

# STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER



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20th December 2018

### IT'S CHRISTMAS!

#### CHOIR NEWS

On Monday 3rd and Monday 10th December, members of our choir made our annual visit to Ryelands Care Home and Bramble Lodge. The choir sang the Christmas songs we have been learning this term plus some old favourites which the residents joined in with, with great enthusiasm. The children were brilliant at talking to all of the residents afterwards. We also sang Happy Birthday to one lady who was 94 that day, it was magical watching her enjoyment; we even bought a tear of joy to her eye. The children should be very proud of how much happiness they brought to everyone there! The choir also performed at the local Yulefest event in Carshalton Beeches earlier this month.



#### MUFTI DAY & SECRET PRESENTS ROOM



As is tradition at SPJS, the PTA once again arranged Secret Presents Day - one of the children's favourite events of the school year! Everyone looked fabulous in their Christmas mufti on Monday. Thank you so much for sending in your donations for the secret presents room. We had a huge number of willing volunteers to help sort the presents. The school was buzzing with excitement on Tuesday as class by class the children chose presents for two special people. Our parent helpers did a fantastic job wrapping them up beautifully. This event raised £1355 for the school, which is fantastic! We really appreciate your support.

#### PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO

What a fabulous time the children had at the PTA disco. There were glow sticks galore, yummy nibbles and refreshments for the children and of course plenty of dancing. Thank you so much for supporting this event and to all the parents who helped out on the night.

#### PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The PTA have also been busy organising a raffle to raise funds. Thank you for selling tickets and to staff for donating gifts to put in the hampers. We will let you know how much the PTA has raised for the school through all these fantastic Christmas events as soon as we are able to.

## TOM BRAKE'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

A huge well done to Kayla D-R who was a runner-up in this year's competition. She was invited with her family to an event at Wallington library to receive her award. Fantastic!

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT TRINITY CHURCH



Thank you for joining us at our annual Christmas Celebration at Trinity Church. I think you will agree that the singing was delightful and the readings poignant and entertaining. The children had put in hours of practice. (Unfortunately the staff didn't have quite so many hours to spare, but we hope you enjoyed their performance!) Thank you for your very generous donations for the Children's Trust in Tadworth. We collected £345.62.

## MUSEUM OF LONDON

On Thursday 6th December, year 3 took off on their adventure to the Museum of London. Once there, they had a brilliant time exploring the 'London Before London' gallery, which was full of Stone Age information and artefacts. Keen to find out as many answers as they could for their quiz, the children made their way through the gallery, starting at the Stone Age and finishing at the Iron Age. They loved seeing the animal bones, flint tools and bronze and iron weapons. We were also lucky enough to squeeze in a little time to look around some of the other galleries, including the Roman gallery. This will give the children a head-start before they start learning about the Romans in year 4. The children did us proud throughout our trip, always showing their Sense of Pride and behaving impeccably!

## NATIVITY CLUB PERFORMANCE



The children who participate in nativity club on a Friday after school have been working hard to learn lines and songs for their show "The Little Shepherd". They performed beautifully to the rest of the school earlier this week and completed the final performance to their parents on Tuesday evening. We hope you enjoyed it!

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Children and staff enjoyed a very tasty festive dinner last week, complete with crackers, Christmas hats and Christmas music to get everyone into the spirit!

## TOP OF THE FORM

Over 35 children bravely had a go at the year 6 school general knowledge competition to try and secure a place in the "Top of the Form" school team. Our top scoring children are in the photo below. A very well done to Giancarlo P who was our third highest scoring boy and narrowly missed the team.

All 4 children went on to participate in our first match against Wallington Primary Academy. The team were nervous but had their tactics sorted. All members of the SPJS team answered a range of general knowledge questions from history and maths to motor sports and current affairs. They were confident throughout. Wallington Primary Academy pupils didn't give up and fought hard but our SPJS team were strong. SPJS were victorious with a final score of 76-27



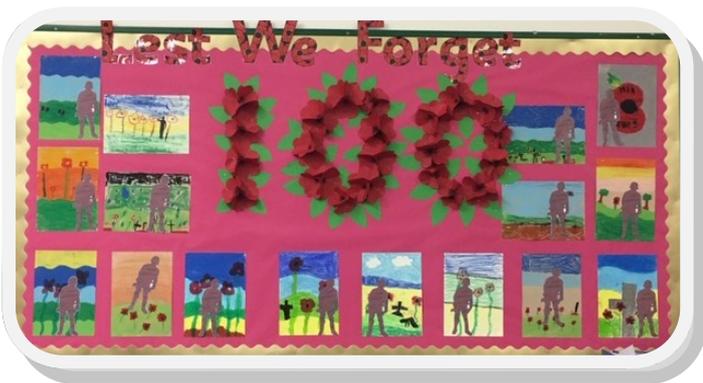
## CLUB PAYMENTS



Please make sure that you make your payment for next term's clubs by **21<sup>st</sup> December**. Since we were so over - subscribed we are unable to hold any places open if we haven't received payment. Any places which become available will be offered to children on the waiting list. There are still some places available in LazerLions, Tae Kwon-Do and Gymnastics (all run by outside providers). JDS Football, however, are very nearly at their limit, so you will need to make your payment quickly in order to secure your child's place.

## LEST WE FORGET

Last month we celebrated 100 years since the end of WWI. Year 6 created a fabulous display.



## CHIEF SCOUT

### BRONZE & SILVER AWARDS

We were thrilled to hear from 14<sup>th</sup> Wallington Scout Group that several of our pupils have recently completed their Chief Scout Bronze or Silver Awards - the highest award available to a Beaver or Cub Scout. They are:

#### Beavers - Bronze Award

Jacob W, Leo P, Alex C, Jansen L

#### Cubs - Silver Award

James C, Zach P, Giancarlo P, Alex B & Veebhore B

Well done boys!

## WELL DONE DOMINIC !

Well done to Dominic B in 3J who recently won a gold medal for sparring at the TKD (Taekwondo) Winter Games.



## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Please see the last page of this newsletter for how to set up a device safely for children

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

At our full governing board meeting in December we held the annual elections for the chair and vice chair of the governing board. I have been chair for the last two years, and vice chair before that, and I'd decided not to stand again. I am delighted to be able to tell you that, by a unanimous vote, Emma Clements and Julie Smith were elected as co-chairs and Manosi Dutta was elected as vice chair. They bring a passion for our school and a wealth of experience about the role of governing (Emma and Julie served as my co vice chairs last year and all three are knowledgeable governors). For me, it has been a privilege to lead the SPJS governing board and I would like to thank everyone who has served on the board and supported me so well. I hope we have kept you informed about what the board does through our contributions to the school newsletter and watch this space for news about a chance to stand for election as a parent governor - which is how many of us started. On behalf of the governing board, thank you to Mrs Lamy and her entire team of dedicated staff for another successful term and thank you, SPJS pupils for having a sense of pride in your work and how you behave. Merry Christmas! Kind regards from Sarah Skeels

## GOLD SCHOOL GAMES MARK

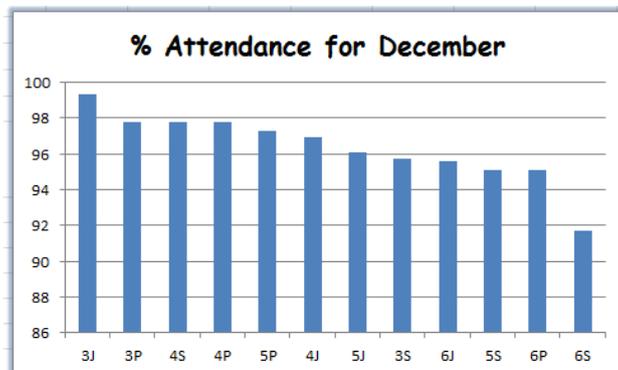


We were extremely proud to receive our Gold Games Mark Plaque from Sutton Sports partnership. This is the second year we've managed to achieve gold. Thank you to all the staff who have organised sporting events for the children in 2017-18. We are always proud of what good sportsmanship skills the children demonstrate in all the events in which we participate. Well Done!

## END OF TERM AWARDS

The children will be presented with the end of term awards in assembly on Friday. A list of the winners will be posted on our website as soon as possible.

## ATTENDANCE



## DIARY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2019

Mon 7 Jan	INSET DAY
Tues 8 Jan	Term Starts for Pupils
Wed 9 Jan	Optional Project due in
Mon 14 Jan	Y5 Swimming starts
Fri 18 Jan	New optional project guidance issued
Fri 18 Jan	5J Class Assembly
Thur 31 Jan	5S Ecology Centre Visit
Fri 1 Feb	3S Class Assembly
Thu 7 Feb	5P Ecology Centre Visit
Thu 14 Feb	5J Ecology Centre Visit
Fri 15 Feb	6J Class Assembly. <b>School finishes at 3.20 pm</b>
w/c 18 Feb	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Thu 28 Feb	Y5 Tudor Day
Wed 6 Mar	Optional Project due in
Fri 15 March	New Project Guidance Sent Out
Fri 15 Mar	4J Class Assembly
Tue 19 Mar	M & M Productions: Oliver Twist for Y5 & Y6
Mon 25 Mar	Last Y5 Swimming
Fri 29 Mar	3P Class Assembly
Fri 5 April	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm
	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
Tues 23 April	Term starts for pupils

## TERM DATES 2019-2020

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	INSET DAY - School Closed
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Term Starts for Pupils
w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	INSET DAY - School Closed
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Term Ends for pupils 1.45pm

### SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Term Starts for Pupils
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm

### SUMMER TERM 2020

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Term Starts for Pupils
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm

Please remember that holidays should not be taken in term.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our families for their continued support over the past year. Also a big thank you to all staff, the PTA and their helpers for making Christmas at SPJS extra-special for the children.

**THE STAFF AT SPJS WISH YOU  
ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



# SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

## YOUTUBE

SETTINGS →  
TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING  
→ TICK STRICT

## TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

## DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER

(IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
ALLOWED CONTENT

## MAKE ITUNES SAFE

(TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES  
ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)

ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES  
DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE ← PARENTAL  
APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE  
AND OTHER DEVICES.

## SAFARI

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE  
FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

## DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

## GUIDED ACCESS

(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING ← ACCESSIBILITY  
GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

