



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

End of Spring Term Newsletter 2022

Within this newsletter, the last of the Spring term, we reflect back upon all of our wonderful achievements. By now, you will have received your child's Spring term report and I hope that you have had an opportunity to spend some precious time celebrating their progress with them. We are now looking forward to a busy Summer term with many exciting events and learning experiences yet to come, before the close of this academic year.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

Could you Sponsor Solent Sport?

During the Spring term, our sports teams were delighted to be out and about competing again. From Year 1 gymnasts to Year 6 footballers, our pupils have loved meeting up with other schools to share their love of sport. An important part of competing is representing our schools and proudly wearing our school sports kit. We have been incredibly grateful in the past for our families and friends who either work for or run businesses that are able to sponsor our sports kits and are now actively seeking new sponsors for both our infant and junior school sports teams. If you think that this is something you may be able to help us out with, please email or call the school office FAO the Head of School and they will get back in touch with you!



Solent Springtime Singalong

Why not join our spritely Year 1 group with a 'Spring Singalong' this week? [Click here](#) to watch them perform and see if there are any songs that you recognise!

Our FSS Need You!

Having run a very successful Easter Egg hunt, the Friends of the Solent Schools (FSS) are now beginning to turn their thoughts to our Summer events. The impact of Covid on the FSS has been significant; with far fewer opportunities to raise money, run special fun events for our schools, and also recruit new people to the group. With both schools looking to continue to make significant improvements to outdoor learning spaces, these additional funds are essential and really do make such a difference to our pupils. As such, the FSS are very keen to hear any ideas that you may have of events that could be run during the summer term. They are also keen for any new recruits who can join them in organising and helping out at these events. If you have any super ideas or can spare even a little of your precious time, please email fss@thesolentschools.org to let them know. All support is very much appreciated!



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ordinarily when a staff member has a significant birthday, we take great pleasure in celebrating alongside them in our whole school assemblies. You can imagine our joy when we discovered that Mrs Curthoys had a very special birthday on a whole school assembly day, Tuesday 19th April. Hooray! Then imagine our disappointment when we found out it fell during the Easter holidays this year. Boo! So we felt it entirely appropriate to boycott a little of our newsletter space to recognise our very special SIS Head of School and wish her a very Happy Special Birthday! We hope that you enjoy your special day Mrs Curthoys. We are very sorry we can't be with you today and celebrate wonderful you in assembly, but have no doubt that you will fill it with lots of birthday sparkles!



We are now at the end of another busy and exciting term. We thoroughly enjoyed our Easter Egg Hunt and want to say a special thank you to Mrs Felstead, the FSS and the parents and carers for all contributing in some way to make it so successful. We are already starting to look ahead to the Summer Term and we are thrilled to be receiving lots of interest in our volunteer application process. With Arts Week, the Marwell School Trip and Sports and Healthy Living Week coming up in the Summer Term, we will be very grateful for lots of extra support. We hope you all have a wonderful and healthy Easter Holiday.

Mrs Curthoys - Head of School SIS

Early Years!

Year R have shown some fantastic learning all about 'Down on the Farm' this Spring Term. We concluded this topic by reflecting on our favourite parts of the farm festival from last week, learning about the life-cycle of a chicken, designing our very own eggs, and having an Easter egg hunt... Well done Year R! We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you have a lovely, relaxing break ahead of our exciting final Summer Term of learning in Reception.



Year 1

What a busy end to the Spring term Year 1 have had. As Easter approached we were very busy solving Easter themed maths problems. We reflected upon the happy and sad parts of the Easter story and thought about how the different foods we eat at Easter remind us of the story. We have written super Acrostic poems to spell out the word Spring. And we were so excited to record each class singing our Spring songs to share with you all at home. We hope you enjoy it! Happy Easter!



Year 2

Last week, Year 2 learnt about capacity in Maths. We had fun exploring how much liquid different containers hold and enjoyed making predictions. In Literacy we started the week with a treasure hunt around the school grounds. We were very excited to find our new book 'Who's Habitat is That?' by Lucile Picketty. Using ideas from the book, we wrote our own riddles about our favourite animals. We prepared for Easter by reading the Easter story and making Easter cards, we even had an Easter Egg Hunt!





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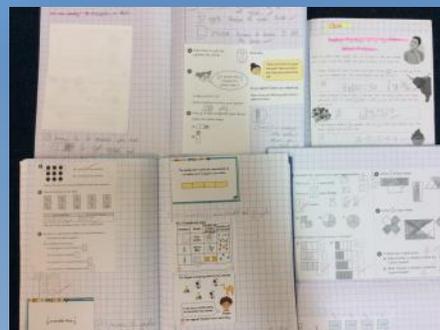


Over the last two weeks, I have visited lots of classrooms and reviewed all of the children's reports. It is clear how hard every one in school is working, from the children to the adults. I have been impressed with the children's focus in learning and am particularly impressed with those who have completed their home learning. The home learning is a great opportunity to practice the skills they have been learning in class, to ensure that they are fully embedded. It has been a long term but a highly productive one! Now is the time to relax and recoup for the summer term! Hope that you all have a very Happy Easter and enjoy the break. I have my fingers crossed that the good weather will return soon!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

Year 3

It has been a VERY busy half term in Year 3! The children have taken everything in their stride and I'm sure they'll be the first to let you know about all the wonderful things they've been learning. All the class adults have been really impressed with how well everyone has picked up fractions in maths. It can be a tricky topic to grasp but Year 3 have shot out of the gates and are flying! The presentation in their books has improved so much that we wanted to share some excellent examples in this newsletter! Amazing work Year 3!



Year 4

Last week, was our final week of Swimming! It has been wonderful see the children's swimming skills flourish, and watch their confidence grow over the last six weeks. Each week, they have built upon skills from the previous week, and learnt different swimming stokes. The children have become more confident jumping in the water, with some children using floats or pool noodles, whereas others have jumped in with no support. Last week, the children were learning all about water safety, before their final session this week, where they had lots of fun in the pool!



Year 5

This term we have been learning breakfast and lunch food items in French. The children planned and performed a lunch time play, where they took the roles of a waiter and customer. There were some very authentic plays, asking politely, giving their opinions of the food and asking for the bill, and giving the amount in French. Well done to all who performed! Mrs Milne.





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Year 6

For this half of the term, year 6 have been learning how to play Ultimate Frisbee as part of their Outdoor Games Provision. It is safe to say that none of the children realised how much skill was involved in this sport and that saying 'the wind took it' did not carry much weight with the referee. They have explored how to factor in the wind into their targeted release of the frisbee as well as exploring the best way to successfully catch it. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the class tournaments. We even had a cross class challenge!



April, Month of the Military Child

As a part of celebrating our military children, The Solent Schools are taking part in a city-wide art project, to promote the support of service children in schools, supported by Pompey Military Kids and funded by the MoD Education Support Fund. This week, our Solent Junior School service children, have been painting an eye on a pebble and these will become a part of an art installation project in Portsmouth with the slogan 'Keeping an eye out for service children'. The infant school will be completing their pebbles after Easter. We will let you know when the finished product is available to view!





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Dates for the Diary!

Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 25th April	Return to School for Summer Term!
Monday 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday—No School
Tuesday 3rd May	Additional School Bank Holiday—No School
Thursday 5th May	Showcasing Portsmouth Event
Thursday 5th May	Polling Day—School fully open
WB Monday 9th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 18th May	New to Year R and 3 Open afternoon
Friday 27th May	TSS Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Friday 27th May	Break up for May Half Term!

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June MAY HALF TERM

Monday 6th June	Return to School for Summer 2!
Friday 10th June	SIS Whole School Trip to Marwell
Monday 13th—Friday 17th June	Arts Week
Monday 13th June	Showcasing Portsmouth Event at SIS
Friday 17th June	Inset—School Closed to all pupils
Monday 20th June	Inset—School Closed to all pupils
Friday 24th June	Class photograph day
Wednesday 29th June	Year 3 Disability Awareness Day
Thursday 30th June	Year 6 Disability Awareness Day
Thursday 30th June	Showcasing Portsmouth event at Guildhall
Monday 4th July	Summer Open Afternoon (work share)
Monday 4th July	Year R Gymnastics Festival (set group)
Week of 4th July	Progress Reports home to parents & carers
Week of 11th July	Year 6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor
Wednesday 20th July	Year 6 to Paultons Park

Friday 22nd July—Break up for Summer Holidays!

Drop & Shop!

Throughout the Summer term, we will be running a 'Drop and Shop' second hand uniform stall. Every fortnight throughout the term we will invite families to bring along any second hand uniform (good condition only) they no longer need and drop it on the stall. In exchange, those who drop will be able to choose the equivalent number of items to take away. Alternatively, those without uniform to drop, can pay via an honesty box. All proceeds will go to the FSS. The stall will be in the playground at SIS and outside the front entrance at SJS on the following dates:

- SIS Mondays 9th & 23rd May, 13th & 27th June and 11th July
- SJS Tuesdays 10th & 24th May, 14th & 28th June and 12th July

Inset Days

Additional Bank Holiday
for schools
Tuesday 3rd May

Friday 17th June 2022
Monday 20th June 2022

We can now confirm that the first two days of the academic year 2022-2023 have been set as Inset days. These dates are:

Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

Children (Except new Year R pupils) will return to school on Monday 5th September.

