



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter 2021– 22 July 2022

Below, we have chosen just a few photographs to reflect our year. I continue to be immensely proud of what kind, resilient and aspirational individuals our pupils grow into, supported by your families and our community. I am also extremely proud of our staff here at Solent. Their unfaltering passion for providing our little learners with the best possible provision is admirable and will most certainly contribute greatly to ensuring that Solent pupils develop the skills and characteristics to support them in broadening and improving their chances both now and later in life. If you are leaving our community this year, I wish you all the very best in whatever exciting adventures lie ahead. If you are back in September, enjoy a lovely relaxing summer and we look forward to welcoming you back for the new term!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

Class of
2022!





SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

As we come to the end of this academic year, I feel incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our children. They have grown in their understanding of the Solent Schools' Values: Respect, Responsibility, Aspiration, Friendship, Teamwork and Perseverance. Our Sports Stars, from last week's Sports and Healthy Living Week, demonstrated all of these values and were proud to be awarded their trophies. I wish you all a wonderful summer and, for those who are returning to us in September, I look forward to celebrating your new learning achievements with you.



Mrs Curthoys - Head of School SIS

Early Years!

Year R have enjoyed completing some fun activities in their Summer Booklets, and have demonstrated some fabulous writing about a magic shell, where they wrote a sentence to explain what 1 wish they would like. Despite the heat, Year R have continued to show fantastic learning all week. The Reception Teacher's would like to say a HUGE well done for this, as well as for completing your first year of school. We are so proud of you, and hope you all have a great Summer!



Year 1

Year 1 have a wonderful final week of school! They have continued working hard but also enjoyed spending time with one another. Their acrostic poems were super and they have revised lots of Maths learning. On Thursday afternoon they took part in some super exciting outdoor activities. On behalf of the whole team, we would like to say how proud we are of these fantastic children.

Have an amazing summer Year 1!

Year 2

What a hot and sticky final week it has been! The children have been very sensible this week and have listened carefully to instructions on ways to stay cool, and have kept well hydrated! For those of you who were able to make it, we hope that you enjoyed the Year 2 disco as much as we did. You all looked fabulous and had some super moves! This week, we have been reflecting upon our time in Year 2. It has been lovely to share our favourite memories. We are incredibly proud of all of you and wish you all the best as you move to Year 3 in September!





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

I can't quite believe it is the last day of another academic year and what a year it has been! Last night was the Year 6 Leavers disco and reflecting on how much they have matured over the last seven years (having known them at the infant school) is incredible. I am incredibly proud of the achievements of every single pupil in the school. They have approached learning with enthusiasm and enjoyment. I have loved hearing what they have been up to when I see them around the school building. After such a great year, the final message I have is that to wish everyone in the Solent community a wonderful summer and a well-deserved rest! I look forward to seeing you all refreshed in September! Until then enjoy yourselves...

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

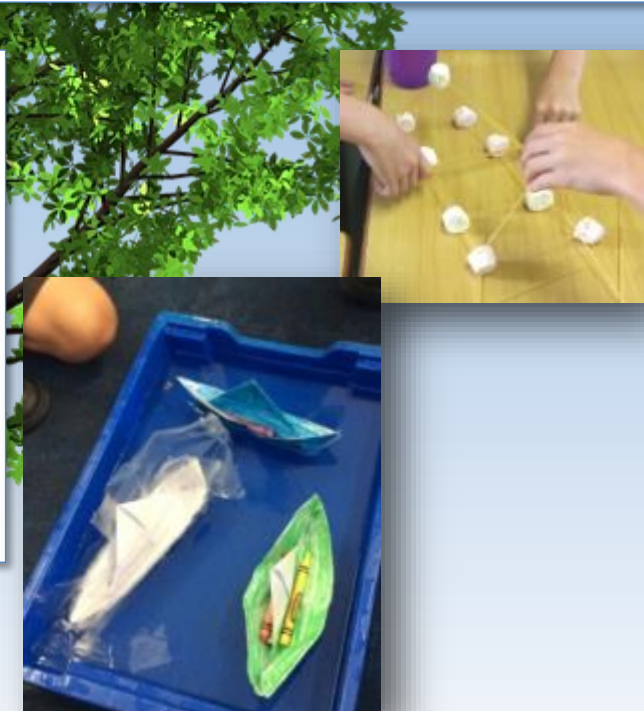


Year 3

Wow, well didn't the start of this week keep us hot and sticky! We kept hydrated and as cool as cucumbers as we could and still managed to do all of the things we needed to, including sorting all our books out for home and our new Year 4 classrooms! Hopefully by now you have managed to watch our children's amazing Ancient Egyptian Class Videos and seen all of the super learning they have completed this term. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did, they have made us feel very proud indeed. Thank you for a very special year and we hope you have a wonderful summer break. See you all in September Year 3—don't forget to come and say hello!

Year 4

Over the past two weeks, Year 4 have been exploring the amazing intentions of influential engineers and the impact they have had upon our lives today. They have studied the work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Alan Turing and Charles Macintosh to inspire them to create their own inventions. The children have made bridges using spaghetti and marshmallows, and have learnt how to make paper water proof in order to make their own boats, and reflected upon this to design their own invention for the future. We can tell we have lots of budding engineers in Year 4! What a way to end a fantastic year!





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Year 5

After the stiflingly hot weather earlier in the week, 5S were relieved when the temperature dropped enough to be able to enjoy their final Games session of the year on Wednesday afternoon. In order for the children to showcase their creativity as well as teamwork, they were asked to design their own game using a maximum of 3 types of equipment and requiring 4 players. Having designed their game, two members of the team remained at their game to teach it to the next two members of the class who joined them, while two others moved on to learn a new game from another group. The children therefore developed their teaching skills and patience and also got to enjoy a carousel of activities designed by each other.



Year 6

This week has been the final week EVER at Solent Junior for our Year 6s. After recovering from the exhaustion of the residential trip to Fairthorne Manor, this week marked the end of their 7 years at the Solent Schools. The children were amazingly well behaved during their trip to Paulton's Park on Wednesday and many children showed off their bravery (and strong stomachs!) on some of the very challenging rides! SATs results went home on Thursday - the children should all be very proud of themselves; we are certainly proud as punch of them all!

They then had an amazing fun packed festival leavers party and ended their week with a very emotional end of school leavers Golden Assembly. The whole cohort have been a brilliant bunch of pupils and we wish them all the best wishes as they go off into the sunset! Good luck year 6 - it's been fantastic!





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Year 2 Join the Animal Kingdom

Last Friday, Year 2 enjoyed participating in a workshop led by Theatre Arts called Animal Kingdom. The interactive workshop told the story of animals arriving in the new zoo and trying to make new friends. They meet many new faces as they settle into their new habitat. The workshop explored ways to remind each other that we care and help each other, and to think positive and have fun. The year 2 pupils learnt about characterisation, storytelling and imaginative play, interacting with professional actors!



Wraparound Childcare for Service Families!

We are delighted to have heard that wraparound childcare (WAC) for service pupils is to be rolled out across the UK from Autumn 2022. WAC funding will be available to all eligible Service families with children aged 4 to 11 years. If eligible, Personnel can claim up to 20 hours per week of funding for each child that is attending before and after school care during term time. More details are said to follow. In the meantime, families who wish to utilise this scheme are encouraged to follow a few steps as detailed on the Naval Families Federation website, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#). At Solent, the onsite wraparound care is provided by Farlington Wraparound Service (FWAS). Once confirmed, you can book your places with FWAS by [clicking here](#) and contacting them directly.



Solent Super Star!

It is always so lovely to hear from our Solent alumni! We were so proud to have received this email today!

'My daughter, Carma, was a pupil of yours from Sept 2004 to July 2007. I'd just like to share with you a photo of her first Graduation Day. She has just been awarded a degree in Ancient History and Archaeology. She graduates again with a Masters degree in December. It all started with you, at Solent Infant School, and I'd wanted to share her success with you.'





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Fantastic Felstead & the FSS

It may sound like the title of a children's book, but in fact it is our way of saying a huge thank you to Lisa Felstead for her 5 years of support chairing the Friends of the Solent Schools. Although she is officially resigning in September, at the AGM (date tba), we felt it highly appropriate that she should get a mention in our bumper end of year newsletter this year. Under her leadership, the schools have benefited from over £50,000 of donations, to provide our pupils with resources and experiences that go above and beyond that which we are centrally funded for. We cannot begin to explain what a difference this has made to the Solent community. We will be forever grateful for the hours and hours of precious time that she has given planning events, sourcing sponsorship and of course folding raffle tickets amongst the many other jobs associated with the chairing role. Lisa does not do things by half, in fact she has scored a hat rick! As well as leading the fantastic FSS, she has spent the last year training to become a teacher (having moved from an LSA role at SJS), graduated this week and has also secured her first teaching role in a local school. Lisa, we wish you all the very best in your new career and once again, thank you for the time and energy you have given our schools!



Harvest Updates!

Further to our newsletter item a few weeks ago, we are so pleased to be able to share that the produce collected has been donated to a local charity called Stone Pillow in Chichester. This charity supports and empowers homeless and vulnerable people to achieve sustainable independence and well-being.





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Hanging up my Governor Lanyard!

After more than 14 incredible years on the Governing Board at Solent I am hanging up my lanyard and closing an amazing chapter of my life. And, as it is my final week I hope you will indulge me in a little trip down Memory Lane.

My journey at Solent started in 2004, when, as a parent, I watched my daughter begin her education . . . in a strange twist of fate she graduated from university this week, thus crossing the finish line in her educational marathon.

As a parent I became involved in school life, offered my services on trips where possible and moved on to being a weekly volunteer on my day off work.

I loved being part of this incredible school community . . . and, hand on heart, I can still say that nothing gives me goosebumps more than sitting in a school assembly and hearing children's voices raised in song or seeing their little smiles and waves as I walk into class..

It was this love of being part of something so special which drew me to apply for a position on the Governing Board, a decision I am still so grateful to have made.

As a Governor I have learned to fully understand and appreciate the incredible efforts of staff to ensure the children in their care have a start which sets them on a pathway to success.

As a Governor I have realised that success can't always be measured or defined by school reports and results but by potential being achieved in a whole host of exciting ways.

As a Governor I have sat through countless hours of meetings and listened to facts and figures about results, school buildings, staffing, budgets and progress.

And, as a Governor I now know that behind every detail there is a much bigger story. It is a vision, an understanding and a passion of how a school moves forward for the benefit of its whole community.

Last Friday while in school to celebrate pupil achievements I was so touched to not only receive my own Governor's Shield but also farewell messages and cards from children across the school. It was such a special moment in my life and I will hold that memory dear alongside so many other special times I have shared with people in both schools.

I have felt nothing but pride in the hard work, much of it unseen by parents, undertaken by the pupils and staff at The Solent Schools and it has been a real privilege to have been a very small cog in such a wonderful wheel. The last five years have seen big changes and development at both schools (as well as Covid and Ofsted!) but I could not have asked for a more steadfast and professional staff team to work alongside. The sense of purpose, passion and calm determination, from the top down, makes The Solent Schools a very inspirational place which will always hold a special place in my heart.

Thank you Solent for my own educational journey with you. Tessa



This term, we have said goodbye and thank you to our wonderful Tessa Webber. Having been such a fantastic cheerleader and supporter of our schools for such a long time, we really are very sad to see her go. During a special Governor's Shield assembly, our staff and pupils said a very special thank you to Tessa, presenting her with cards and her very own Governor's Shield Award!





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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—Mon 2nd 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)

Have Your Say!

Please take the precious time to [click here](#) and complete a short survey. This feedback will provide us with the detail that we need to enhance our provision and make the Solent Schools an even brighter place to learn. Thank you in advance for the time taken in doing this.

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. **We still need reps for the following classes: 2MA, 2RM, 4S, 5C, 5W, 5P, and 6S!**