

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has truly been a week of building core memories across the school. Year 5 enjoyed fantastic adventures both off site at Minstead and in school at Shirleystead, showing our school values throughout—we couldn't be more proud of them. Year 3 and Year 4 have been wonderfully creative and curious in their science learning, and Year 6 rounded off the week with an inspiring visit from a real-life scriptwriter—read on to find out more.

Mrs Davie

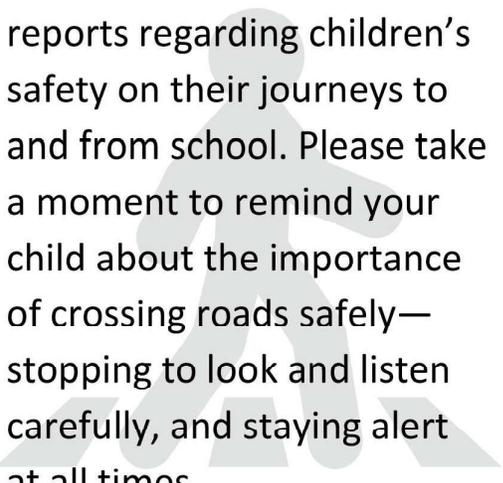
Best Wishes,

Headteacher



School Community News Road Safety

We have received a few reports regarding children's safety on their journeys to and from school. Please take a moment to remind your child about the importance of crossing roads safely—stopping to look and listen carefully, and staying alert at all times.



School Community Messages

This is our place!

✦ Cultural Diversity Day ✦

We're excited to celebrate **Cultural Diversity Day** on Friday 6th February. This half term we're inviting our children to dive into a special home learning project all about what makes them wonderfully unique! We're encouraging every child in SJS to explore their own cultural heritage — Where is your family from? What traditions, celebrations, languages, foods, or special clothing are part of your story? Children can get creative by making posters, presentations, photos, or even bringing in examples of traditions such as food, music, dances, books, or songs. We can't wait for everyone to share their discoveries with each other during this special event. Let's celebrate the amazing diversity within our school community! **Please see the letter sent out this week for more details about this event.**

Upcoming Events

- 2nd February - Inset day
- 4th February - Last Kinkajou swimming
- 6th February- Cultural Diversity Day/Junior disco
- 8th February - Junior Park run
- 10th February - TGMC parent information session



KINDNESS.
RESPECT.
INTEGRITY.



School Community Messages

TGMC on Tour



During their time at Minstead this week, our Year 5 pupils proudly shared an important part of our SJS culture with the adults supporting them: **appreciations** and **spotted cards**. Each day, the children took time to recognise and celebrate how these adults had positively impacted their experience.

Their thoughtful words and genuine gratitude left many adults feeling truly moved. A wonderful example of how we all value belonging, community, and thankfulness at SJS.

Upcoming PTFA dates for February

- Fri 6th Feb PTFA Junior school disco
- Fri 13th Feb PTFA/FOSIS Non uniform day
- Fri 13th Feb PTFA Junior Cake sale
- Thu 26th Feb Little Recyclers Clothing Collection

PTFA SJS Disco:

Come and throw some shapes at the ever popular SJS Disco on Friday 6th February! There are two sessions:

Years 3/4: 4.30-5.30pm

Years 5/6: 6-7.15pm

Tickets are £2.50 bookable via the link in the weekly comms email, on facebook and through class what's app groups. There will be a tuck shop with hot snacks, sweets and treats at child friendly prices. water and squash provided free of charge. This is a drop and go event, and it's a ton of fun!! Be there or miss out!

