

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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VOCAB-A-THON



You will already have received a letter about our vocab-a-thon which starts next week. This year, our sponsorship week will be focussed on raising some money for science across the school. We hope that this will enable us to update and add to our science resources, and provide some science-related enrichment across the curriculum. We are already looking forward to some science workshops which have been arranged for the end of February.

Next week, the children will be sent home with the scientific vocabulary which we would like them to focus on. They will also bring home a sponsorship form. If you are able to collect some sponsors, that would be fantastic. Any money collected should be brought into school during the week beginning 24th February.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5TH MARCH PJs/ONESIE DAY



As you know, this is the day when many children traditionally dress up as their favourite book character.

This year, however, it was decided with the school council to ask the children to vote between three options: dressing as a book character; wearing PJs or a onesie ready to enjoy some quiet reading; wearing school uniform as usual. The vote was vast majority in favour of a PJ/Onesie Day.

This is obviously optional but should your child wish to participate, please ensure that they have some suitable footwear and a jacket for breaktimes. Further information about activities during our Book Week will follow.

PARENTS' EVENING: Tues 17th March

As you will be aware from our letter which was sent out earlier this week, the booking system for our Spring Parents' Evening on the ParentMail App will go live on Monday 10th February at 7pm.

School will be closing at 1.30pm on 17th March. We would be grateful if you could complete and return the reply slip which was sent home with the children, advising us of collections arrangements for your child on that day.



YEAR 4 ANGLO SAXON DAY



On the 16th January, strange things were happening in Year 4! Most of us were dressed as Anglo-Saxons and we enjoyed having a visitor from "Portals to the Past" giving a whole day of enriched learning to start off our new history topic.

In the morning, the children enjoyed learning by handling real artefacts, playing an ancient Saxon game with counters and finding answers to a quiz by carefully scanning sources of information.

In the afternoon, it was time to get serious as the children enjoyed performing battle drills, learning about Saxon weaponry and listening to the very intense Saxon legend of Beowulf.

It was an excellent day and the children showed great enjoyment and excellent learning throughout!



YEAR 3 SCIENCE

Recently in Year 3, we have been learning about fossils in science. To help us understand what fossils are and how they are made, we recreated the process (which normally takes millions of years) in just a couple of days! The children had a great time using slices of bread to represent the layers of rock, in between which they placed a jelly baby, to represent the animal that was going to be fossilised. After just a couple of days, they were amazed to see that the bread had flattened and hardened, and when they removed the jelly baby, there was a fossil (imprint) in the bread!



YEAR 6 TFL SAFETY TALK

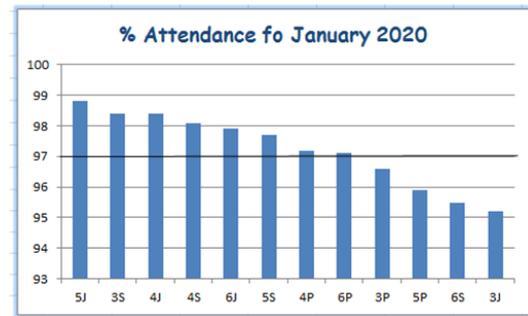
Last week our Year 6s enjoyed a very informative talk about safety from TFL. Our visitor managed to get some important messages across to the children in a very clear way, with a mixture of humour and seriousness. He covered the importance of being courteous to members of Tfl staff, using an Oyster card, what children should do if they find themselves in a difficult situation and the importance of being able to communicate clearly with members of Tfl staff. All very useful skills as they move on to High school later this year.

TOP OF THE FORM

All Year 6 children had the opportunity to sit a general knowledge quiz. The top scoring pupils were selected to represent the school in the Rotary Club Top of the Form Competition. A very well done to Finlay B, Niamh C, Anna H-S and Selvyn S who made the team. Our first match was against Highview Primary. All children answered a range of questions confidently but there were some extremely hard questions. Highview just pipped us at the post to go through to the next round.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 5J, 3S, 4J, 6J, 5S, 4P and 6P all of which are above our target of 97%.



TISSUES

We would appreciate it if you could send in a box of tissues for your child's class this term. We always encourage the children to use a tissue to prevent the spread of germs, and to wash their hands. Thank you!



SPORTS NEWS

TAG RUGBY

Some children in Year 6 have been lucky enough to have some specialised coaching from the Sutton Schools Sports Partnership this term. They have been concentrating on the skills and tactics required to make a good team. They have had lots of practise passing backwards which is one of the most difficult skills to perfect. We hope that they have enjoyed the sessions.

FOOTBALL

The boys have had several football fixtures so far this term. They played very well against All Saints Carshalton scoring two late goals to win 2 -0 They had a fantastic 10-3 victory against Beddington Park Primary, which was a great morale boost for the team.

The day after this, a weary team took on Harris Academy. The score was 4-4 at half time, but unfortunately, they were tiring towards the end of the match and ended up losing 7-4.

Both the girls and the boys football teams have had the opportunity of some extra coaching this year, which we hope they have found beneficial.

GIRL'S FOOTBALL

On 17th January we played All Saints Benhilton. We were unlucky not to score in the first half and were 0-3 down going into the second half. All the girls pulled together and showed their determination and resilience to pull some goals back. One after the other we put them in the back of the net. The game ended in a 3-3 draw. Well done to all the team.

DAWB



DAWB is a tissue business created by Datta B and Alfie W. "We made DAWB, because in a recent PSHE lesson we learned

about problems all over the world and we thought about trying to make a difference.

We thought of selling something simple, something everyone needs: tissues. So every day, we sell tissues in front of the Headteacher's office. What made us think of selling these packets with Paloma tissues inside them, was that in both our families a grandparent has been affected by cancer. We are raising money for cancer research. We are selling a normal packet for 20p and a premium packet for 80p each.

Our friend Jacob makes different artwork, so if you want to buy one of those packets, you pay 10p extra. We have made £20 so far and our goal is to get more than £50." Datta & Alfie.



Well done to the boys for coming up with a fantastic fundraising opportunity. It looks like we have some budding entrepreneurs at SPJS!

TERM DATES FOR 2019-2020

SPRING TERM 2020

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

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20 th April 2020	Term Starts for Pupils
Friday 8 th May 2020	BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed
w/c 25 th May 2020	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 st June 2020	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 21 st July 2020	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm

Please note that all of these planned dates for 2019/2020 coincide with those set by Stanley Park Infants' School.

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY	February Value - Patience
Mon 3 Feb	Children to start sponsorship: Science vocabulary.
Tues 4 Feb	Parental Workshop: Reading 9am - 6.00pm Postponed until 26 th February.
Thurs 13 Feb	Y3 Ancient Pyramid Workshop Main Hall
Fri 14 Feb	6J Class Assembly
Fri 14 Feb	Sponsorship Test
w/b 17 Feb	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 24 Feb	Book Fair this week.
Mon 24 Feb	Science Week
Tues 25 Feb	Science Workshop for Y3/4: Green Earth
Weds 26 Feb	Parental Workshop: Helping my child with Reading 9am and 6pm
Thurs 27 Feb	Y5 Tudor Day
Fri 28 Feb	Science Workshop for Y5/6 Invention and Discovery
MARCH	Value of the Month - Humility
Wed 4 Mar	Optional Project due in
Thurs 5 Mar	5J Ecology Centre Visit 12.45-14.45
Thurs 5 Mar	World Book Day - Sharing a love of books. PJs/Onesies.
Thurs 5 Mar	Y5/6 Book Character Competition 9.15am. Parents of performers are invited.
Fri 6 Mar	Y3/4 Book Character Competition 9.15am. Parents of performers are invited.
Wed 11 Mar	Y5/6 Cycling Event Northey Avenue 12-3pm
Thurs 12 Mar	5S Ecology Centre Visit 12.45-14.45
Fri 13 Mar	New Project Guidance Sent Out
Fri 13 Mar	5J Class Assembly
Mon 16 Mar	Y6 SATS practice
Tue 17 Mar	Parents' Evening 1.40 - 8.00 pm. Children collected 1.30pm
Thur 19 Mar	5P Ecology Visit 12.45-14.45
Mon 23 Mar	Half of Y6 HMS Belfast
Mon 23 Mar	Full Governors Meeting
Mon 23 Mar	Last Y5 Swimming
Tues 24 Mar	Y4 Tate Museum Visit all day
Wed 25 Mar	Half of Y6 HMS Belfast
Wed 25 Mar	Y5/6 Spring Concert
Fri 27 Mar	3P Class Assembly
w/b 30 Mar	World Autism Awareness Week: Assembly Focus
APRIL	Value of the Month - Peace
Wed 1 April	Y3/ 4 Spring Concert
Fri 3 April	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm
	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 20 April	Term starts for pupils
Wed 22 April	Family Evening Event - Science