



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great half term with your children being amazing. We had our spring visit from our attached inspector who once again was really pleased with the quality of education SJS is providing your children. He said, *“The school presented as a calm and purposeful learning environment.”*

Covid Update: Thankfully, Covid infections amongst primary aged children has begun to decline. The Prime Minister is set to make some important decisions on the 21st February which we wait to hear. We, as a Trust, will remain very cautious as our priority is to keep school safe and open. I will keep you updated on any changes.

Attendance: Attendance is really important however our attendance has been lower this half term (January and February) Some of it is because of children having to isolate. Unfortunately, I must send attendance letters to parents whose children’s attendance dips below 90%. We do however consider that Covid isolation may have impacted on low attendance. Do call the school and speak to me if you have any questions about your child’s attendance. **Average attendance should be 96%.**

85% for a child in a test is great but 85% attendance is not great!

Attendance by year group for Spring 1 (Jan & Feb)								
3S	3P	4W	4T	4B	5AW	5KW	6NB	6AB
91.5%	93.5%	92.5%	91.6%	96.6%	92.1%	92.4%	93.1%	90.1%

Crossing patrol: Good news! We have been told by the council that we have a new crossing patrol starting on Monday 14th March. His name is Henry Taylor. We will all make him feel very welcome, I am sure. Please be considerate when parking and keep a lookout for children.



Literature Quiz: 8 of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Portsmouth Literature Quiz 2022! They had a fantastic time competing and meeting Authors Kirsty Applebaum & Sophie Kirtley. Well done to Adam, Ruby, Oscar, Esme, Alisha, Grace, Ava & Ben

INSET DAYS: Just a reminder that both the Infant and Junior schools have an Inset Day on Monday 28th February. We also have our last two Inset Days on Monday 23rd of May and Wednesday 6th July.

May Day & Jubilee Day: Just a reminder that because of the Queens Platinum Jubilee, which falls in half term, all Portsmouth schools are closed on May 2nd (May Day) and Tuesday 3rd May. See [link](#).



Stamshaw Junior Community Library: The community library will be outside every morning for you to borrow a book - there's no membership or cards required, just pop it back when you have finished.

If you would like to donate any books to the library, then please bring them into the school office. Happy reading!

Teaching Students: We will again be welcoming teaching students in the new half term. They will be in year 5 as well as in 3S.



Stubbington Study Centre. Just a reminder that full payment is now due and the children will be going on Monday 28th March and returning on Friday 1st April. We have booked dates for next year in June. Letters will be going out to year 3 shortly.

Website: Please remember to take a good look at our website where we have a lot of supportive information. I would like to point out our [parents page](#) where you will find a page on [community support](#).

Parent Survey: Thank you to those that completed our [parents survey](#). All results can be found on our website. We were really pleased to read that almost all of you would recommend SJS to another parent and you rated us a 4.43 out of 5 star. Great!

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4.43 Average Rating

Rocksteady: Many children are taking part in the Friday lessons learning drums, guitar, piano or singing.

It is great to hear their sounds every Friday afternoon. Check out the Rocksteady [website](#) for more information.





North End Library: The year 3 children enjoyed a visit to North End library this half term where they listened beautifully to a story and had the chance to take out books on our class library cards. The children loved browsing the books and many took home forms to sign up for their own membership.

Accelerated Reader: We are pleased to announce the launch of Accelerated Reader (AR) at Stamshaw Junior School. AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice allowing children to make consistent progress in their reading throughout KS2. They also love doing the quizzes after reading the book. Visit our [Accelerated Reader page](#) for full details



Year 6 Victorian Day: As part of their topic, Year 6 took part in a Victorian Day which gave them the chance to experience what a typical school day was like during the Victorian era. Take a look at our [video](#).



Kirsty Applebaum Visits SJS: Year 5 and 6 were treated to another fantastic 'meet the author' event. Author Kirsty Applebaum led a workshop where she inspired the children with her stories of how she writes her books and what gives her inspiration. Kirsty was impressed by how respectful year 5 and 6 were and by the excellent questions that they asked.



Safer Internet Day: All the children took part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 8th February. They learnt about not sharing pictures online as well as the importance of passwords amongst many other things. Thinkuknow.co.uk is a great website for parents to support children's online activity. [Take a look.](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)



Red Nose Day: We will be supporting Red Nose Day on Friday the 18th March. A letter will be going out soon.



Show Racism the Red Card: We are entering the [competition](#) again this year where children are invited to create a piece of artwork, creative writing, a song, a film or even a T-shirt design. We will be doing this at school but feel free to promote it at home should your children want to do something. Entries need to be in by the 11th March.

Clubs: We have a variety of clubs from football, singing and even after school tuition. We will also be running a multi sports club on a Monday and Friday after half term. This will be led by an outside provider. Apologies for the delay with this but staffing from the provider has been a challenge due to Covid illness.

Children's Mental Health Week: Children's Mental Health Week 2022 took place from 7-13 February. This year's theme was Growing Together. We encouraged children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow as well as dress up in anything that makes them feel good!

School Council: The school council meeting have recently included their ideas to raise money for a school tuck shop. They are also raising money from a recycled 'POP UP TOY Shop'. Year 3 will soon have the chance to buy some of these toys. Any further good quality toys donated are happily received.

LGB: Our joint Local Governing Body with the infant school continue to meet monthly where we are supported and challenged in areas such as the curriculum and finances. Do contact our Chair, Sherri Bailey, through the school if you have any questions. See our LGB Page to see [who is who](#).

World Book Day: Finally, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March so children are welcome to dress up as a book character. We will spend the whole day immersed in books and fun activities including a pebble painting competition! Take a look at the website for some cheap dressing up ideas. Click [here](#)



School reopens on Tuesday 1st March 2022

Yours sincerely,
Mr Rob Jones
Headteacher