



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We are very excited to inform you that we will be installing some new playground equipment very soon! SPJS made a bid for money from the Local Authority which they had been allocated from the sugar-tax grant. The grant is intended to help improve the health, fitness and wellbeing of children. We were successful in our bid and have been allocated £15,000 from this fund. The PTA are donating £5,000 and the school are contributing a further £2,000. The school council have been working

with Mrs Burridge and Mrs Lamy to create a new design which we hope will appeal to all our pupils. It was decided to opt for equipment to build upper body strength and the new equipment is of a relatively low height and we hope that the children will be able to make full use of it at break times and lunch times.



TIMES-TABLE-A-THON

Well done to all the children who tried their best to learn times tables so they could raise some sponsorship money and improve their mental maths. A huge thank you to those of you who have sent in their sponsorship forms and money. If there is still any to come in, we would be most grateful if you could send it to the school office by Monday 4th March. Please put the money and form in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class and "Sponsorship Money" on the front. Thank you for your support, which is very much appreciated.

TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS

Please remember that children can still continue to play on TimesTable Rockstars to improve their quick recall.

Well done to **Summer V (Y5)** who has made the most improvement in speed over the last 7 days of everyone in Years 3-6.

The 2nd most improved is **Cameron P (Y3)** and 3rd is **Tommy D (Y3)**. Well done!

Most improved speed for the month was

1st **Thomas C (Y5)**

2nd **Ollie B (Y4)**

3rd **Abigail H (Y5)**

Fastest recall of Times-Tables in each Year Group Overall

Y3- **Leo P**

Y4- **Max S**

Y5- **Rayhaan D**

Y6 - **James B**



Y5 TRIP TO THE ECOLOGY CENTRE

Over the last few weeks, each Year 5 class has enjoyed a trip to the Sutton Ecology Centre located next to Carshalton ponds. The children walked down to the centre where they enjoyed learning about natural habitats, pond-dipping and analysing creatures under a microscope - it was great fun! They found all sorts of creatures such as newts, water boatmen, snails, caddis fly larvae and dragonfly nymphs (terrifying under a microscope!). There were lots of gasps, *ooooos* and *aaaaaas* as they looked closely at the creatures magnified and found out lots of interesting facts. The children were brilliantly behaved and showed a sense of pride throughout. It was an excellent start to the unit about living things and life-cycles.



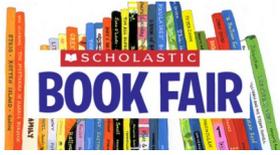
Y3 ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WORKSHOP

As the finale to their Ancient Egyptian topic, Year 3 were visited by "Architecture Workshops", a company who specialise in providing a creative and practical experience for children. They took part in a 2 hour workshop in which they learnt how the Ancient Egyptians built their incredible

pyramids. They recreated the process by making square-based pyramids using wooden sticks and elastic bands. Through plenty of determination and team work, the children were able to put their smaller pyramids together to make a giant pyramid just like those used to store precious objects or pharaohs. They also learnt about how people would transport the heavy blocks during that time by rolling them on logs or sticks. The children seemed to have a brilliant time!



BOOK WEEK & SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The children have had a great time this week perusing the book fair.

We hope you had a chance to visit too. All purchases earn commission for the school to spend on new books for the children.

Paul Geraghty, who is a local children's writer and illustrator, came in to run some fun workshops with the children. He spoke to them about where he got his inspiration from and how he developed his characters.

Don't forget that we also have Eamonn Reilly (Monday 4th March) and Sophie Ambrose (Tuesday 5th March) visiting us next week. We hope these sessions will provide the children with some ideas and inspiration for their writing.

BOOK CHARACTER & POETRY COMPETITION

We have had quite a few entries for this year's competition. As you know, class teachers have put some time aside to help the children with their performances. However, we would strongly encourage them to do lots of practise at home to develop confidence and fluency. Parents of performers are invited to come and watch the competition at the following times:

Y3 & Y4: Wednesday 13th March at 1.30pm

Y5 & Y6: Thursday 14th March at 1.30pm.

SUTTON SCHOOLS' ROTARY TOP OF THE FORM COMPETITION

Our Top of the Form team competed in a very close tie against Cheam Common Junior in the 2nd round of this year's Sutton Schools' Rotary Club Competition. They answered questions during ten rounds of general knowledge. Each round was incredibly close, however Cheam Common emerged as winners with a 60-51 victory. Well done our year 6 team who gave it their best shot!

SPRING CONCERTS

Y5 & Y6: Wednesday 27th March

6:30 to 8:00pm

Y3 & Y4: Wednesday 3rd April

6:30 to 8:00pm

If your child plays a musical instrument and would like to perform at our Spring Concert, then please complete and return the application form to Mrs Reeves (via your class teacher) by Friday 8th March. The letter is available to download from our website: <http://www.spjs.org/Letters-Home> or can be collected from the racks outside the school office. Members of the school choir will be taking part in both concerts. Parents of all performers are invited to come and watch at the above times.

FRENCH AT SPJS

It is always delightful to hear children speaking and singing French around the school. This week children in Year 6 have been revising words about items you can find in your home. They all played a memory game where children were having fun in groups to see if they could remember the French word and match it with a picture. Why not ask your child what they have been learning in French.



SAFEGUARDING

Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools when a child or young person has been present at the address of a domestic incident. Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead, uses the information that has been shared, to ensure that the school is able to make the appropriate

pastoral provision for any possible difficulties experienced by a pupil. The Designated safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lamy. Our Deputy Designated Leads are Mrs Burridge, Mrs Quigley and Mrs Curtis.

TIK TOK

TIK TOK is a relatively new app that was previously called Musical.ly. There is a factsheet being sent with this newsletter which you may find useful. It gives you information about how to ensure your child is safe online.

PARENTS EVENING SCHOOL CLOSES 1.30PM

Early Collection

As you will already be aware, school will be finishing at 1.30pm on 20th March due to our parents' evening. We wrote to you earlier in the month asking you to let us know whether or not you were able to collect your child at 1.30pm. If you haven't already done so, please complete and return the reply slip as soon as possible. The letter is available on our website: <http://www.spjs.org/Letters-Home> and from the racks outside the school office.

Booking

The booking system on ParentMail (www.parentmail.com) will be open until Wednesday 13th March. If you haven't yet booked we would advise you to do so as soon as possible, as the time slots are going fast. If you have a problem making a booking, please contact Mrs Sealy in the school office or Mrs Lamy.

REPLY SLIPS & LETTERS FOR THE OFFICE

If you have any letters or reply slips for the school office, we would be most grateful if you could send them in with your children to give to their teachers, rather than handing them into the office. They will then be sent down to the school office every morning in the registers. This will help to ease congestion in the foyer in the mornings, and hopefully reduce the time you have to wait to speak to a member of staff if you have an enquiry. Thank you for your understanding.

MESSAGES

We are getting an increasing number of phone calls with messages to pass on to children during the school day. If you have an urgent message for your child, then where possible, we would be grateful if you could call before 12.15pm so that any messages can be sent up in the registers. (We do understand that this might not always be possible.)

YEAR 6 TRIP TO ISLE OF WIGHT & ACTIVITY WEEK

If you haven't done so already, please make sure that you have paid the full amount for either the Isle of Wight residential or the school based Activity Week by 22nd March 2019. (IOW is £405.00; Activity Week is £95.00)

SCHOOL SHOES

We are seeing more children wearing trainers in school rather than their black school shoes. Please encourage your child to wear the correct school uniform (black school shoes). If for any reason your child needs to wear

trainers for a few days, please put this in writing to your child's class teacher. If children continue to wear trainers, they will lose some of their lunchtime play.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are delighted to inform you that Paul Huggins has been elected as a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. As there was only one application, we did not need to go to a vote. We look forward to welcoming Paul to our next Governing Body meeting on Monday 25th March.

DIARY DATES

March	Value of the Month - Honesty
Mon 4 March	Book Week: ANIMAL FOCUS with visiting authors
Mon 4 March	Governors' Finance Committee 6.30pm
Wed 6 March	Optional Project due in
Wed 6 March	Y5 Easter Experience
Thur 7 March	Book Character Day (Dress up day)
Wed 13 March	1.30pm Y3 and Y4 Book Character/Poetry Competition
Thur 14 March	1.30pm Y5 and Y6 Book Character and Poetry Competition
Fri 15 March	New Project Guidance Sent Out
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day—dress in something red in turn for a donation (optional)
Fri 15 Mar	4J Class Assembly
Tue 19 Mar	M & M Productions: Oliver Twist for Y5 & Y6
Wed 20 March	Parents' Evening 1.40 pm - 8.00 pm. Children to be collected at 1.30pm
Mon 25 Mar	Last Y5 Swimming
Mon 25 Mar	Full Governing Board Meeting
Wed 27 Mar	Y5/6 Spring Concert
Fri 29 Mar	3P Class Assembly
APRIL	Value of the Month - Peace
Wed 3 rd April	Y3 and 4 spring concert
Fri 5 April	9.30am Final Term Awards Assembly for children
Fri 5 April	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm
	EASTER HOLIDAY

NETBALL NEWS

We are delighted with an extremely successful start to the spring league! Our first match was away against Nonsuch Primary and we were quite nervous about meeting our first 'A' league opponents. However, all nerves had vanished after the first few minutes and we got off to a flying start. The final score was 11 - 0 to us. The 'B' team, which included several girls who were playing their first match, played together well as a team and were able to chalk up a 2 - 0 win.

Our next opponents were Hackbridge Primary and, knowing we had beaten them in the autumn, we had to take care not to be complacent. However, the girls went straight out with a

strong attack and were quickly scoring goals, once again securing a win of 11 - 0. The 'B' team worked hard in attack and defence but the ball just did not want to go through the hoop. They finally conceded one goal, to finish 0 - 1.

Next was a match against Westbourne. Anxious to continue our winning streak, the girls began a very fast paced attack, scoring quickly. They maintained their efficient tactics throughout and secured a fantastic 14 - 3 win. Not to be outdone, the 'B' team also started very strongly, passing well and defending tightly. Their efforts resulted in their best score this year of 8 - 1. Huge congratulations to everyone!

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7th January 2019

Tuesday 8th January 2019

w/c 18th February 2019

Friday 5th April 2019

INSET DAY - School Closed

Term Starts for Pupils

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 6th May 2019

w/c 27th May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Term Starts for Pupils

BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

INSET DAY - School Closed

Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm