



Dear Parents & Carers.

As we end the half term I would like to again extend my sincere thanks to our whole Stamshaw community for always supporting us in what was nearly a normal half term. The children and staff have worked hard and we are looking forward to a break.

**Masks:** I respectfully ask that you continue to wear masks when coming into the school and would also ask that you wear one if speaking to a member of staff and cannot maintain a safe distance. My staff will wear masks again in communal areas of the school as infections rise. Thank you!

**Outside Classroom:** We are really pleased with our outside classroom. It was a real joint effort with Mr Bond and son doing the majority of the work. A BIG thank you to the PTA from a while ago, who kindly raised the funds for this project. We REALLY appreciate it! Please take a look at our [video](#) about the outside classroom on our [You Tube](#) channel.




**Joint Governing Body:** Our joint local governing body with the infant school is working well together and getting to know both schools well. Please look on our website to see [who is who](#).



**School Council:** We voted for our school councillors this week and Mrs Bushell set it up so that the children had a real voting experience with ballot papers and placing their vote in our 'voting' room. It was good fun! We hope that our school council will get more of a 'normal' chance to be school councillors this year.

**Flu Vaccinations:** Children will be offered their annual flu vaccine as a nasal spray on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at school. Please complete the form which was emailed out to you on the 18<sup>th</sup> October should you wish your child to receive it.





You are invited to a  
**Yr. 2 OPEN DAY**


Date: Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov OR Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Time: 9:30 am OR 6pm (both days)  
Venue: Stamshaw Junior School  
Duration: 60 mins (welcome and a tour)  
RSVP: info@stamshawjun.org.uk or call 02392 661 045 (please indicate day & time)

Maximum of two people per family & please wear a mask  
**Look forward to seeing you!**

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**Our School Values**

- > To be **RESPECTFUL**
- > To be **RESILIENT**
- > To be **RELIABLE**
- > To be **RESOURCEFUL**
- > To be **REFLECTIVE**



**Open Day for Year 2:** We will be running two open days on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November for year 2 parents. Invites have been sent out to book a slot.

**Year R Open Days:** Our infant school still have a number of open days if you know of someone looking for a place in reception. They still have spaces for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the school on 023 9266 1192.

**Bikeability:** Just a reminder that year 5 have been offered the chance to complete [Bikeability](#) which starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Places are now fully booked.

**Show Racism the Red card:** Children had the opportunity to wear red in order to show racism the red card. Four year 5 children will also have the chance to visit Portsmouth Football Club on the first week back after half term to attend a show racism the red card event. They will get to speak to some of the Pompey players.



**National Poetry Day:** We celebrated National Poetry Day. Every class learnt a poem and then delivered it live to the children. The children were really confident and memorised some excellent poems. Year 5 wrote their own which was great!

**Rocksteady:** We have a number of children who are receiving music lessons from Rocksteady. If you are interested in still signing your child up, please contact them via the [website](#) or call 0330 113 0401.



**Clubs:** Currently we are offering football & netball. After half term, staff have volunteered an art and puppet club. Letters will be going out if not already. Mr Barrant is also looking at bringing in a sports company to run additional clubs. We will be asking for a very much subsidised cost for these clubs delivered by the sports company. Watch this space.

**Prefects:** Congratulations to our fantastic team of prefects. Our prefects were chosen carefully to uphold our motto. Be kind. Do your best. Achieve together.





**Year 3 Meet Birds of Prey:** Year 3 were joined by two expert falconers from Liberty's Owl and Raptor Centre for an exciting day learning all about birds of prey. The children got to meet three different species of owl in class and then they were treated to a flying display from a hawk, a kestrel and a barn owl! The children were enthralled by the skill of the falconer who was able to command the birds with the use of his lure and a few tasty treats. What a magnificent start to our Predators topic!

**Parents Evening:** I hope you found this terms parents evening useful. Thank you for your understanding of meeting on the screen or on the telephone. Hopefully the next one will be able to be in person!



**Times Table Rockstar Day:** Mr Bosnic led a fun [Maths Day](#) to reintroduce our Times Table scheme using Times Tables Rockstar. The children and staff looked great dressed up as Rockstars whilst getting down to some serious maths for the day.

**Year 4 Potions:** As part of their topic, year 4 have been learning about potions. It is a really fun topic especially the bit where they learnt about operations in the past without anaesthetic. Gruesome!



**Community page:** Please take a look at our [Community Page](#) on our website. It often has some really useful workshops and advice for parents.

**Family Learning:** Family Learning are offering a FREE 5 week parenting course here at Stamshaw Junior School! Wednesday Afternoons 10th 17th, 24th Nov, 1st, 8th Dec 2021 Starting at 1.00pm and finishing 3.00pm To enrol on this course or if you have any queries, please see Miss Broad or Miss Baldwin. Or call 02392 661045

**Year 5 Snow Globes:** As part of their topic about the Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe, the children cleverly made snow globes. A brilliant idea!

**Reading Logs:** Mr Schillemore has introduced reading logs which are completed using Marvellous Me. Take a look at his [video](#) on how to use it. We hope you find it useful. You can also find the reading logs on our website under the '[children](#)' tab.

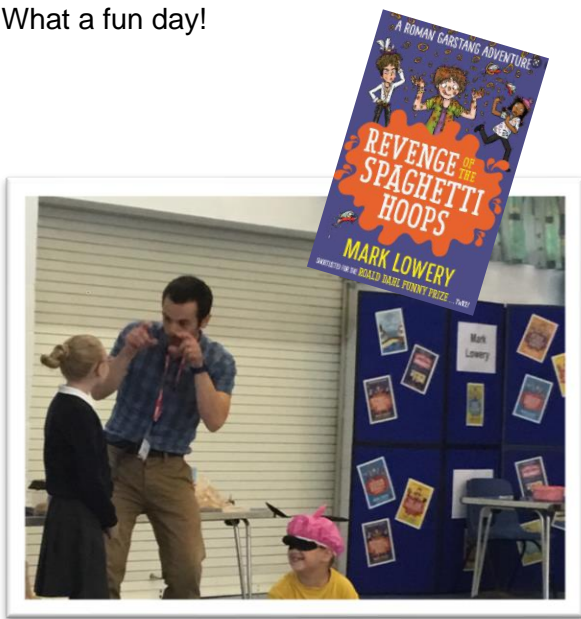
**Rotary Shoe Boxes:** We will once again be supporting the Christmas [shoe box](#) appeal. The leaflet will have gone out this week on how to support this brilliant scheme.



**Rotary Shoebox Scheme**

*"Spreading a Little Happiness"*

**Author Visit:** Mr Schillemore organised for Mark Lowery to visit us. He entertained the children with brilliant and funny stories as well as reading bits from his hilarious books. What a fun day!



**Homework Projects:** I have seen some really fantastic homework projects particularly in year 3 and year 5. I love it when the children come down to my office to share their hard work and get one of my headteacher stickers. Great stuff!


**Scoters:** We have had a few complaints from parents about children not scootering sensibly too school. Please speak to your child about being safe should they come to school on a scooter. I don't want to have to ban them.

**Inset Days:** We have a whole Trust Inset Day **on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. We have a further three inset days which are still to be planned in, however they will be in the spring and summer terms once decided with the infant school.

**Attendance:** Our whole school attendance for Autumn 1 is 95.4% which is lower than we would expect but sickness has been a real challenge this term. Attendance over 96% is what we aim for.

3S	3P	4W	4T	4B	5KW	5AW	6NB	6AB
96.37%	96.30%	94.51%	96.92%	95.54%	94.21%	93.64%	94.04%	94.50%

Keep safe! Have a great half term

  
 Mr Rob Jones  
 Headteacher