



## **Samuel Cody School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. I hope that Christmas and New Year went well.

I am writing to update you on some things that will be happening in school during the first half of this spring term.

Our students have returned to school in good spirits and this half term we look forward to a number of opportunities for both primary and secondary children to experience an enriched curriculum. Please remember that due to the size of our school, it is not possible to offer everyone everything at the same time. To this end, some activities are offered to a year group or class on a rotational basis.

As is usual, curriculum heads will be offering some offsite day visits to secondary students during the year, in order to enhance the acquisition of knowledge in their particular subject areas. YR 11 Geography students have been out today, to survey the local area, and learn about the town. Other curriculum visits are planned for later this year and the team will be in touch about these when they become relevant to your child.

We are now in a position to offer more sporting fixtures for our secondary students. Last term we saw some of our students participating in some football and handball tournaments and this term our YR 7 students have been invited to participate in a Boccia tournament in Winchester. The PE team will be in touch with you regarding this in due course. Our primary pupils in YR 3 and 4 have started participating in some dance classes and other primary pupils will have the opportunity to participate in some swimming lessons. You will be told when this activity is on offer to your child.

After school clubs will be starting again from next week. A letter will be sent out later to inform you of what is on offer and when. Please be aware that the running of after school clubs relies on staff volunteering to run them, and sometimes it is not possible, due to staff shortages or sickness, to run them as often as we would like. Please bear with us when this happens.

Primary pupil photographs have been booked for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact your child's form tutor if you require more information about these. The next Primary coffee morning will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 9:00-10:00 and a YR 9 coffee morning will be held in secondary on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 09:15-10:15. Please let the admin team know if you will be attending.

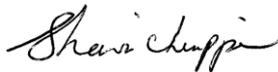
Since the return to school, specifically since the Christmas holidays, we have seen an increase in the number of non-uniform items being worn to school. Please can we

remind all parents and carers that the only items of jewellery that can be worn in school are ear studs, (not earrings), watches and Medicare pendants and bracelets. Items must be removed during PE, Food Tech and DT lessons. This is for health and safety reasons. No other items of jewellery are allowed to be worn in school. School shoes should be worn when not in PE and should have a black upper and sole. Students are now being expected to change for PE and so should bring their kit into school. Please contact the school office if you should require any advice about uniform.

Finally, I need to let you know that after working at Samuel Cody School for a number of years, Mr Creaser, our primary lead, will be leaving us at Easter to move onto a new challenge. We wish him all of the best for the future. We will be starting recruitment of a replacement in the coming weeks. We will let you know as soon as we have recruited a new primary lead who will help us take the primary school to its next stage of development.

Finally, I would just like to remind you all of the inset day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. School will be closed to all Samuel Cody primary and secondary students on this day for essential staff training.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher  
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