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Dear Parents & Carers.

Thank you for helping us off to a great start this year. Your children have really settled in well albeit it is always a big change for our year 3 children. I am slowly getting to know all of our new year 3 children.

Here are just a few things that we have been up to this half term. Remember, Monday the 30th October is an INSET day. Please find all our [INSET days](#) on our website.

Pond: We had a fantastic pond reveal, all dressed in red, on Monday 11th September which was well attended. I am sure many of you will have seen the Facebook photographs and had an opportunity to visit the pond in memory of Warren. It is amazing. Once again, a BIG thank you to Warren's family for all their hard work in making this such a special place for us and the wildlife to enjoy for years to come.

INSET DAYS

Academic Year 2023/24

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Monday 30th October 2023
- Friday 17th November 2023 (Trust INSET Day)
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024
- Monday 15th April 2024
- Wednesday 12th June 2024
- Monday 8th July 2024 (Trust INSET Day)



Sports day: A massive thank you to all the adults that attended the re-scheduled Sports day on Wednesday 13th September. It was a fantastic day that was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and the experience of using a real racetrack was a huge hit. All the children put in a tremendous effort and were given a medal for participating with a trophy being presented to a chosen sportsperson from each House in every year group. A BIG thank you to PATCH for donating the medals and trophies. Check out our [YouTube](#) video



Goodbye: We said goodbye to Mr Schillemore who will be taking a lead on teacher training. He has been considering this opportunity for a long time and while he did not want to leave at half term, it was unavoidable. Thank you, Mr Schillemore, for all your hard work in making SJS what it is today!

Miss Shairp will be replacing Mr Schillemore and is a brilliant teacher. She is currently a senior leader in another Portsmouth school. She has 10 years of experience and comes highly recommended. She will be on our Senior Leadership Team and will lead the year 3 and 4 phase. She will only be able to start after Christmas as her school need time to find a replacement. Miss Shairp has been planned in to complete several transition days with 3S so that they get to know her before she starts. Mrs Daly (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Rogers (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) will be teaching the class in the Autumn 2 term up until Christmas when Miss Shairp starts.



Brave the Shave: Mr Bond, our site manager, Braved the Shave to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in front of a crowd of Stamshaw Junior's supportive community. Mrs Cantini was in charge of the clippers and did a marvellous job. Over £200 has been raised so far! Thanks Mr Bond! Check out the [video](#).

SCITT: SCITT have had a great start to the year with 19 new teacher trainees on site. They say that they are some the best they have ever had. They will be starting their first teaching practices soon in schools all over the city. We will be having two trainees in our classes with Mrs Piper and Mr West.



Teaching assistant advert: We are looking for an additional teaching assistant to join our team. If you or you know someone with the correct qualifications, [please apply](#). See link.

Crossing Patrol: We said goodbye to Mel last term, and we welcome Katy as our new crossing patrol. We kindly ask that you remain considerate to our neighbours when parking your cars or dropping your children off.

Year 6 Prefects: Congratulations to our newly appointed prefects. It was a difficult decision as there could have been so many more. I am sure you will do us proud!

Scooter Racks & Halloween: A BIG thank you to PATCH for our new scooter racks. It looks so much nicer having a special place for scooters and not just a big pile!

Remember Patch are also hosting a Halloween Non School Uniform day on Tuesday 31st October. Children can also wear non school uniform if they do not want to wear Halloween outfits. A £1 donation or a bag of sweets would be appreciated please.



Year 2 Open day: If any year 2 parents want to have a look around the school, please check out these dates. I will do a short presentation in the hall and some of our prefects will show them around.

You are invited to a
Yr. 2 OPEN DAY

Date: Tues 14th Nov OR Thurs 16th Nov
Time: 9:30 am OR 5pm (both days)
Venue: Stamshaw Junior School
Duration: approx. 60 mins (welcome and a tour with prefects)

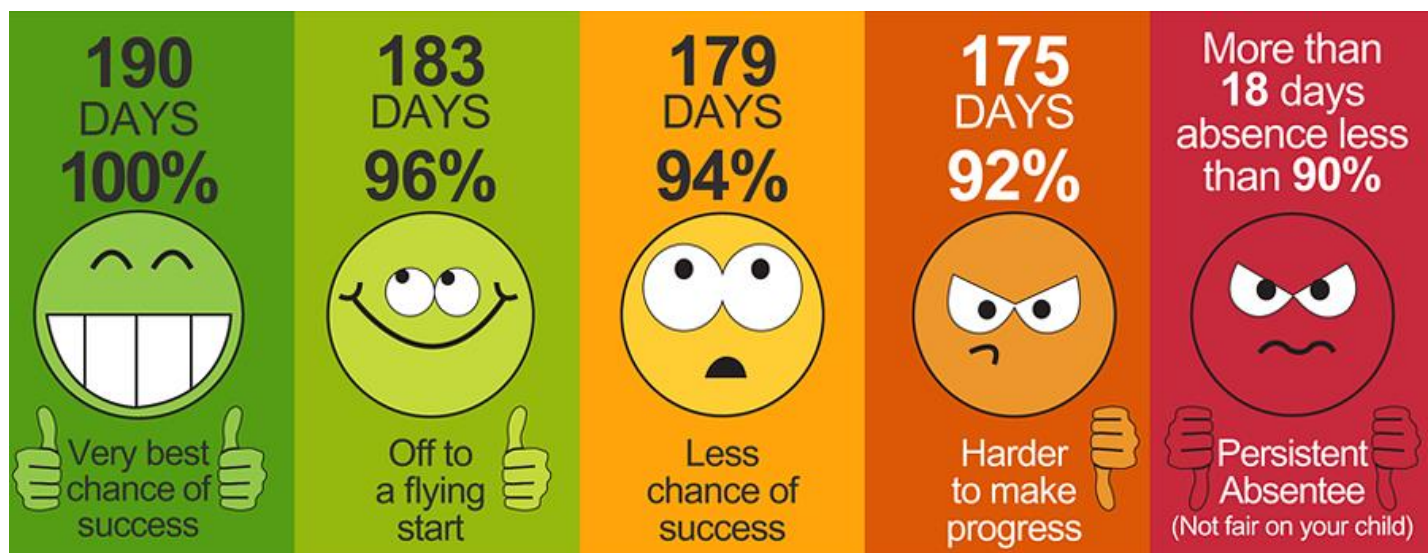
Our School Values

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

Look forward to seeing you!

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Attendance: Our whole school attendance for Autumn 1 is **95.7%** which is near our target of 96% and above. 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.

Mr Rob Jones
 Headteacher