

Summer 1 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers.

Well, that term flew by as we move in to the final seven weeks of the year. And what a year it has been! We once again have remained COVID secure and tried our best to keep us all safe. A big thank you to all of you for wearing your face masks at the gate. It all helps! We wait now until the 21st June to see what our next steps will be, but in the meantime we are keeping things almost the same. The only thing we have changed is that we have given staff the choice to move children back into group seating in classrooms.



VACCINATIONS: Please remember to click on the link to book your vaccinations if you are eligible. Vaccinations are the way out of the pandemic and I would really encourage you to have both doses to keep us all safe.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

INSET DAYS: We have ONE Inset Day left planned for **Friday 23rd July**. The infant school will also be having the same Inset Day.

STAFFING: Mr Massey, one of our Cover Supervisors, has successfully been accepted for teacher training with the Portsmouth SCITT for degreed candidates in September 2021. This is a one-year course, and we wish Mr Massey all the best. Mrs Doling Hernandez Sanchez, one of our teaching assistants, who is also a qualified teacher, has successfully been appointed to join Mrs Daly as a Cover Supervisor for September 2021.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance remains a priority at SJS. 96% and above is our benchmark and we are just at 96%. I would like it to be much better! My attendance team are there to support any attendance issues however they will also challenge any poor attendance.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE: I have spoken with Mrs Cooper, the head at the Infant School, and we have agreed that we will look at offering the after-school care at the Infant School to Junior School children. This would mean we would run a walking school bus to the Infant School at the end of each day. I will be sending out a letter of interest in the next few weeks with an aim to begin in September 2021 should we have enough interest.

CHILDREN'S PLACES: We still have places available for year 3 & 4 next year. If you know of anyone wanting to move schools or are moving into the area, please contact us for a visit and we will forward the family to admissions.



CARE FIRST: As a Trust, we continue to provide the [Care First](#) package to give advice and support on a number of things. **The user name is:** uncatp **The password is:** wellbeing.



HEALTHY EATING: We will be taking part in Healthy Eating Week from 14th - 18th June 2021. During this week, we will be promoting healthy eating, drinking and physical activity. Look out for more information on our website / Facebook page nearer the time.

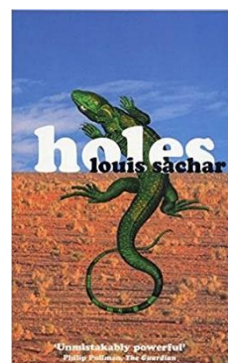
STUBBINGTON STUDY CENTRE: A large group of Year 4 children were lucky enough to attend a 5-day residential at Stubbington Study Centre. We were one of the first schools in Portsmouth to do this following an easing of restrictions on the 17th May. They had a fantastic time and I would like to thank Mr Barrand and Mr Massey for their hard work and sleepless nights. They did say they thoroughly enjoyed it. Please [click on the link](#) to see what they got up to.

The children that remained in school, took part in a range of activities that closely mirrored those taking place in Stubbington. Trees were identified, mini beasts were found, and natural art was constructed behind the Mountbatten Centre!



DEADLY CREATURES: This half-term, Year 6 have been enjoying their class reader 'Holes' in which one of the main characters of the story is a creature called the Yellow-Spotted Lizard.

Using this reptile as inspiration, we explored the wonderfully enthusiastic ways of Steve Backshall the BBC animal enthusiast, famous for his Deadly 60 books and created our own Deadly Creatures report.



GRAFITTI: Year 5 have been learning about alternative artists, in particular street artists including the Portsmouth based graffiti artist, 'My Dog Sighs.' We went on a local walk of Portsmouth shoreline (luckily dodging the terrible rain!) to help us learn more about his work. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all – we even walked nearly 6km!





EARTHQUAKE: Year 3 witnessed the after effects of an 'earthquake' that rumbled through our school! They were challenged to write a newspaper report detailing what had happened and were asked to include: technical language, the 5 w's (who, when, what, where, why) and quotes from members of staff who had seen the earthquake hit!

Mr Bond has now been tasked with making the room 'quake-proof'!

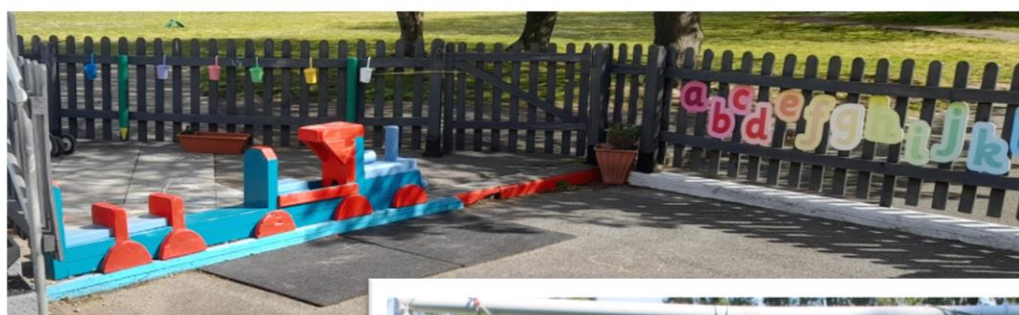


St SAVIOURS CHURCH: Year 3 also visited St. Saviour's Church to learn about sacred places of worship. We were so impressed by their respectful behaviour and the great questions that they asked.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION: Take a look at the [Transition to Secondary School](#) pages on our website. Here you will find lots of information which should help give your child the best start to life at secondary school.



JUMPING JACKS: The Dowling family very kindly spent their precious time improving the outside area of Jumping Jacks with a paint job, new play equipment made from recycled tyres with some new signage. What a lovely surprise!



FOOTBALL KIT: Introducing Stamshaw Junior School new football kit for 2021/22. Given to us by Premier League Primary Stars with a special thank you, to Forever Tree Design for printing the school's badge on the kit. This kit will hopefully be on show next season. Play Up Stamshaw!

And finally, we would like to congratulate Mrs Blasco Steele (TA) and family on the birth of their little baby girl Juliette Olympia. Fantastic news! Take care.

Mr Rob Jones (Headteacher)

