



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter 21 April 2023

What a fantastic start to the Summer term!

I hope you are all settling back into school life after the Easter break.

Pupils across the Solent Schools have begun to immerse themselves in their new themes and are already looking forward to a whole range of exciting learning experiences to support and engage them in their learning. One of the highlights this term will be the infant school whole school trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park on Friday 23rd June. It was an absolute delight to drive a team of very enthusiastic teachers for their 'recce' visit this week. Needless to say they insisted on trying out the full range of experiences on offer!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



Today, we were lucky enough to have our Governor, Sarah Turner, join us in our whole school assemblies to present our Spring Term Governor shield awards for our value of 'Teamwork'. Congratulations to all of our nominations:

Year R	Isla W, Blake N & Teddy H
Year 1	Ella S, Finn C & Solis
Year 2	Albert, Hugo F & Fletcher
Year 3	Jack T, Lexie E & Max W
Year 4	Mia C, Blake & Noah W
Year 5	Jesse, Kavi & Jude
Year 6	Leo S, Isabella C & Annie H

Governor's
Shield
Winners!



Lost Property

We have a large accumulation of lost property at Solent Junior School. All items currently in the growing collection are unnamed. All items will be displayed on a table in the car park on Monday morning and then again on Monday afternoon. If your child has misplaced any item, please take some time to come into the car park and search through these items. Our advice would always be to ensure that all items your child brings into school are named.



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



Welcome to the Summer Term! This week, all year groups have launched their new learning themes which all have a growing focus. Year R have given me a pot of baby caterpillars to look after so that I can watch them change over the next few weeks. Our focused school value for April is Responsibility and we are particularly thinking about how we can show responsibility in our local environment. This might be in the classroom or playground or even further afield like the places we visit at weekends. Later on in the term, we will be having a visit by representatives from The Final Straw who will tell us about beach cleans and how we can get involved.

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

Early Years!

Wow! What a fantastic start to our Summer Term in Year R. We have all come back refreshed and ready for an exciting term of learning. Our theme this half term is 'Get up and Grow' and this week saw the arrival of our newest visitors to the classrooms — Caterpillars! We have been enjoying finding out all about the lifecycle of a butterfly and we are keeping a close eye on our caterpillars to watch out for their developments.



Year 1

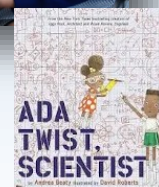
Year 1 have had a lovely first week back after the Easter break beginning to learn all things 'plants'! We have been on a walk around our school grounds in science trying to name the different plants that we can see. In Maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume which has been very fun and messy! The children have also written some brilliant predictions about our English text this half term called 'The Bad Seed'. We can't wait to read the story and see what mischief he gets up to!

Year 2

We have had a super start to the first half of the summer term and have enjoyed beginning 'Our Growing World' learning theme.

The theme explores two ideas—growing plants and also growing our world through inventions. Thank you to the wonderful FSS who bought the Year 2 classes a book all about Inventions. We are learning about the Wright Brothers in our history lessons and we spotted them in our new book!

In English, we are enjoying two books by Andrea Beaty, 'Rosie Revere' and 'Ada Twist, Scientist'.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL



Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope that you all had a relaxing Easter break and enjoyed some of the sunshine, when it decided to pay us a visit. All of the children have returned refreshed, eager and ready to learn! Each year group has devised their learning themes and if you are interested in seeing what skills the children are learning about over the next term, these can be viewed on either school website or the teams pages.

In April our value of the month is responsibility. In my assemblies on Mondays we are exploring what this means. Covering aspects such as taking responsibility for our actions, behaviour, the way we speak to each other and interact with each other. We share examples from school and from home. Fingers crossed this will have a positive impact on any untidy bedrooms at home soon...

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



Year 3

This week Year 3 have stepped into the role of famous historian and archaeologist Howard Carter during our new History topic Ancient Egypt. The children learned about the fascinating artefacts found in the tomb of Tutankhamun, and had a go at exploring a tomb for themselves. As a group, the children had to crawl through the tunnel of Tutankhamun's tomb using torches to identify the artefacts of one of Ancient Egypt's greatest Pharaohs.

Year 4

Welcome Back Year 4!!!! We hope you all had a fabulous Easter Holidays and are now ready and exited to tackle our Summer Term together! What an exciting term we have ahead of us! We are about to embark on our new Geography topic, Rio and Rivers, which will enable us to use our map skills to locate and uncover some incredible information about South America! We will continue to use these skills in our English writing, during our Geographical settings and persuasive writing sessions! We are looking forward to seeing how well the children can apply their Literacy skills across these topics! We are very excited!



Year 5

This week, the children have been beginning to explore William Shakespeare and his famous plays, with a focus on the 'Twelfth Night'. This is being supported in their home learning this week, as the children have been asked to research Shakespeare. Over the next

couple of weeks, the children will be allocated a part in a 'Twelfth Night' and will learn their script from memory to perform. We will be working collaboratively with Mr Burnett to record our performance in front of a green screen.



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Tues 25th April	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Tues 25th April	Uniform Drop and Shop
Tues 25th April	School Nurse Clinic at SJS
Weds 26th April	SIS watching dance live dress rehearsal at SJS
Thurs 27th April	Dance Live Final at Guildhall!
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Weds 3rd May	Year 5 Shakespeare Theatre Company visit
Weds 3rd May	Key Stage 1 Girls Football Event
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 9th May	Uniform Drop and Shop
Weds 17th May	Year 5 & 6 Cricket Tournament
Weds 17th May	New Family Open Afternoon (New Year R & 3 2023) 3.30—5.30pm
Tues 23rd May	Uniform Drop and Shop
Weds 24th May	PMK Fort Nelson Visit (Armed Forces)
Weds 24th May	Year 4 Calshott Parents Meeting

Half Term Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June

Dates for Your Diary

Summer 2 2023

Mon 5th June	2-3pm Curriculum Fayre at SIS and SJS
Tues 6th June	Uniform Drop and Shop
Thurs 8th June	Year 5 & 6 Tennis Festival
Fri 9th June	SJS Class Photographs
Fri 9th June	2-3pm Curriculum Fayre
Fri 16th June	Inset Day
Mon 19th June	Inset Day
Tues 20th June	SJS Quadkids Athletics Event
Thurs 22nd June	Author David Fuller visiting SJS
Thurs 22nd June	Family Liaison Meeting 5—5.45pm
Fri 23rd June	SIS Whole School Trip
Mon 26th June	Year 2 Scootability
Weds 28th June	Year 2 Fire and Rescue visitors
Fri 30th June	SJS Sports Day at Springfield (Whole School)
Mon 3rd July	Open Work Share (SIS 3.30- 5pm SJS 3.15—5pm)
Tues 4th July	Uniform Drop and Shop
Tues 4th July	School Nurse visit at SJS
Wb Mon 10th July	SIS Sports & Healthy Living Week
Wb Mon 10th July	Progress Reports emailed home
Tues 11th July	Year 6 Performance to Parents and Carers
Thurs 13th July	Pop in and Meet the New Teacher (SIS 3.30—4pm SJS 8.20— 8.30am)
Mon 17 July	Year 3 Egyptian Dress Up Day
Wb Mon 17 July	Year 5 Bikeability
Mon 17 July	Optional Summer Parent/Carer Appointments
Tues 18th July	Year 3 Egyptian Exhibition Drop in / Work share
Tues 18th July	Uniform Drop and Shop

Friday 21st July Break Up Summer Holidays!

Mon 4th Sept Inset Day

FSS Dates

Friday 31st March

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 19th May

Summer Family Picnic Evening

Friday 23rd June (Back up 30th June)

Movies Under the Stars

Friday 14th July

Summer Fayre

Inset Days

Friday 16th June

Monday 19th June

Monday 4th September

Further 2023-2024 inset
dates will be shared later
on this term.