and crucial contribution** made by each class in the school, **as every pupil takes part** in this whole school production. This means we hope you will help your child learn their songs really well and support us by ensuring your child comes to the evening performances as well as the afternoon 'in school time' ones.

Several years ago in the evenings a quarter of the school did not turn up and inevitably this impacted negatively. (We have once again, brought the shows forward to attempt to avoid the illness that's seems to happen at the end of this term each year too). PLEASE PLEASE SUPPORT US THIS YEAR in bringing your child- we know it is dark and cold then, but we only ask this of you two evenings in a year. It also enables your child to learn about TEAM work- 'together everyone achieves more' and the vital ECM (Every Child Matters) outcomes; Making a Positive Contribution together with learning about Economic Well Being for life. If you do not turn up for work basically you do not keep your job. *Details re arrival and collection will be included in the next newsletter.*

**THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER- XMAS LUNCH**

**FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER- OPEN AFTERNOON** for all relations and carers from 1.30pm

**MONDAY 12th- Year 3 party** in the afternoon- all contributions of food very welcome as well as any adult helpers... savoury items especially...

**TUESDAY 13th- Year 4 party ... as above**

**WEDNESDAY 14th- Year 5 party... as above**

**THURSDAY 15th- Year 6 party... as above**

**FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER- last day of term ending** at usual time 3.15pm (as Infant school)

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**WEDNESDAY 4th January 2012- WELCOME BACK!**

Many thanks as always.  
Sue Smith

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAYRE

Our annual Scholastic Bookfayre will be visiting us from 24th November until 1st December. This is a perfect opportunity for Christmas shopping, as well as giving you the opportunity to discover the tremendous range of children's books available currently to help develop your child's love of reading. In addition to the books, there will be the usual gifts of posters, and stationary.

**PLEASE SUPPORT US:** The impact of families supporting the SIJS bookfayre, instead of using a store (including Amazon) is massive. The greater the amount of money you spend, the more books we can buy for our school at a cheaper price. Last year, we surpassed our target taking an amazing £781. This year, if we raise more than £800, then the school will receive close to £500 to spend on additional books for your children. The bookfayre will be open from 8.30 every morning, and after school from 3.15 until 4.00. Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Y6 GREAT ART QUEST!

SIJS year 6 pupils have been invited to join a Great Art Quest linked to the Tate and The Prince's Trust. This is a national scheme linking galleries to local schools who become involved in creative and exciting projects. This January year 6 will be visiting the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Garden where they will be guided through art and storytelling activities by Craig Johnson (Squashbox Theatre) and Vicky Wiltshire (visual artist). They will then have the amazing opportunity of two follow up days in school with Craig and Vicky where Yr 6 will be given the chance to create their own visual art and creative writing. An inspiring way to start the new year!

## HISTORICAL FUN FRIDAYS

The past is coming back to us at SIJS, during our Historical Fun Fridays.

Shackleton, Anne Boleyn, Florence Nightingale and many more influential characters will be coming to life each Friday afternoon (when the teachers will mysteriously disappear!) to take our pupils on adventures into the past. What was life like? How do we know? What does it matter to us now? What can we learn from their exploits? Many questions will be explored through exciting learning as the whole school immerses itself into the wonderful world of the past. As with previous Fun Fridays, pupils will learn in new vertical groups with pupils from Y3-6, rotating through a 'period' in time each week.

Historical Fun Fridays will begin... on the 11th November, will be interrupted in December due to the Christmas production- and then continue in the Spring term...

## 100% ATTENDANCE

Huge congratulations go to the following pupils who all achieved 100% attendance last year! No Learning Lost. Fabulous!



Jamie Gregory  
Megan Hall  
Samuel Peters  
Megan Trevorrow  
William Trevorrow

Latifa Rouissi  
Daniel Lynch  
Ethan Care  
Jayden Ruddock

# Special Certificates and Purple Tickets

## W/E 07/10/11

Class 1. Archie Stevenson  
Class 1. Chloe Marquis  
Class 2. Abigail Palmer  
Class 2. Sebastian Makhlof  
Class 3. Jaydon Ruddock  
Class 3. Rebekah Couch  
Class 4. Mawgan Ashcroft  
Class 4. Lara McBlane  
Class 5. Mark Wagstaff  
Class 5. Zeenat Ahmed  
Class 6. Owen Mills  
Class 6. Madeline Cooper  
Class 7. Isobel Beach  
Class 7. Michael Lloyd  
Class 8. Lily Ninnes  
Class 8. Kirsty Sear  
Class 9. Courtney Wood  
Class 9. Beulah Fulham  
Class 10. Mason McClary  
Class 10. Alex Keast

## W/E 14/10/11

Class 1. Shane Wiggin  
Class 1. Bliss Lees  
Class 2. Tallulah Bull  
Class 2. Skyler Stokell  
Class 3. Caitlin Lawson  
Class 3. Edward Devey  
Class 4. Daisy Bowman  
Class 4. Daniel Lynch  
Class 5. Mark Reader  
Class 5. Skye Farrell-Brown  
Class 6. Magdelene Berg  
Class 6. Zachary Broomfield  
Class 7. Bernardo Braga  
Class 7. Mila Watson  
Class 8. Glen Bloxam  
Class 8. Yasmine Ruddock  
Class 9. Finn Hurley  
Class 9. Elisha Elson  
Class 10. Madison Barrett  
Class 10. Kira Lomas

## W/E 07/10/11

Year 3. Amy Scaddan  
Year 3. Brendon Stevens  
Year 4. Sarah Larder  
Year 4. Jacob Bolton  
Year 5. Mila Watson  
Year 5. Jamie Gregory  
Year 6. Finn Hurley  
Year 6. Rebecca Jones

## W/E 14/10/11

Year 3. Ruby Binney  
Year 4. Rebekah Couch  
Year 4. Toby Green  
Year 5. Zoe Pugh  
Year 5. Samuel Barlow  
Year 6. Lily Ninnes  
Year 6. Marcus Manley

Congratulations  
Well done

## HDLP GOLD AWARDS

Apologies go to Jacob Bolton in Class 4 who was not mentioned in the previous newsletter. Congratulations Jacob for your fantastic summer learning!

