



Dear Parents and Carers.

We are coming to the end of a very full term with so much having happened at SJS. Your children have worked so hard this term with all staff putting in measures to help children catch up from the past two years of challenge. You should be proud of them all!

**Start and End Times:** We will be returning to our usual start and end times after the Easter Holidays. This will mostly affect years 5 & 6. We will continue to use the current gates however 4W will use the top gate with the rest of year 4.

Start time: 8:45 am (gates open 10 mins before @ 8:35 am) End time: 3 pm (gates open 10 mins before @ 2:50 pm)

**Covid Update:** Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can for up to 3 days. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.



**INSET DAYS:** We have two FINAL inset days planned for: **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** and **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.** This is for both infant and junior school.

Public Holidays: All Portsmouth schools are closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (May Day) & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Queen's Jubilee).

**Care First:** As a Trust, we continue to provide the Care First package to give advice and support on a number of things.



The user name is: unicatp The password is: wellbeing.

The website is: https://carefirst-lifestyle.co.uk/



**World Book Day:** We celebrated World Book. There were, as usual, some amazing costumes worn by both children and staff with lots of activities celebrating books. I hope you saw the pictures on our <u>You Tube</u> page

**Red Nose Day:** We celebrated Red Nose Day and raised a fabulous £170. The children came to school dressed in red with some dressed as superheroes.







**Parent's Evening:** We have a 'Face to Face' parents evening first week back after the holidays. Letters have gone to book your slot.

I would respectfully ask that you **do wear a mask** whilst on site as an added safety precaution. We have worked so hard to keep cases low and don't want to risk anything. 4W will be in the second week back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.



Year 5 Writing Competition: Year 5 participated in an 'In-House' writing competition to help engage and motivate them. Their challenge was to write 100 word mini sagas! All the children did superbly, and we voted for our favourite top 10.

The Top 10 were then lucky enough to share their stories at North End Library with their peers and library staff.

The library staff were fabulous judges and chose their top 3 winners!

The year group were fantastic in their writing efforts and represented our school well at our local library. Well done to all!

Year 6 Science Day (STEM): Year 6 took part in a series of workshops with the Royal Navy including coding a sphere to move in certain directions, operating propellers and using pneumatics to open and close doors. Take a look at the <u>video</u> on our site.

**Year 3 Fishbourne:** Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace on Tuesday where they learnt about the history behind the 2000-yearold ruins of King Cogidubnus' home. They enjoyed an excellent workshop where they were able to













dress as Roman slaves and take part in a range of Roman activities, including writing on Roman tablets, making mosaics and spinning wool.

**Red Nose Day:** We raised money for Red Nose day charities which included the Ukraine refugee crisis. Please see our <u>video</u>.



Attendance and Fines: Absence is at its highest since the start of the pandemic. Our team are in constant contact with our most persistent absentees and sadly we are now at the point where parents will be receiving fines for unauthorised absences from the PCC Attendance Panel. We always take into account Covid sickness.



Attendance by year group for Spring 2 (March/April)								
3S	3P	4W	4T	4B	5AW	5KW	6NB	6AB
92.2%	92.1%	94.1%	97.3%	91.8%	92.9%	92.5%	87.7%	87.6%

If your child misses	that equals	which is	and over 13 years of school that's
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

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**Stubbington Study Centre:** Some of our Year 4 children visited Stubbington Study Centre for a 5 day residential. They enjoyed a variety of fun activities including Earthquake, pond activities visiting a hide to see badgers and foxes. What a brilliant experience!



**Swimming Lessons Year 5:** Swimming lessons for **Class 5KW** will begin after half term on the afternoon of Friday 29th April 2022 and will continue on a Friday for five weeks on the following dates:

Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	
29 April 2022	6 May 2022	13 May 2022	20 May 2022	27 May 2022	

**Year 4 @ Blue Reef Aquarium:** As part of their topic, The Blue Abyss, year 4 spent the day at Blue Reef in Southsea learning about life under the sea. They had a presentation from the aquarists as well as a guided tour visiting all the creatures who live there. It was pretty windy down on the front!





Have a fabulous Easter break and see you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for an 8:45am start for all year groups. Remember, we will finish at 3pm.

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