

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is quickly approaching and I am sure many of you have had to make an emergency run to B&Q to replace broken Christmas lights!

Once again we have had a very busy month with my team working incredibly hard to give your children the best possible experience at school and we are quickly making a big difference. Many of you have seen me personally to say how pleased you are with many of the positive changes. We recently had a review day from our AIP (Academy Improvement Partner) who is also an Ofsted inspector looking at teaching & learning across the school and he was very pleased with all the work that we are doing. He spoke to a number of your children who spoke very positively of the school.

Mr Bond, our site manager and Mrs Palmer, our IT lead & library lead have worked incredibly hard to sort out all the free furniture that we got from one of our trust schools. We managed to secure almost new library furniture, computer desks, larger tables and chairs for years 5 & 6, office furniture and much more. All free of charge.

Our Facebook account is quickly becoming very popular and we recommend you follow or like us. Breakfast club has become very popular and we still have a few places. Please book at the office.



We had Rocksteady Music School in performing to the children and they will be offering music lessons as part of a band after Christmas. Look out for further details.

Please look out for an invite from your class to a **15 minute Christmas assembly** in the last week of term as well as a letter for a **Christmas disco on Thursday 19th December** run by DJ Jones! AKA...me!



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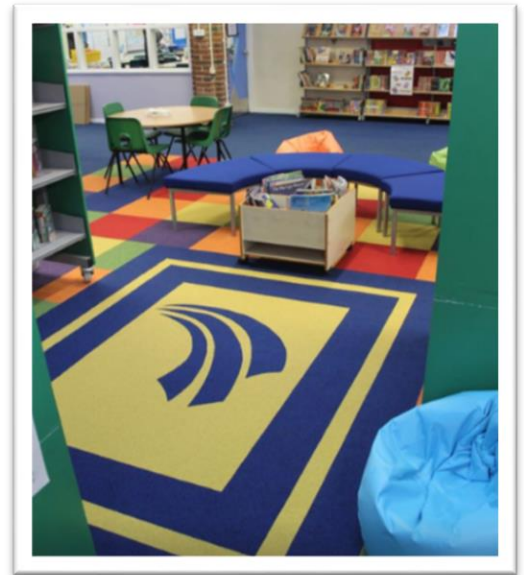
New School Library

The new school library is now up and running and looking fantastic. The children are really enjoying the new space and we have a request box so they can ask for books they would like to read.

School Pond

Students from the University of Chichester have been working incredibly hard in the pouring rain and cold to clear our pond area so it can be renovated and made useable again in time for summer.

Soon Mountjoy will be joining them to take over the construction work that is needed. We are looking forward to using our pond again in the summer.



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Science workshop

Stamshaw Junior School were invited to attend a 'Moon Landing' Science event at St.John's College, Southsea. The children had a fantastic time throughout the day and enjoyed using their Science and DT skills and knowledge to problem solve. Read one of the children's recounts below:

'On Friday 22nd November, we visited St.John's College. We were taken, by a very nice lady, to a hall and this is where we were introduced to the activities we would participate in that day.'

We:

- Designed and made a rocket
- Launched our own rocket!
- Made and tested a heat shield
- Attended a celebration assembly.

Me, Chloe, Jason and Ashton had a fabulous time and I especially enjoyed arts and crafts when we were making our own heat shields. We learnt lots of interesting stuff like how to launch a rocket using only tablets and water! It was a great experience and I think that if it happened again, other children would thoroughly enjoy it.'

Jessica Stevens, 6B



Keeping Children Safe Online

We ran an excellent Family Learning course on internet security, on 22 November. It was great to see mums, dads and grandparents coming into school to learn about the risks children face online and how to deal with these challenges. Pupils joined the grown-ups later in the morning to share knowledge.



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Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me is a free downloadable App that allows teachers to communicate with parents, sharing photos and news about children's progress in school. This is now being used in school.

Letters were sent home with pupils giving you a unique code to logon, if you need another letter please come to the school office.

Attendance

Attendance: 96% attendance is average across the country.

We are at 96.16% as a school. ★

These are our attendance figures so far this month. Well done to the winning classes who have won our attendance trophy so far.

WB 04.11.19	3B 95.2%	3P 97.4%	4S ★ 98.3%	4T 94.8%	5B 96.0%	5W 98.2%	6B 97.5%	6SW 94.8%
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Dairy Dates

Date	Event
9 December	Carol singing at PFC Stadium – ticket only
11 December	School Nurse Drop In – appointments can be made through the school office
16 December	Year 4 Christmas assembly – letters coming home
17 December	Year 3 Christmas assembly – letters coming home
18 December	Year 5 Christmas assembly – letters coming home
18 December	Menu change - Thursdays meals will be on Wednesday
19 December	Year 6 Christmas assembly – letters coming home
19 December	School Christmas Dinner
19 December	Christmas Disco – letters coming home
20 December	Last day of term
23 Dec – 5 January	Christmas Holidays
6 January 2020	First day of new term

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