Sandwich Junior School

Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 1

WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our parents and children to another academic year. It has been good to see, in the first couple of weeks, how well our new Year 3 cohort have settled into school life and how enthusiastic they are to learn. It has also been lovely to see how quickly they seem to have made new friends at the school and how keen they have been to participate already in school life. It is always daunting to start a new challenge, but they have embraced it, along with the school's core values.

MEET THE TEACHER

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our 'Meet the Teacher' event as education always works best when it is a collaboration between school and parents. With this in mind, we look forward to working with all parents and carers to give the children the very best education possible and to ensure they get the best out of their experiences at SJS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT

- **30th** PTFA Movie Night - Bad Guys 2

OCT

- **2nd** Book Fair 3:30- 4:15pm
- **7th** Last day of Book Fair 3:30- 4:15pm
- **8th** Harvest Festival
- **15th** Parents Evening
- **16th** Parents Evening
- **17th** End of Term 1
- **27th** Inset day
- **28th** Start of Term 2

TURNER CONTEMPORARY LINK

The school has been given an incredible opportunity, thanks to the hard work of Miss Dutton, to engage in a project which will see us linking with the Turner Contemporary Gallery and a professional artist. This will be an environmental / artistic project geared to Year 4 children and positions us as the only school outside Thanet invited to participate. It is an incredible privilege and places SJS at the very forefront of art education in this area. As the project progresses we will be able to update with further news.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be open from **October 2nd to October 7th** . There will be a wide range of books to purchase, many on special offer. Children are also able to buy stationery and other fun items.

The Fair will be **open from 3:30 – 4:15** on all four evenings (Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday) either in the **School Hall or in the Library area.**

The school also receives rewards in commission which we are able to redeem to supplement our library offer to the children – a win, win scenario. We look forward to seeing both children and parents at this event.

PARENTS EVENING

During the final week of this term, the school will be holding Parent's Evenings on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of October.** This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how they have initially settled into the school year. It is also a chance to see some of the work that children have produced in Term 1. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible (information and booking forms will follow).

Mrs Blaydes will be holding her Parent Evenings a little earlier on **Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th** of September as she is not at school during the final week of term due to personal circumstances.

READING

Reading is absolutely the most important aspect of education as this is the skill which allows children to access not only the rest of the curriculum, but also whole worlds of imagination. We cannot overestimate the power of reading with children every night – both having them read to you and also reading to them, no matter what their age or reading ability is. It is statistically proven in numerous surveys and research pieces that there is a direct link between the ability to both decode and comprehend texts and eventual life chances for children.

Reading for 20 – 25 minutes every night can have an enormous impact upon a child's future opportunities and their ability to also access the rest of their educational journey. As a school, we make the environment as text rich as possible, with our library, classrooms and our text based curriculum being the centre of all that we do and offer.