



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a brilliant term with so much going on at our lovely school. We hope that you enjoyed joining us with our various Christmas festivities including the fun activities offered by PATCH who once again have done an amazing job! We are really thankful for everything you do for the school and giving up so much of your time. You really do go over and above!

I hope you are all ready for Christmas and get the chance to spend quality time with family and friends. Here are just some the great things we have been up to at SJS.

Year 4 Butser Farm Trip: As part of their Saxon learning, Year 4 travelled to Butser Farm. After an exciting coach journey, they arrived in the green fields. After a brief introduction, the children walked into a recreated Saxon roundhouse. They were split into classes to learn about Saxon life, including creating fences by wattling, carving chalk using flint, exploring Saxon artefacts and spinning lambs wool. Not forgetting a trip to the shop. A busy day for all, many tired children on the way home!



Stamshaw Junior School v Barncroft Primary School: Stamshaw travelled away again to face Barncroft in our second Hampshire Plate match. With a rotated squad of players, spirits were high. After a busy second half, the game was level at the end, so penalties would decide it. The lottery of penalties favoured Barncroft. So close but well done team SJS!

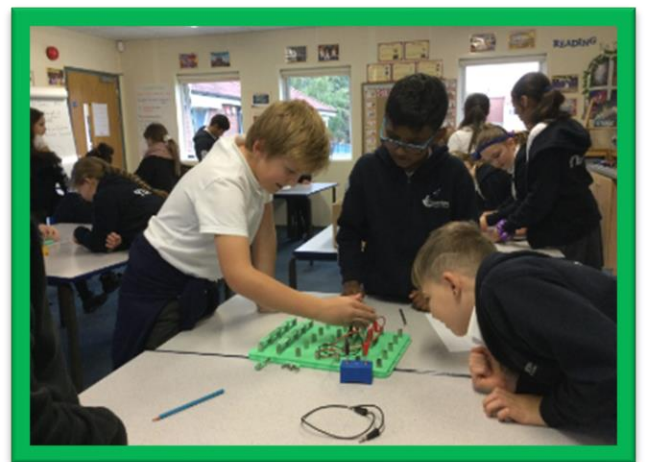




Christmas Jumper day: We supported this great cause and a BIG thank you for all your kind donations to 'Save the Children'. The children and staff looked great in their jumpers. Even Buddy had one on! Please take a look at our [Christmas song](#) if you have not already had the chance.

STEM in year 6: Dr. Geary, from UTC Portsmouth, came in to teach the children more about their science unit: Electricity. He kindly came in with his state-of-the-art equipment to excite the children of the prospect of one day being a great scientist just like

him. They learnt all about how electrons flow through a circuit and how they are affected by battery power and the addition of components. The children then had the opportunity to work



collaboratively with the amazing equipment that the UTC provided. All in all, it was a fantastic day; the children added to their subject knowledge and had lots of fun.

Year 6 Titanic Trip: Year 6 visited the Titanic Exhibition at the Sea City Museum. The children had a fantastic time discovering interesting





information about the Titanic's voyage and eventual sinking due to an iceberg. They experienced a guided tour by an expert historian and were then able to take part in hands-on workshop activities.

Rocksteady: Well done to our Rocksteady Bands who very bravely performed to the parents. It is amazing the progress they have made with the instruments and then coming together to perform the songs they have been working on with Stuart.



Bikeability: Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps you learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.

Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. Well done to the brave year 5's to braving some really wet weather. You were great!

PTA Christmas shop: Our PTA set up a 'pop up shop' selling some lovely, affordable Christmas gifts to the children. Each year group had the chance to buy gifts charged at either 50p or a £1 that were then gift wrapped



by our prefects. Look out in your Christmas stocking for these lovely gifts. Thank you to PATCH for organising it all!

Buddy Update: Buddy continues to work hard. He is having the best life playing, listening and just



being around the children and staff making us happy.

Halloween Disco: The children had a spooktacular time at the Halloween Disco. Your children looked amazing in their fancy dress as they enjoyed dancing and singing to some 'cheesy' classic actions songs!



Christmas Fayre: PATCH organised their first Christmas Fayre which was real success. I am sure they will go onto making it even bigger and better in the future.

A message from PATCH: As the Autumn Term draws to a close PATCH would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all of our school community at Stamshaw Infants and Stamshaw Juniors. We have raised a total of £3350.50 profit from this term's events.

We have contributed towards a defib for the Juniors, paid our circus deposit for 2024, purchased socks and underwear for the Infants children and bought a disco speaker for the Infants. Without your support none of this would be possible!
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Finally, from me, please continue to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our [YouTube](#) channel where we keep you up to date with all the latest information at SJS.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and great New Year!

School reopens on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Mr Rob Jones
Headteacher