



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

## Summer Newsletter—08 July 2022

The school has been a hive of activity this term and it has been so lovely to be able to welcome our families back into school to share some precious moments with us. Despite the fact that we have not been able to invite you to every event this year, we hope that you have enjoyed sharing these experiences at Solent once again. One thing that has most definitely been a challenge this year, is not being able to plan as far enough ahead as we would have liked, due to the restrictions in place. We know forward planning greatly supports our staff and our families when it comes to attending those events that happen during the school day. It is for this reason that we are delighted to be able to share with you our 'Save the Date' calendar list for the next academic year. You will find this list on page 5 of this newsletter. Although these dates are all subject to change, should we find ourselves implementing restrictions again, we hope that this is a useful addition to your diary!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

## Parent Liaison Reps Required!

Next academic year, we would like to resume our parent & carer liaison meetings. As such, we are now seeking one parent or carer rep for each class to attend the meetings as a voice for that class. The meetings will be held once every half term and will be a mix of daytime / evening meetings to suit all attendees. All we ask is that the rep brings along topics for discussion on behalf of other parents and carers and that you are happy to respond to questions from the school as a voice for other parents and carers. We will ensure that other parents and carers know who you are. Your reward will include tea and biscuits, priority access to events and also a great opportunity to get to know a wider group of parents and carers, as well as senior leaders in school. If you would like to put your name forward for this role, please [click here](#) to complete a very brief jot form.



## Water, Water, Everywhere!

In RE Year 1 are learning about water and how Precious it is. We were very excited that Reverend Gully from St Andrews Church has visited Year One this morning to talk about Baptism and how important water is for this. He talked to the children and some of them 'acted' out a Baptism and christened their 'baby' calling him Charlie.

## Disability Awareness Day

Last week, we were lucky to welcome Chris Jay from Bascule back to Solent Junior School to teach Year 3 and Year 6 about Disability Awareness. On Wednesday, he taught Year 3 children how to play Boccia – a disability sport that tests muscle control and accuracy, followed by a question and answer session that allowed them to understand more about how disability impacts Chris' life. On Thursday, Chris provided additional wheelchairs so Year 6 could take part in a wheelchair relay race; they then spent time discussing the impact of disability on making life decisions. Chris loves coming into Solent Junior School as much as we love having him, and the children certainly took onboard his message – 'There is no such thing as can't, whether you are disabled or not you can do whatever you put your mind to.'





# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

There has been a celebratory air around school this week. We started the week with children meeting their new class teams for September, we welcomed parents and carers into school for our “mega drop-in workshare” and Year 2 presented their Celebration Assemblies to their partner classes within school and also to their parents and carers. We are looking forward to next week: Sports and Healthy Living Week. Just a reminder that your child will need to be in sports clothes all week please. They will also need a sun hat (please write your child’s names in to prevent this being lost). Sun cream should be applied prior to arrival at school. Our “Drop and Shop” second-hand uniform will be available, on the playground, before and after school, on Monday, 11th July.

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

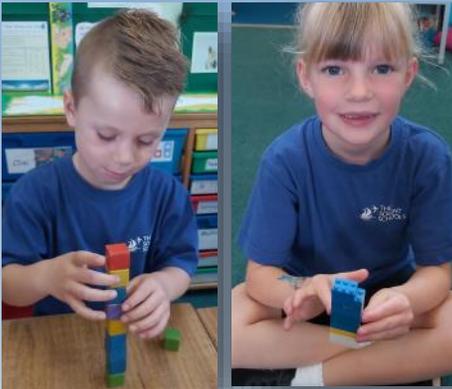
## Early Years!

It has been a week of celebrations here in Reception. On Monday, 10 Reception children visited a local gym and took part in an interschool gymnastics competition. Mrs Dallinger was very proud of our Solent Superstars, she says you were superb! We were also really proud to share all of our amazing learning from our time in Reception with our grown-ups at Mega Drop-in. There were lots of very proud faces, from both the children and the adults.



## Year 1

Another busy week in Year One! We started transition and have been to meet our year 2 teachers and classmates in our new rooms. We were very excited to show our grown ups all our work at the first big Drop-In session ever! In English we are writing our advertising leaflets for the Paradise island and in Maths we have been comparing how quickly we can do different activities with our friends. We built towers, joined Lego, put pegs in boards and rolled playdoh into balls.



## Year 2

We have had a very busy and brilliant week! We spent two days at the Junior School getting to know our Year 3 teacher. We also discovered where things are like the hall, top and bottom playground and the toilets!

Each Year 2 Class in turn had a special assembly with their parents and carers. We were so very proud of the children as they sang beautifully and spoke perfectly. A few tissues were needed! Congratulations to the Year 2 children for a wonderful performance.





# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

It has been another exciting and full week at the Junior School! We started with transition days, where the children joined together in their new classes. They met the new staff in their rooms and expectations were set for the new academic year. It was lovely seeing the Year 2's on site, watching them find their Year 5 "Buddies" on the playground and watching them play on the playground together was magical. Following this we had Sports Day and seeing all of the children in their PE clothes made the school have a bright and cheerful look. Cheering could be heard from the playground, as the children were fully immersed in all of the activities. They are all now eagerly waiting to find out the result in my assembly on Monday! Whatever the outcomes for the different teams, you can all be incredibly proud of the sportsmanship you have all shown. Well done Team Solent on another successful week!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

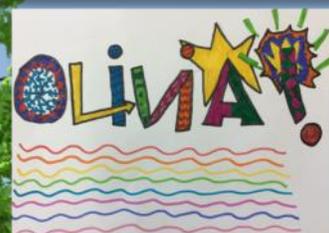
## Year 3

It's been another busy week in Year 3 and all the children have taken it in their stride! We started off with the transition days on Monday and Tuesday where the children met their new teachers and got a taste for life in Year 4. They were all very excited! Wednesday saw our first sports day at Solent Junior School and the children put into practice all the skills they had been learning in PE. There was some fabulous team work on display and it was wonderful to see all the children supporting each other! Now, on to planning adventure stories!



## Year 4

This week, the children have been very excited to meet their new class teachers, as part of transition week. The children enjoyed spending Monday and Tuesday moving up to Year 5 and getting to know their new classmates, and teachers, and seeing their new classrooms. They have completed an array of exciting activities including graffiti art, class bingo and drawing self portraits. I know the children cannot wait to move up to the Upper School and we think they are totally ready to embrace lots of new challenges, as they begin to think about the new start ahead of them. Well done, Year 4 for taking this week in your stride!



## Year 5

On Friday, the lovely Year 2 children starting in Year 3 from September joined us at the Junior school for an afternoon of sports activities! The children have loved spending time with their buddies, getting to know each other more. The activities included; bean bag throw, egg and spoon race, hockey slalom, skipping, hula hooping and bowling! The sun was shining and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children to the Junior school in September!





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## Year 6

This week, we were extremely privileged to welcome Chris Jay from the company 'Bascule' into Year 6. Chris spoke to the children about being a wheelchair user and in turn the children were able to ask a lot of questions regarding disability awareness. Chris taught the children a brand new sport –similar to basketball–that also gave them the opportunity to take part using a wheelchair and gave them an excellent opportunity for first-hand experience!



## Dates for the Diary

Week of 11th July	Year 6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor
Week of 11th July	SIS Sports & Healthy Living week
Monday 11th July	Year 3 Egyptian Day
Tuesday 12th July	SIS Guitar Concert
Thursday 14th July	Pop in and meet the new teacher!
Friday 15th July	Year 2 leavers disco
Wednesday 20th July	Year 6 to Paultons Park
Thursday 21st July	Year 6 leavers party
Friday 22nd July	Break Up for Summer Holidays!



## Calling all Volunteers!

**The Autumn Term round for parents and carers to apply to join our volunteer bank is now open!**

As shared in previous newsletters, we now hold a bank of volunteers. This bank is held for as long as a volunteer wishes to help within school. At the point of transfer from one school to the other, we are able to keep this information in the bank, with the permission of those volunteers. As such, you only need to complete this process once, if you wish to be added to the bank. Whenever we are looking for parents and carers to support us, by volunteering regularly in school, on school trips, residentials or for special events such as sports days and dance performances, we will approach those who are stored within the 'volunteer bank'. We will not be able to use anybody who is not in this 'volunteer bank' as they won't have had the necessary safeguarding checks in place. Before adding an individual to the 'volunteer bank', we will ask them to complete our volunteer process including a volunteer application form along with other safeguarding checks. This information will then be stored and retained for future use.

If you would like to be added to the 'volunteer bank' please [click here](#) to complete an initial expression of interest. We will then be able to set you up a 'volunteer profile' within school.





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## Save the Date! 2022-2023

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

### Autumn 2022

Thurs 1st Sept	Inset Day
Fri 2nd Sept	Inset Day
Mon 5th Sept	Back to School! (except YR)
Tues 13th Sept	2.20—2.50pm Y4 Parent & Carer Expectation Mtg
Thurs 15th Sept	2.20—2.50pm Y6 Parent & Carer Expectation Mtg
Fri 16th Sept	2.20—2.50pm Y5 Parent & Carer Expectation Mtg
Mon 19th Sept	2.30—3pm Y1 Parent & Carer Expectation Mtg
Tues 20th Sept	6-7.00pm Y3 Welcome Meeting
Fri 23rd Sept	2.30—3pm Y2 Parent & Carer Expectation Mtg
Tues 27th Sept	9.15am or 6pm YR Welcome Meeting (1 hour)
Mon 10th Oct	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Thurs 13th Oct	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Mon 17th Oct	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)
Thurs 20th Oct	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)

### Half term Mon 24th Oct—Fri 28th Oct

Tues 8th Nov	6-7pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Weds 7th Dec	5.30—6pm Solent Schools Carol Concert

### Christmas Break Mon 19th Dec—Tues 3rd Jan

### Spring 2023

Tues 10th Jan	6-7pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Mon 30th Jan	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Thurs 2nd Feb	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Mon 6th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)
Thurs 9th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)

### Half Term Mon 13th—Fri 17th Feb

Tues 8th Mar	6-7 pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
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### Easter Break Mon 3rd—Fri 14th April

### Summer 2023

Weds 17th May	New Family Open Afternoon (New Year R & 3 2023) 3.30—5.30pm
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### Half Term Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June

Fri 16th June	Inset Day
Mon 19th June	Inset Day
Mon 3rd July	Open Work Share (SIS 3.30-5pm SJS 3.15—5pm)
Thurs 13th July	Pop in and Meet the New Teacher (SIS 3.30—4pm SJS 8.20—8.30am)

### Expectation Meetings

The principle aim of these meetings is to give parents and carers a broad introduction to the year group their child has started in, meet the class teacher and to become familiar with the classroom environment. The meetings will be led by class teachers for the parents and carers of pupils in their class. They will take place in the classroom whilst the children are not in the classroom. Booking will be via the online booking system.

### Welcome Meetings

These meetings are designed for those parents and carers whose children are new to either SIS or SJS. Year R - There is one meeting in the morning and one in the evening. Parents and carers will be invited to choose one of the two dates for Year R. Booking will be via the online booking system. Year 3 - There is just an evening meeting.

### Work Share

Parents and carers are invited in to share work with their children – online booking system. Polite reminder, this is not an occasion to discuss children with teachers. Please note, the dates are the same for both schools, so that parents & carers are able to choose to attend both schools on the same evening. The time slots have been allocated to allow enough time to do this. Bells will sound at the beginning and end of each session.