

Parent email update 1: Autumn 1 8th September 23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year at SPJS! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Summer and created special family memories; we have enjoyed hearing of many trips and holidays so we know that you all have been busy!

We write at the end of the 'first' week to share our first three days together. The sun has been shining and the school has looked wonderful with children once again - we thank all parents for encouraging their children to return in correct school uniform and with wonderful smiles!

We have spent time ensuring school expectations and values are clearly understood and settling all children to make sure that they are happy and back in the routine of school. We have new reward systems that our past Head students have recommended and these will be confirmed within our Class handbooks.

We will soon be sharing further curriculum details for each year group and making sure our class pages on the school website are updated for you as parents/carers – Class Handbooks will also be uploaded here.

To celebrate...

Return to school

We were so excited to display our 'Back to school' bunting on the school fencing and welcome everyone on their return to school on Wednesday 6th September. A particular warm welcome to the parents of our new Year 3 and to those with new children across the school.

School ground's improvement

We received Somerset Council funding to help replace many windows over the Summer Holidays – you will see them within the 'older' part of the school and within the Hall. We have also added bark chippings to our Vegetable Bed areas and have covered our sand pit. Children in Year 5 & 6 have been most excited with the installation of individual lockers within our Corridor and Cloakroom.

To update...

Collection at end of day

We confirm that we have designated the following playgrounds for collection – this is to ease congestion:

Top Playground: **Year 5 & 6**

Bottom Playground: **Year 3 & 4**

(Please be aware that if parents have siblings, we encourage children to meet in the eldest sibling's playground – we hope this is helpful and of course will accommodate any individual requests)

Health & Safety

Please remember that we remind all parents to respect the Zig-Zag lines and only park in the identified areas; for parking directly outside the school, cars may only be parked parallel to the pavement that runs alongside our grass bank (next to play equipment). Please do not park alongside the opposite pavement to the front of school as this restricts traffic and causes congestion within Hayes End.

PE kits

We would like to trial a new approach to PE kits this term – we ask that children arrive in their PE kits on their PE day (this is confirmed below as our Class Handbooks will be shared next week).

Monday: **Year 5**

Tuesday: **Year 6 & Year 4**

Wednesday: **Year 5 & 6**

Thursday: **Year 3 & 4**

Friday: **Year 3**

Lockers in Year 5 & 6

We ask that all children only bring necessary items to school – our new lockers hold a standard Back pack and have room for an additional coat. Thank you for your understanding.

After-school Clubs

We are excited to share the news that clubs will begin **w/b Monday 18th September**; please see the separate club letter that will be circulated next week.

Open Classroom on Thursday 14th September 3.30pm

We invite parents/carers for an informal visit to their child's classroom – this is an opportunity to see each classroom and meet staff. Mrs Walker will also be based within the Gallery for a much deserved cup of tea/coffee!

Data Collection Forms

We need parents to read and update pupil data sheets so we are able to update our records for the new academic year; we also need these to prepare for the school Census at the start of October. We will circulate these next week.

Lunchboxes

May we remind parents to include a spoon/fork if needed for their child's lunch. Please also remember to include a drink/water bottle to enable children to bring this to the Hall. Thank you.

WOW Assembly

We meet to celebrate our Work of the Week on a Friday at 9am – each class will identify excellent work or behavior/attitude and send out an invite by the end of the week. Please keep an eye out for an invitation!

Monthly SPJS celebration

We will be continuing with our monthly Newsletter to share news and photographs of all aspects of school life; we know that this additional update will allow all parents to

get a better ‘snapshot’ of their child’s time at school. This will be sent via ParentPay and uploaded on our school website.

Staffing

We welcome two new members of staff to the staff team at SPJS – Mrs Ward joins our Support Staff and Mrs Joslyn joins our Teaching Staff.

We unfortunately will soon say goodbye to Miss Harris as a Lunchtime Server – we will add this vacancy to the school website. Please contact the school Office if you are interested.

Dates in the diary

Autumn 1

Thurs 14th Sept: Open Classrooms **3.30pm**

Fri 15th Sept: 1st Work of the Week Assembly (look out for an invite!)

Mon 18th Sept: Clubs begin this week

Fri 20th Oct: Break up for Half Term

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct inc Half Term holiday

Mon 30th Oct: School returns