

3.3.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the children and parents who visited the Book Fair this week. We are sure that everyone will enjoy reading their purchases. We hope that the children have shared with you some of the activities that they have enjoyed this week. A very big thank you to all the staff involved and a special thanks to Mrs Shabankareh-Smith for co-ordinating the week.

CURRICULUM HEADLINES

These are now available to view on our website: <https://www.spjs.org/weekly-curriculum-headlines.php>

BOOK CHARACTER & POETRY COMPETITION

If your child is taking part in the Book Character/Poetry Competition on Monday, you are invited to come along and watch. Please enter through the pedestrian gate in Glebe Path. The timings are as follows:

- Y6: 9.20am – 10.20am
- Y4: 11.00am – 12.00pm
- Y3: 1.20pm - 2.20pm
- Y5: 2.25pm – 3.25pm

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We look forward to seeing you all next week for our Parents' Evenings. Please enter via the school reception. The gate will be propped open from 3.30pm after the children have been dismissed. You can then walk straight through and sign in with the staff at the desk by Mrs Lamy's office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all our families for ensuring that children wear the correct school uniform to school each day. We have really noticed children taking a 'Sense of Pride' in their appearance.

We have lots of uniform that is unnamed and therefore we can't return it its rightful owner. Please can you ensure that all jumpers/cardigans/coats are clearly labelled with your child's name. Unnamed uniform will be placed on a table in the playground for you to claim.

TRADING CARDS/TOYS

Over the past few weeks, lots of children have been bringing into school Pokemon and football cards and trying to trade them with one another. Unfortunately, this has led to many children getting distracted in class and causing increasing number of upsets between friends. Therefore, the children have been told today in assembly that they should not be brought to school.

May I remind all parents that children should not be bringing any toys/craft activities

into school. At lunchtime there are a range of options for children: the hut is generally available for pupils to play indoor type games; the LRC is available to go on the computers and borrow or read books; there is also a wide range of equipment to play with outside and places to relax and chat with friends.

SMART WATCHES

As you are aware, children should not be seen with a mobile device on school premises. This includes smart watches that have the facility to receive or make telephone calls, or record any form of audio or visual image. This is to safeguard all pupils and staff.

REMINDERS

- Before you leave in the morning, please encourage your child to check that they have everything that they need for the day to try and develop good organisational skills and independence. It will also minimise disruption in the classroom and the office. (e.g: trainers/football kit/lunch boxes/fruit/water bottles/homework/music books & instruments etc)
- Please make sure that you send your child in with a water bottle every day as drinking water is very important to aid concentration and learning.
- If there is a change to your usual collection arrangements, please write a note in your child's home-school book for them to show to their teacher.
- If your child has an appointment in school time (e.g medical/dental apt), please note that we need to see confirmation of the appointment. We would be grateful if you could let us have this beforehand.

STAFF UPDATE

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Cable in a couple of weeks. She has been a valuable member of the admin team for nearly 6 years. She will be sorely missed. If there are any parents who are interested in working in a very busy office in a school, or know of anyone who is, please take a look at our advert on Eteach for this administrative assistant role. <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/stanley-park-junior-school-jobs-38334/?oo=ag>

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

An email has been sent out today giving information about applying for summer term clubs. **The Google Form must be completed no later than 12.00pm (noon) on Friday 10th March 2023. (We regret that the Google Form will be unavailable after this time and we will be unable to accept any late applications.)**

Have a wonderful weekend.
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