



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter – 10 June 2022

This week, we have welcomed the return of some events that we have not been able to participate in for the past two years. On Tuesday and Thursday, it was great to be able to welcome into school our new families ready for September 2022. On Friday, we took six coaches of pupils, staff and volunteers off to Marwell Zoo for the infant school summer whole school trip. We are very much looking forward to the rest of this term where we anticipate the return of range of visitors and trips masterfully packed into the six weeks that we have left!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



Marvellous Marwell

On Friday 10th June the infant school shut up for the day as the whole school embarked on their trip to Marwell Zoo. The infant school whole school trip has become a popular part of the school year but sadly had been interrupted by Covid restrictions for the past two years. Despite the fact that many of our pupils had never been on a school trip before, their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable. They all returned safely to school at the end of the day, buzzing with exciting stories to tell and memories to share! Now to plan the trip for next year.



Drop and 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 13th & 27th June and 11th July

SJS Tuesdays 14th & 28th June and 12th July



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

What a fantastic first week back after the May Half Term break and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations! Each year group has leapt into their new learning theme and their enthusiasm, as always, is a joy to see. We had a brilliant day at Marwell Zoo. The children worked hard to keep up with their group leaders around the park and they enjoyed sitting with the rest of the school for a HUGE picnic at lunchtime. Special thanks to our amazing volunteers for supporting this trip and, of course, to the staff who organized the itinerary for the day. Next week, we will be thinking about the different patterns and prints that we saw on the animals and using them for our inspiration in Arts Week.



Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

Early Years!

This week Year R have enjoyed learning all about our new topic - **Marvellous Me!** We have been discussing what makes us different and unique, why it is 'good to be me', creating self-portraits, discussing and writing about what we want to be when we grow up, and much more! Most importantly, we have celebrated our differences and explored why being different makes us all special. Well done for such a wonderful first week back after half term, Year R!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a super first week back! They have been learning all about place value within 100 in Maths and focusing on their use of punctuation in English. All of the adults were very impressed with the amazing Jubilee homework handed in. Take a look at this fantastic piece! All of the Year 1 team are also incredibly proud of the super behaviour of the children on the whole school trip to Marwell Zoo. This was commented on by other people at the zoo. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have written poetry! The children worked hard to develop their poems across the week and be ready for Thursday's recital. The children loved listening to the many different animal poems created by their friends. This helped Year 2 get ready for our whole school Marwell trip. In other subjects, the children learnt about what is alive, dead and never alive and they also discussed different mathematical problems. Marwell was a fantastic day and we all enjoyed watching the many different animals.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome back to the final half term at Solent Junior School! It has been a lovely start to the term, as all of the children have been back in the hall together, for whole school assemblies. Seeing them all walk in has been incredible and they have risen to the expectations of how they should behave. It is lovely having the children there, as I can gain their ideas during the assembly which helps to put our values into our school context. The children have also been back in the hall for lunches and altogether on the playground. I know that they have welcomed this, as this means they can see their siblings during the day and see how they are. However they behave at home towards each other I can assure you that in school, they are always getting along and happy to see each other!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

Year 4

This week in our maths, we have been preparing for our Multiplication Check next week. We have been practising our times tables to build up our speed, accuracy and confidence. We have been practising on the laptops, and also by completing times tables booklets and making flashcards. We have been recording our results as the week has progressed, and everyone has made progress!

Year 4, remember you are ready for this next week, so please do not worry, relax and enjoy your weekend :)



Year 5

For our current English topic the children in Year 5 have been focusing on biographies! The children have been researching Charles Dickens to write their very own biographies. We have been studying the key features of a biography for the children to include in their writing. This week they have been planning, drafting, editing and publishing their Charles Dickens Biography. All of the children has worked exceptionally hard and we are very much looking forward to reading their amazing pieces of writing!

Year 6

This last term, Year 6 embarked upon their SRE development -learning about the human life cycle, from conception through to pregnancy and birth. This has given the children a chance to increase knowledge and understanding or to clarify any misunderstandings! In addition, the children also learned about relationships and body image awareness. We also encouraged pupils to bring in photos to see if we could identify them when they were younger in a 'who's who' line-up!





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Dates for the Diary

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
Wednesday 6th July	2C Special assembly for parents & carers
Thursday 7th July	2MA Special assembly for parents & carers
Friday 8th July	2M Special assembly for 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!

Inset Days

Friday 17th June 2022
Monday 20th June 2022

Year 2 are very much looking forward to sharing their special assemblies with their parents and carers. Each assembly will begin at 1.45pm, in the school hall, and then hopefully will be followed by a 'get together' in the school orchard after the performance (weather permitting). Entry to school is via the school office and the doors will be opened at 1.35pm. Watch out for further information as we creep nearer to the date!

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.

