

Dear Parents & Carers

Another busy month has passed and we continue to make fantastic progress and improvements at SJS. Our latest Academy Improvement Partner visit was once again very positive and he commented favourably on your children's learning behaviours and the good teaching that he saw across the school.

**Local Governing Body:** We are looking for potential parents out there who would be interested in being part of our new Local Governing Body. It would be from September, however you would be invited to attend our IEB meetings as part of an Interim Governing Body during the summer term.

We would meet monthly for about two hours with a focused agenda covering finances, curriculum, health and safety and staffing to name but a few areas. The meeting will likely take place after school ideally between 3:30 and 5:30pm.

Should you or someone you know who is not connected to the school be interested, please come and see me and complete an 'Expression of Interest' form.

**Virus:** The coronavirus continues to make headlines and we are keeping you updated with latest news as and when we get it. Please continue to encourage your children to [wash their hands](#) regularly whilst singing happy birthday twice. Just long enough to get them clean.

**School Council:** We were visited by Penny Mordaunt MP this month who congratulated our new school council members. They were really inspired to hear that she started her political career as a school councillor!



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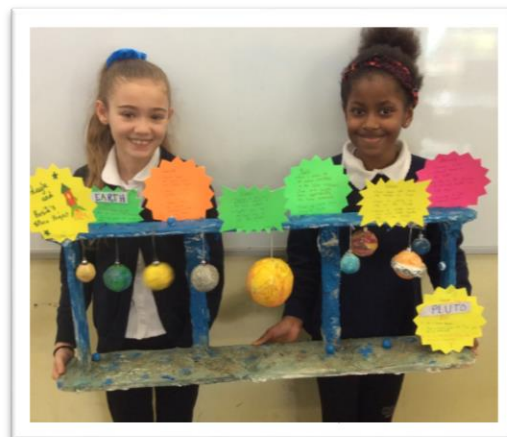
**Prefects:** Our year 6 prefects continue to make us proud and are doing a fantastic job at showcasing our school values.

Miss Bushell thanked them for all of their hard work so far by providing a delicious breakfast of fruit, waffles and pancakes at their morning meeting.



**Author:** We were delighted to welcome author and screenwriter Andy Briggs to our school on Thursday 13th February. He delivered a fantastic assembly and told us all about writing and using our imaginations.

Andy stayed with us all morning and signed books in our library, including his new book Drone Racer (which was part of the Portsmouth Lit quiz).



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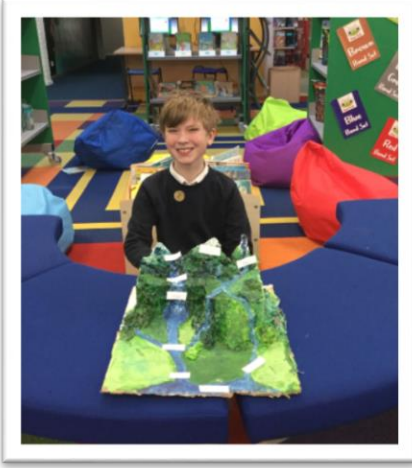


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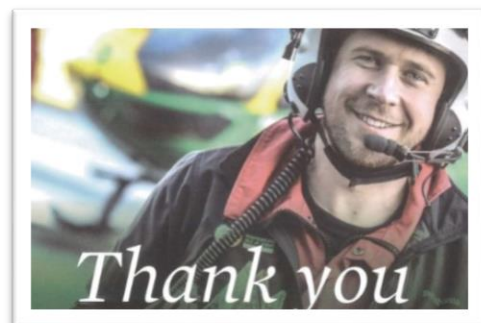
**Homework:** Projects are looking great. Your children are completing some amazing pieces of work and I am particularly encouraged when your children tell me that parents & carers are completing it with them. Great stuff!

**Quiz:** Stamshaw Junior School sent 2 teams from Year 6 to take part in our first Literature quiz. 4 Books were chosen by the Schools Library Service, which our teams had to read beforehand. Our Year 6 Team B won a round!!!! and were awarded a book voucher each.

Our combined effort placed Stamshaw Junior School 11th out of 25 schools, which for our first ever time entering, is pretty amazing!! Well done to both teams, we are all very proud of you!



**Charity:** Stamshaw Junior School Raised £198.95 for Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance Service which was our chosen charity during Aspirations Week.



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**Sport:** The year 6 boys, with the help of Alfie in year 5, came out as winners on the school's first ever football match as they went on to beat Arundel Court 4-1.

A stunning volley from Riley W and a hat trick from our captain Roberto P was enough to claim victory against our Chichester trust rivals Arundel Court. A solid performance from all the boys along with fantastic support from both schools topped off a



historic evening for everyone involved with Stamshaw Junior. Well done lads! Play Up Stamshaw!

We have some more games coming up.





**Friday 06.03.2020**

Stamshaw Year 5 v Ark Dickens 'B'

15:30 kick off with 4 halves of 15 mins!

Parents welcome!

**Friday 13.03.2020**

Stamshaw Year 6 v Ark Dickens 'A'

15:30-45 kick off!

Parents welcome!

**School Trip:** A huge thanks goes out to Ally Davies, a mum of a boy in year 6, who organised the most fantastic trip to the dockyard to see the huge aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth, which is currently in dock. The children had access that other schools do not have. It was amazing! I thanked Alley and she replied saying

*"My team thoroughly enjoyed the day spent with the year six too as these sort of visits do not come up often. I must commend you all and the school as the children were so well behaved, a real credit and I think the remark from Zamin Ali summed up the whole day, "that was the best £1 I have ever spent"."*



Please continue to follow us on [Facebook](#) and click on our [website](#) for lots of fantastic information.

Yours sincerely

Mr RN Jones



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## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Football Match vs Ark Dickens 'B' (kick off 15:30) Parents welcome!
10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> March	Used Book Sale – Lunchtime & After School until 3:30pm every book 20p
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NO YR 5 SWIMMING LESSON (New Date 3<sup>rd</sup> April)</b> <b>NO ROCKSTEADY MUSIC LESSONS (New Date TBA)</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Football Match vs Ark Dickens 'A' (kick off 15:30) Parents welcome!
16 <sup>th</sup> March	National Neurodiversity Week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Football Match vs Flying Bull (kick off 15:30) Parents welcome!
6 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reports out
6 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Book Fair all week
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parents Evenings
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term

## Attendance for February 2020 ★

WB 03/02/20	3B 96.8%	3P 99.6% ★	4S 97.2%	4T 96.4%	5B 98.4%	5W 96.2%	6B 94.4%	6SW 94.3%
WB 10/02/20	3B 93.2%	3P 97.2%	4S 96.6%	4T 98.2%	5B 98.4%	5W 93.3%	6B 97.2%	6SW 99.0% ★
WB 24/02/20	3B 95.4%	3P 96.4%	4S 94.8%	4T 98.2% ★	5B 96.8%	5W 97.1%	6B 96.8%	6SW 94.3%

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