

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! This half term flew by and has been a fantastic one. We have done so much in eight weeks. The last few bits of building work will be completed over the half term which includes a bit of roofing, fixing a few leaks and internal carpentry. There is however so much more to do to improve the building over the next few years- we just have to find the money!

BREXIT! Should there be a no-deal Brexit, there may be traffic chaos near the ports as lorry drivers may not have the correct papers. This could cause gridlock on the M275 which may impact on staff getting into school. Should there be an issue, we will contact you via texts, Facebook and on our website about the 'possibility' of a later start so that staff can get in. We have been advised to treat it like a snow day. We will aim to open as most of the staff live in Portsmouth. Hopefully we will not have an issue. Fingers crossed.

The pond is coming back to life. Four of our 3rd year university students have been working with us to make it usable again. Mountjoy, a local building company, have kindly offered to help us with the labour and provide the materials all free of charge. Thanks Mountjoy!

Our Breakfast Club is now up and running at £2 a session. Please contact the office for more details however spaces are limited. We continue to work really closely with the infant school and both leadership teams meet half termly. The year 2's from the infant school will be joining us for a morning on Wednesday 6th November for a bit of fun. We also have an **open morning and evening on Thursday 7th November** for year 2 families to come and have a look around.



We have appointed our prefects for this year who will be led by Miss Bushell in year 6. They will be a great asset to the school and have been given some very important responsibilities. In the spring term I have invited a filming company in to create a video for our school showcasing our best bits. This will be available on the website. It is the same company that created the video for the infant school which can be found on their website.

Have a lookout for Marvellous Me which will be coming your way very soon. It is a fantastic App whereby our staff will be able to celebrate how marvellous your child is! Parent Lite is now available for you to update your child's personal details. We hope to use more of Parent Lite's features in the future.

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You may have noticed at parents evening that we have removed the IT area from the central part of the school. This is soon to be our school library. Over half term we are having some funky carpet installed ready for the 'newish' library furniture that we have managed to secure from one of our Trust's schools, Mill Chase Secondary school (It is much nicer than the stuff we already have) The IT suite is currently being repositioned in a better, more purposeful room.

Myself and the senior leadership team made up of Mrs Cantini, Mr Schillemore and Mr Bosnic have been nosily looking at how well your children are being taught over the last few weeks and we are really pleased! Your children are in great hands and are making good progress.

Hope you have a great half term.

Mr Rob Jones
Headteacher



Bikeability Success for our year 5 pupils who took part in the training. Not only are they now much more road aware but the successful pupils were also presented with their badges and certificates in our Celebration Assembly. We are especially pleased that the Bikeability Instructors made a point of saying how polite and well behaved our pupils were. Well done everyone.

YEAR 2 Open Day & Open Evening will be held on **7 November**, this is an opportunity for parents of year 2 children to come and have a look around and ask any questions.

Reading Challenge: Please get your children to take part in our Reading Challenge. Read 25 times at home and win a certificate, 50 reads and win a leather book mark, yes a leather book mark. Finally, 100 reads means a special treat! WOW!

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School Clubs are now up and running successfully, if for any reason your child will not be able to attend a particular session, or no longer wishes to come to a club, please let the office know as often there are others on the waiting list. We had a fabulous Halloween Week which was very well attended! Thankyou to the staff for giving up their time.



Club
Karate
Computer Coding
Glee Club
Netball
Football

Day
Mondays
Tuesdays (date tbc)
Tuesdays
Thursdays
Fridays (Y5 and Y6)

Our year 4 pupils visited Stamshaw Infant School to share letters they had written about the first weeks in school. It was a lovely morning sharing with the younger pupils.

Harvest Festival was a great success thanks to your very generous donations. It was wonderful to be able to present the representative from the Foodbank with such an enormous amount of food for the needy. We were also lucky to have someone from the Foodbank stay to assembly and explain to the children where and how their donations would help our local community.



Attendance: 96% attendance is average across the country.
We are at 96.47% 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 07.10.19	3B 97.8%	3P 98.1%	4S 98.3%	4T 98.1%	5B 98.8%	5W 100% ★	6B 96.3%	6SW 98.2%
WB 14.10.19	3B 94.4%	3P 96.7%	4S 98.6% ★	4T 95.6%	5B 96.8%	5W 98.2%	6B 92.5%	6SW 97.3%
WB 21.10.19	3B 91.1%	3P 95.2%	4S 99.7% ★	4T 94.8%	5B 97.2%	5W 96.4%	6B 91.3%	6SW 94.1%

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Christmas Shoe Box appeal – last call



Portsmouth Rotary North collect and with the aid of Rotary International, distribute Christmas shoeboxes to disadvantaged children around the world. Pupils are asked to fill a small shoebox with items of good quality they think a child their age might enjoy.

Shoebox labels are available from the school office.



We have a range of Remembrance Day items available for pupils to purchase from reception, in support of the Poppy Appeal.

All items are priced from 50p to £1.50.

DIARY DATES

28 Oct – 1 Nov	HALF TERM
6 November	Stamshaw Infants Y2 pupils visiting
7 November	Open Day 9:30 – 10:30am / Open Evening 6:00 – 7:00pm for Y2 parents
13 November	School Nurse Drop In – appointments can be made through the school office
15 November	BBC Children in Need
26 November	4T Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
28 November	4S Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
11 December	School Nurse Drop In – appointments can be made through the school office
19 December	School Christmas Dinner
20 December	Last day of term
23 Dec – 5 January	Christmas Holidays
6 January 2020	First day of new term

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