

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been especially memorable for me personally, as the news of my permanent appointment as Headteacher was shared with our whole community. I feel truly honoured to have the privilege of leading SJS, a school that has been such an important part of my life for many years. I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together and am thrilled to continue working alongside our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff and supportive families as we build on our successes and continue this exciting journey together. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement, trust and support. I am excited for all that the future holds for our SJS community.

Best Wishes, Mrs Davie Headteacher

School Community News Orchestra

Children from across the school took part in their first orchestra session of the year this week, and it was wonderful to see so many of our musicians involved.

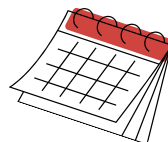
The session was filled with enthusiasm, teamwork and a shared love of music, and we look forward to seeing our orchestra develop and flourish throughout the year ahead.

School Community Messages

Next Friday, our whole school will come together for Democracy Day, an exciting opportunity for children to learn about the different elements of democracy and why it plays such an important role in our society today. As part of this special day, children will take part in our annual elections, voting for our Year 6 House Captains and Class Learning Ambassadors. During the week, children will attend assemblies within their school houses to hear from the Year 6 candidates standing for election as House Captains. Along with Year 6 House Captains, each class has a Learning Ambassador (LA) who attends meetings on behalf of the class, and helps with initiatives to improve the school. Children in Years 3 to 6 who would like to become their class Learning Ambassador will also have the opportunity to present themselves to their classmates, sharing the skills and qualities they believe would help them represent their peers effectively and fairly. Candidates are welcome to create a very brief presentation (no more than two slides) to support their nomination, although this is entirely optional. We are looking forward to another fantastic day of learning, leadership and pupil voice.

Upcoming Events

- 5th October - Inset day
- 7th October - Year 3 Boat Trip
- 9th October - Democracy Day
- 12th - 16th October - Year 6 Osmington/Shirley Dragons
- 16th October - PTFA cake sale and Junior Quiz



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Harvest Celebrations

Yesterday, during our Celebration Assembly, we came together as a whole school community to celebrate Harvest, a special time of year when we pause to reflect and show gratitude for the food we have. We were truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and the incredible support shown for those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed so thoughtfully. We are also very grateful to St James Church, who will kindly collect all of our donations and distribute them through the Southampton City Mission Food Bank, helping to make a real difference to families within our local community. Your kindness and compassion have once again demonstrated the wonderful spirit of our SJS community.



Return of Careers Fair

As part of developing our 'To Aspire' personal skill next half term, we are thrilled to be re-launching our Careers Fair on Friday 4th December. We would love to draw on the incredible range of skills, talents and experiences within our Shirley community to inspire our children and help them explore the many exciting opportunities available in the world of work. Whether you can share information about your career, bring equipment, demonstrate a skill or simply talk about your journey, your involvement could make a lasting impact. If you, your company, or someone you know would like to take part, please contact the school office. Please see Mrs Tearle's letter for further details about how you can get involved. We can't wait to work together to make this inspiring event a success!

