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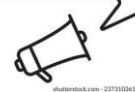
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HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, this exciting first half term of the year has flown by and I hope your child has enjoyed it as much as I have! Let's hear about some of the highlights from each year group!

TEAM YEAR 3

What a fantastic start to their journey at SJA Team Year 3 have had! They have done a great job settling in to their new school and getting to know their new adults and the routines. They have already amazed the staff with their excellent attitude and beautiful manners. There are so many positive things to celebrate already - the art work in their very first project book, making Miss Cromey laugh with their jokes from show and tell, their stunning poetry.

TEAM YEAR 4

What a fantastic first half term Year 4 have had! Some children have conquered their fears of swimming, showing incredible courage, determination and resilience as they've pushed themselves to try their very best. They also stepped back in time on the visit to Gainsborough Old Hall, where the children immersed themselves in history by dressing up as Tudors to kick-start our exciting new project. We're so proud of the enthusiasm, confidence and hard work they've shown this half term, and we can't wait to see what the next one brings!



TEAM YEAR 5

What a fantastic start to the year Team Y5 have had. They have worked hard and shown great resilience throughout the term. Many conquered fears of riding a bike and have blossomed into confident road-riders! Whilst others have enjoyed having more mature responsibilities across school to support lower KS2, such as our brand-new sports leaders. Our WW2 topic has been remarkable. So many children have been fascinated to learn more about what life was like for everyone back in 1939. Our recent trip to Eden Camp was the icing on the cake for a real hands-on immersive experience for them. We can't wait for our project to continue so we can delve deeper into key events of WW2 and to showcase this all to our adults.



TEAM YEAR 6

Team Y6 has had a great start to the year. They have worked with determination and perseverance, especially during our assessment week, making us very proud of them all. The highlight of our term has been our project work: "How can we connect with the world?" Our launch day saw the children celebrating many countries and cultures around the world, from learning French, playing a Japanese game, to making links to a school in India. We are now looking forward to finishing our Egyptian canopic jars, which we have been creating with clay. A very positive term indeed!

Effective and Respectful Communication Between Home and School

At SJA we have an 'Open Door' policy that we are proud of, because a strong, collaborative relationship between parents and school is vital to your child's well-being and success, and clear guidelines help ensure that our communication remains effective, supportive, and manageable for everyone.

ClassDojo: Tone and Timing

ClassDojo is a wonderful tool for sharing day-to-day updates, celebrations, and quick routine reminders. However, to keep this platform positive and effective, we ask all parents to keep the following in mind:

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- **Tone:** Please ensure all messages remain polite, respectful, and constructive. Teaching and admin staff deserve a safe, supportive professional environment.
- **Timing & Response Expectations:** Teachers are focused on delivering lessons and supervising children during the school day, and they spend time after school planning and marking. Consequently, teachers will not read or reply to ClassDojo messages outside of standard working hours or during active teaching time. If you send a message in the evening or over the weekend, please do not expect a response until the following school morning at the earliest.

Meetings and Appointments

We understand that there are times when you need to discuss a matter in more depth with your child's class teacher. To ensure these conversations are productive and given the time they deserve:

- **No Drop-In Meetings Before School:** Morning drop-off is a critical time for staff. Teachers are preparing classrooms, setting up resources, and welcoming children to start the day smoothly and safely. Teachers are **not available** for unscheduled meetings or extended discussions at the classroom door or in the playground before the morning bell.
- **Booking an Appointment:** If you wish to discuss a matter, please arrange an appointment in advance. You can request a meeting by sending a message to the teacher via ClassDojo or by contacting the main school office. We will work with you to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Urgent Matters and Absence Reporting

If you need to report an urgent message (such as a change in end-of-day pick-up arrangements) or a daily absence, **please contact the main school office directly** via phone or email rather than ClassDojo. Teachers cannot regularly check messages during the teaching day, so urgent messages sent via Dojo may be missed.

Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding, and cooperation in fostering a positive, respectful partnership across our school community.



Arbor Parent App

We are **thrilled** to announce that our brand-new **Arbor Parent App** is officially LIVE! 🎉 A massive thank you to all the parents who have already downloaded the app and logged in—it's fantastic to see so many of you connected! Your personal welcome letter and setup instructions have already been emailed to you. If you haven't set up your account yet, now is the perfect time to get started!

- 📱 **Live Attendance Tracking:** Keep up to date with your child's attendance anytime, anywhere.
- 📱 **Instant School Updates:** Get important announcements straight to your phone (just make sure your phone notifications are switched **ON!**).

Don't miss out on important updates—download the app today and stay connected with everything happening at school!

Warm regards, J.Graves –Principal

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