



Dear Parents & Carers.

We had a brilliant Autumn 1 half term with so much going on at SJS. Your children continue to make us all proud through their hard work and determination to do their best.

Thank you so much for making Buddy, our school dog, so welcome. He absolutely loves coming to us on a Tuesday and Thursday. The children and staff really enjoy his company and he does make us feel 'good'! Check out his [page](#).

School Council: We voted for our school councillors 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' area. It was good fun whilst learning about democracy. Take a look at our short [video](#).



Flu Vaccinations: Children will be offered their annual flu vaccine as a nasal spray on Monday 5th December at school. A form will be emailed to you in the next week or so should you wish your child to have it.



Year 5 Narnia Homework Project: This half-term, Year 5's Wider Curriculum topic has been, 'What's Behind the Wardrobe' and the children were all required to create a project of the same name.

The creativity and imagination shown across the year group has been astounding, and we look forward to future topic projects in the year!

Open Day for Year 2: We will be running two open days on Tuesday 15th November and Thursday 17th November for year 2 parents. Invites have been sent out to book a slot or just drop in.



You are invited to a
Yr. 2 OPEN DAY

Date: Tues 15th Nov OR Thurs 17th Nov
Time: 9:30 am OR 5pm (both days)
Venue: Stamshaw Junior School
Duration: approx. 60 mins (welcome and a tour with prefects)
RSVP: info@stamshawjun.org.uk or call 02392 661045 (please indicate day & time)

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



Bikeability: Just a reminder that year 5 have been offered the chance to complete Bikeability which starts on Monday 7th November. Places are now fully booked.



STEM Day: Year 5 and 6 were visited by Dr Geary from UTC who came to demonstrate how 'nothing is magic in science' and that there is always an explanation or reason why something happened. Take a look at our [video](#).



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



Show Racism the Red card: As part of Black History Month, where we promoted and celebrated the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to British society, we all dressed in red as a symbol that racism has no place in our society.

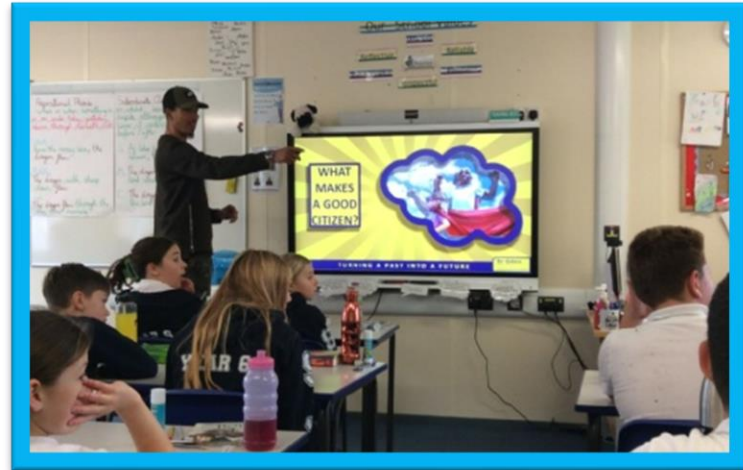




Year 3 Meet Birds of Prey: Year 3 were joined by two expert falconers from Liberty's Owl and Raptor Centre for an exciting day learning all about birds of prey. The children got to meet three different species of owl in class and then they were treated to a flying display from a hawk, a kestrel and a 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!

Year 6 Visit from St Giles Trust: Members from St Giles Trust (Turning a past into a future) came to speak to the children. Their work involves raising awareness and debunking myths around weapons with children across England and Wales.

They work in schools and other similar settings using their professionally trained staff who have direct experience of knife crime – both as victims and perpetrators. Having been there themselves, they use their personal testimonies to expose the reality of knife crime consequences and encourage young people to stay safe.



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

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

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

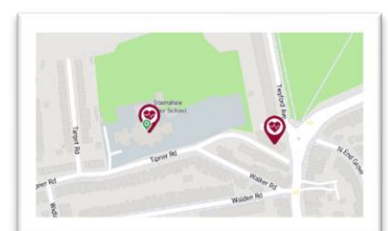
"Spreading a Little Happiness"



Defibrillator: We are pleased to announce that we now have a Defibrillator on site! The Defibrillator was kindly donated by 'The Big Match' Charity who have donated many defibs across the local area. We must thank Elizabeth from the 'The Big Match' who, following a chance meeting with Mr Jones on the beach front one Sunday afternoon, offered Stamshaw Junior School this life-saving device.

The Big Match relies on donations in order to provide these defibs and PATCH, our PTA, kindly stepped-up donating towards this great cause! Thank you PATCH.

You can use 'defib finder' on this [website](#) and see where ours is.



Year 5 Snow Globes: Year 5 are learning about the magical story, 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis. To excite the children and capture their imagination, they created their very own winter wonderland snow globes. From designing to constructing, the children have really captured the fantastic scenes of Narnia.

Pupils Meet Cressida Cowell: Some of our pupils were lucky enough to attend a talk with Cressida Cowell, the fabulous author of the How to Train Your Dragon books and The Wizards of Once series. Cressida introduced us to her new book, Which Way to Anywhere, spoke about what has inspired her and shared lots of tips on becoming an author and illustrator. The children had an opportunity to ask her many questions, take a peek inside her sketchbook and received a signed copy of her new book!



National Poetry Day: To celebrate National Poetry Day, all classes took part in sharing poems they had learnt off-by-heart with the whole school. Take a listen to the poems [performed](#) by the children.

POEMS

Year 3

3P - Sun Kenning by James Carter
3S - Litter is Rubbish by Tony Walsh
3T - Sick by Shel Silverstein

Year 4

4B - Let's Preserve Our Nature Anon
4M - What You Can Do Anon

Year 5

A Collection of Limericks
'There Once was a Man from...'
by 5AW & 5KW

Year 6

6AB - I Am The Earth Anon
6NB - Mother Nature by Edith A. Phinazee



Titanic Display: Check out this brilliant homework that Jazmin and her parents created using Lego. A fantastic Titanic display in school! Wow

Inset Days: We have a whole Trust Inset Day **on Friday 25th November**. We have a further two inset days on Friday 12th May & Friday 23rd June. These are the same as our Infant schools. Please see our [website](#).



Attendance: Our whole school attendance for Autumn 1 is 94.8% which is lower than we would expect but sickness has been a real challenge this term especially with the outbreak of sickness & diarrhoea . Attendance over 96% is what we aim for. Children are in school for 190 days a year.



Curriculum Newsletters: Please click on the link to see our latest [Curriculum Newsletters](#) and what your child will be learning in the half terms as well as the homework projects.

Parent's evening: Thank you for all your lovely comments at parent's evening. The teachers were telling me how pleased many of you were and really enjoyed getting to know you all. Turnout was excellent!

Finally...Congratulations to Mr Massey & Miss Warner for graduating from University as qualified teachers. We are very proud of you!

Be kind. Do your best. Achieve together.

Mr Rob Jones
Headteacher