



### **Subject Areas at SJB**

Now that the new National Curriculum requirements have been in place for almost a year, we have been monitoring closely how Art, Music, Science, Languages, Geography, History, PE, RE, Computing,... are taught across the school. Each class teacher is responsible for a subject area: they coordinate resources and training over the school, and ensure that each subject is taught in a consistent way over all our classes with progression across the year groups.

Next year we are looking forward to seeing close planning between teachers to integrate subject teaching around exciting topic themes chosen by our pupils.

### **Celebrating our pupils' success**

We are delighted to see our children succeed at SJB including their academic attainment. We are pleased with the children's end of year performance across the school. End of Key Stage results for 2015 show that the majority of our children attain expected grades, overall in line with or higher than national results. The percentage of children having made good or better progress by the end of Year 6 is higher than the national in all key subjects. Particular progress has been made across Foundation Stage this year, in Year 2 reading and in Year 6 writing and 'Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation'. Well done to all our children for their hard work.

### **Cluster working with local schools**

Like everyone else, schools have been hit by the current austerity climate. Five years ago, we received significant support and vital resources from the Local Authority. Now under spending cuts only a skeleton service remains.

Locally, schools have responded to this gap in resources by setting up their own support networks, using each other for help and sharing our knowledge and capabilities with each other.

- SJB has become a training hub for Big Maths – not only for local primary schools but secondaries too so that children are well supported as they move on from Year 6
- Miss Pemberton is the Vice Chair of the *Furness Primary Collaborative* – local schools working together towards school improvement across the region
- We take part in a *peer-to-peer* school visit scheme helping to share ideas for improving all areas of school life
- We are part of the Furness Governing Body Primary *Chairs' Cluster* which shares leadership and training resources and helps communication between local schools

### **Community Links**

Our Local Education Authority Governor is **Councillor Mark Wilson**. One of his roles in our school is to make sure we are making the most of activities available in the wider community:

Dear Parents families and children.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for Special Sports Weeks at the Leisure Centre - some with reduced or free entry.

Look out for **Pop Up Play** free childrens' activities and free nosh at different venues around The Honeyptot and Park Estate. Ford Park Group hope to bring their new pizza oven too!

All these activities are brought to you by Cumbria County Council, North Country Leisure and South Lakes Housing to brighten up summer!

Also, look out for:

- Performance in Lightburn Park of Alice in Wonderland on the Saturday, 18th July.
- Sunday 19th July there is a Gala Day at Canal Foot

For any more details once school has broken up, or to volunteer to help ring Cllr Mark Wilson on 586404 or [mark.wilson2@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:mark.wilson2@cumbria.gov.uk)

*Cllr Mark Wilson*

### **Goodbye and Good Luck!**

We wish **Mrs Stubbert** in the office best of luck for her maternity leave, and wish **Mrs Hughes** good luck as she leaves us from her TA position working closely with year 6. We also say goodbye and best of luck to **Mrs Helen Barker** who is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Barker has been a cornerstone of our Infant Team for the last six years since the merger of Dale Street with SJB. She will be sorely missed by staff and pupils alike and we wish her a happy and fun retirement!

Finally, perhaps the biggest **Goodbye** of all goes to our Year 6 leavers who will move on to the next stage in their journey. We wish you the very best and hope that you continue to **Succeed, Enjoy and Belong** wherever you go in life.

We would like to thank everyone in Team SJB for another hard working and hard playing year. We hope you have a great summer holiday and enjoy your well-deserved time off! We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

**The SJB Governing Body**

## Governor Spotlight: *Pupil Premium spending*

Pupil Premium is government funding, provided to support the learning of children eligible for free school meals (fsm) or who have been eligible for fsm in the last 6 years. Pupil Premium is also provided to support children looked after and children with a parent or parents in the armed services.

At SJB, we currently have about 25% of our pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This year, we received £85,530 Pupil Premium which represents a substantial addition to the school's core funding for the year. The breakdown of this spend is as follows:

	2014-15 Pupil Premium Funded
Additional Teaching Assistant Support	£45,000
Additional Teacher Support	£14,700
Family/Child Support	£15,200
SERIS & Lunchtime Clubs/Support	£7,250
Educational Visits/Visitors	£300
Educational Welfare Officer	£3,000
Breakfast Club	£80
<b>Total</b>	<b>£85,530</b>

### Targeted Help

As the table shows, the majority is spent on extra teaching support. With 25% of pupils eligible, this can take the form of funding teaching assistants to give small group support where children are helped away from the main classroom, one-to-one support, or releasing the class teacher to work with small groups or individuals. Although the money is targeted at eligible pupils, placing additional teaching resources in school and giving reduced numbers for group teaching benefits all of our children across the board.

### Agile deployment of resources

These extra teaching resources are targeted where they are most needed. Constant feedback from class teachers is used to identify the children who will benefit from this additional support, and our teaching assistants are deployed according to need. This is one of the reasons for the *end of term assessments* which pupils take. We try to identify problems early, and put extra help in place to address them before children are allowed to fall behind.

### What is the impact?

As governors, our job is to ask whether this large amount of money is making a difference for the children it is intended to benefit. We monitor the spend closely, conduct school visits to see how the additional teaching support is implemented, and look at different sources of data which track the progress of our Pupil Premium children.

Overall, from a very low starting point in the Early Years, Pupil Premium children at SJB are performing better than Pupil Premium children nationally and often in line with or higher than ALL children nationally.

More detailed performance information is available on the school web site under *Pupil Premium*.

### If you are eligible are we receiving the funding?

Pupil premium money is not allocated automatically to schools. We only know that pupils are eligible for this source of funding if parents tell us. If you think your child may be eligible but the school is not aware of this, then please let us know – just pop in to the school office. It really does make a difference at SJB.