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Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you all for the generous support you have shown in purchasing disco tickets and donating raffle prizes in support of Osita's new wheelchair. I know Osita and his family have been absolutely blown away by your care and generosity. Mrs Jackson has been busy making up sweet hampers with the donations that you have so kindly sent in.

Raffle tickets on sale – raffle to be drawn Friday 28th February

The star raffle prize has been very generously donated by Mrs Smith and her family: an Asus X555L Laptop! This is a high quality, excellent condition refurbished laptop that comes with Windows 11 Home Edition already installed and a brand-new charging cable. **Raffle tickets will be available to buy at £3 per strip** from Mrs Griffin in the LKS2 corridor (near Rosa Parks class) **every morning and home time** throughout the first week back after half term and will also be on sale throughout the open afternoon on Friday 28th February - the raffle will be drawn at 15:15 on the day. Don't forget to spread the word amongst friends and family so they can purchase tickets too!



WIN A LAPTOP!

Take Care Open Afternoon invitation – Friday 28th February, 2pm

Our family open afternoons have been a hit amongst children and their families. It is a great opportunity for you to come into school to see what your children have been learning, chat to staff and other parents and engage in activities alongside your children. This home-school relationship is so valuable in supporting your children to learn with studies from the Education Endowment Foundation suggesting that **parental engagement with their child's education can add an average of 4 months' additional progress over the course of a year!**

During the open afternoon, you will have the opportunity to view your children's work, which will be showcased around the school, as well as getting involved in some take care initiatives.

SJS in Bloom



We are extremely fortunate at SJS to have such extensive grounds and green spaces, but they also need a bit of 'Take Care' and this is where you can help. **We are asking for donations of mixed potted plants, pots/planters and compost to make SJS look and feel loved!** We would love to receive donations of any kind, whether that be a fully planted pot, a bag of compost or a tray of marigolds. If you are happy and able to support with planting on the day, please bring along a garden trowel!

Rare Diseases Day – be unique - Friday 28th February

Friday 28th February is also Rare Diseases Day when we will be holding a **cake sale** throughout our open afternoon to raise awareness of the rare diseases that children in our school live with, such as Fragile X. Please inform me via the office if you wish to celebrate any other rare diseases that your family live with. **To celebrate being unique, children are invited to wear something that represents who they are; this may be a sparkly pink headband, a football shirt or a horse-riding hat!**

Taking Care of Each Other – lost property washing and clothes recycling



Please do remember to label all of your children's clothes, including any that they wear for PE. We have an enormous amount of lost property, which is always returned to the correct child if name labelled. The clothes without labels are taken around to each class to see if anyone claims it then taken home to be washed if not and put on the rail for anyone to

help themselves to when needed. **I'd be extremely grateful if anyone is able to support with the mountain of washing that has accumulated over recent weeks!** Please let me or the school office know if you are able to take a bag of washing home. These clean, washed clothes will then be available for anyone to help themselves to on our open afternoon. Make a donation to our wheelchair fundraising if you are able to.

Positive Behaviour Feedback

It is wonderful to see the children embracing the SJS Code of Conduct rules and routines, demonstrating positive attitudes in their learning, their social interactions and transitions around school. **We can really see 'Take Care' in action across the school; behaviour has noticeably improved, creating a calm and focused environment where everyone can thrive.** Children are now taking pride in their school environment, keeping it free of litter and caring for each other. We are extremely proud of this progress and will continue to praise and reward these positives while managing any misconduct in a firm but fair way to support children to make more positive choices in future.

I want to thank parents for your continued support, which plays a crucial role in helping our children feel secure, confident, and ready to learn. Your encouragement at home reinforces the values we instil at school, and together, we are making a real difference.

If you have any questions or would like to share any feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via office11@sirjohnsherbrooke.notts.sch.uk.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our school community.

Young Voices - well done and thank you

A huge well done and thank you to all the children who represented SJS so brilliantly at this year's Young Voices event; behaviour on the day and commitment to learning the songs leading up to the event was fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Swannell and Mrs Yorke for dedicating their time and care to leading the choir to enable the children to have this memorable experience that I am sure they will cherish. And a final thank you to the extra adults who generously gave their time so willingly to support this event - we would not be able to do it without you!

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Yorke is now a permanent member of the SJS team so will be staying with Mala Yousafzai class throughout the rest of Year 5. Mrs Hunter will be staying with David Attenborough class throughout Spring 2 until Easter when their new permanent teacher, Mrs Clow, will join the team.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

Dress up as your favourite character for a £1 donation towards new books for school.

Decorate your wooden spoon as your favourite character.

Record yourself reading a bedtime story, CBeebies style!

For more information, please see the letter from the SJS Reading Leaders: [reading-leaders-world-book-day.pdf](#)

Upcoming diary dates and events

Wc Monday 24 th February		Raffle tickets on sale until 15:00 on Friday 28 th February
Wednesday 26 th February	13:00	PC Lowe in school – Y6 Hate Crimes Workshop
Wednesday 26 th February	15:40	Y6 SATs and online safety parents meeting in the hall
Friday 28 th February		Rare Disease Day celebration – wear something that makes you unique
Friday 28 th February	14:00	Parent's 'Take Care' open afternoon
Friday 28 th February	15:15	Raffle draw
Thursday 6 th March		World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character for £1
Thursday 13 th March	13:15	Cross Country event at St. Wilfred's CofE Primary for selected runners. More info to follow.
Thursday 13 th March		Closing date for Parent Governor nominations
Wc Monday 24 th March		Shakespeare Week – Mr Pepper will be in school filming 'SJS does Romeo and Juliet', to be premiered next half term!

Take care,



Rebecca Mee.