

# STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

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### YEAR 6 TRIP TO ISLE OF WIGHT



waves for body-boarding. The children were a pleasure to be away with and were a credit to SPJS.



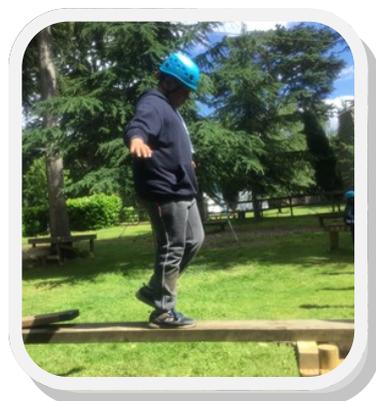
Details will follow very shortly to enable Y5 parents to sign up for 'the best week ever' (Y6 pupil) next year.

Last week, 75 Y6 children and 8 adults set off to the Isle of Wight for a week of outdoor and adventurous activities and what a week it was! The weather was very kind to us and we all thoroughly enjoyed, and were challenged by, a wide range of fun sessions. We were particularly lucky that sunshine and an easterly wind combined at the right time providing us with amazing



### YEAR 6 ACTIVITY WEEK

Last week 14 Year 6 children enjoyed a week full of activities. They did a different activity every day, some were in school and some were out. Activities ranged from taking part in a spinning class at Sutton Junior Tennis Centre to making rhubarb crumble using rhubarb freshly picked from our allotment. The highlight of the week was going to High Ashurst Activity



Centre on Friday. All the children showed great resilience as they faced the climbing wall, abseiling and the Challenge Course. Carrying cups of water across the challenges added extra stress and entertainment but most of all they demonstrated great teamwork.



## YEAR 4 MAYAN WORKSHOP



On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Year 4 experienced an amazing Maya workshop that brought our new topic to life for us. When we arrived in the hall, we were greeted by loud music, rhythmic drumming and the ear shattering bellow of a conch shell. It was an amazing cacophony of sound! The first thing we were taught was how to count in Ancient Mayan. We learnt that through chanting Hun, Cha, Ox, Kan (1, 2, 3 and 4).

Throughout the morning, we dressed up in traditional Maya clothes and took part in a procession to welcome a new day. Some of us played drums and other instruments during this, others walked around the hall and the rest of us were dancing and chanting.

We learnt a lot of interesting information about the lives of the Maya, particularly their punishments. Naughty children were sometimes made to sweep the streets, held over open fires and scalded or pierced with cactus spines! Year 4 are quite



glad that they were not ancient Maya children! The morning ended with a ceremonial game of pok-ta-pok (the Maya ball game). Luckily it was not played strictly to the Maya style as the losing players were traditionally sacrificed to the sun god! Year 4 really enjoyed having the workshop and we look forward to welcoming them back again.

## YEAR 3 WWII WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 11th June, Year 3 were transported back in time to 1939, when World War II began. They enjoyed a workshop in which they became evacuees who had to make sure they gathered and packed just the right belongings ready for their train journey out of London.



When they arrived, they were shown how they could prepare for the dangers of war by learning which sirens to listen out for and how to put on their gas mask. They then had a go at using a stirrup pump and hose to put out a 'fire' as well as scooping up sand to put out a 'fire bomb'.

It was a great experience that helped the children understand what life was like back then.

## SPJS ALLOTMENT

There has been a lot changes at the allotment in recent weeks! Year 6 have had the chance to visit the allotment each week over the spring and summer terms. A huge thank you to Mrs Clark and Mrs Galligan who volunteer in school to provide this enrichment for our pupils.



Long canes to help the runner beans climb up, & marigolds to attract bees and butterflies.



Nets over strawberries from May to keep the birds and squirrels out.



Straw to stop weeds growing up and to keep the berries from touching the ground & rotting, which attracts slugs and snails



A crop of strawberries in June!



Broad beans



The red currants are starting to ripen.



A nice big onion



The tomatoes are flowering

## PINEAPPLE DANCE PERFORMANCE

Year 6 children performing the dance which they had been learning with coaches from Pineapple Dance Studios. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn some new dance moves as well as providing CPD for staff.



## PTA SUMMER FAIR

The summer fair was a huge hit this year. Thanks to very small team of parents who ran the PTA with SPIS PTFA the day was a success. It would be great to see even more parent helpers offering to man a stall for a short period of time next year. We are delighted to have raised just under £3000 for each school. The PTA will meet with us at school to see what the money can be spent on to benefit the children at SPJS. If you have any great ideas please let us know.

## SPORTS NEWS



### SPORTS LEADERS TRAINING

Earlier this month our Year 6 Sports Leaders attended a KS1 event at the David Weir Centre. They supervised and led some multi-sports activities for children from other Primary/Infants schools in Sutton. They were also lucky enough to meet and train with some professional athletes who regularly train at the David Weir Centre, which was a great experience for them.

### SWIMMING GALA

This year we had a great swimming squad consisting of Y4-6 children. They all took part in a series of individual races or relays. We were delighted to win the girls medley relay. The team for this event was Daisy D, Marina K and Sophie D. SPJS have for many years been placed in the top seeded gala. We were delighted that we came 2nd in the Borough overall. Well done to everyone who participated.

### Y4 VOLLEYBALL

This half term, Year 4 have been treated to some fantastic sessions run by the Sutton Sports Partnership on how to play volleyball.

So far, the children have learned to volley and dig the ball first to a partner before graduating to using a small net. The classes have talked a lot about their positioning and footwork and have made massive improvements in all areas over just a few sessions.

### ATHLETICS AT ST ELPHEGE'S

On Thursday 6th June, through the break in rain, a selection of children from all years competed in a variety of athletic events in practise for the Borough Sports Athletics Competition. This event, held at St Elphege's, allowed the athletes to practise baton changing on a circular track for relays. It also allowed them to see some of the schools they would be competing against. All the children were an amazing asset to the school and are looking forward to competing again, next month.

### Year 6 SWIMMING

15 Year 6 children who had not already managed to swim 25m had the opportunity of some extra lessons at Westcroft this month. They worked on their backstroke and front crawl skills and had lots of fun. By the end of the sessions, **all** the children had achieved their 25m badge. Brilliant!

## FUTURE GYMNASTICS INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION



A group of SPJS children who take part in the Gymnastics club run at SPJS by Future Gymnastics took part in an inter schools competition at Bandon Hill. Schools from all over the Borough were represented but we were delighted to hear that SPJS won the overall competition. All the girls represented the school with great team work, positive attitude and excitement. Families and staff of the pupils are extremely proud of their achievements.

## TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Table Tennis has been a very popular sport in our school. Children play before school, at playtimes, lunchtimes and after school. This week we have started an in school doubles tournament for Y5 and Y6 pupils. Who will be victorious and win the first ever trophies? We hope to run the same competition for Y3 and Y4 next year.

## SPIS SPORTS DAY

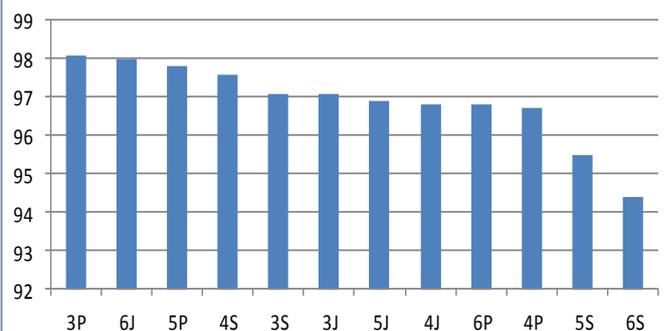
On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, SPIS were raring to go for their Sports Day! Our Year 6s got a chance to help out with each year group and class. The Infants did so well in their races, especially the parents! For doing so well, they celebrated with an ice lolly. Well Done Infants!

And thank you to our very willing Year 6 children for helping out.

## NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT & SAFEGUARDING

Children at SPJS have been delighted with the new playground equipment that has been installed. Please can I ask all parents to ensure that children do not go on this equipment before or after school. This is also the same for SPIS play equipment.

## % ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE 2019



Well done to 3P, 6J, 5P and 4S for being above our school target.

## SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child would like to swap between school dinners and packed lunches next term, then please let us know by 12th July at the latest. The new menus for September are available for you to view on our website: <http://www.spjs.org/Lunch-times-and-Break-times>. Please note that your ParentPay account should be kept in credit at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

## UNIFORM

If you need to order new uniform for September, please do so before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, to give us enough time to get the orders ready before the end of term.

## CLUBS

Thank you for your applications for next term's clubs. We are currently allocating places, and will let you know via a ParentPay email if you have been allocated a place in your chosen club. We will then invite you to make your payment on ParentPay. Please note that payments for clubs run by SPJS staff will need to be made by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. As many of our clubs are over-subscribed, if you haven't made your payment by that date, then the place may be offered to another child on our waiting list.

## DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM

Thur 4 July	Sports day 9.30-12
Fri 5 July	Half of Y5 visit to Bough Beech
Fri 5 July	KS2 Music Festival - Y4 Ukulele at St Andrews Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam 6.30pm—8.00 pm (Children to arrive at 5.45pm)
Mon 8 July	Parents Evening for Y2 parents - meeting teachers/teaching assistants
Wed 10 July	Optional Projects Due In
Thur 11 July	Y3 Tate Project (Photographer in Main Hall)
Thur 11 July	New Y3 Getting to know you afternoon 3.30-5pm
Fri 12 July	Half of Y5 visit to Bough Beech
w/b Mon 15 July	Reports sent out to parents
Tue 16 July	Y6 Performance to Parents 6.45pm
<b>Wed 17 July</b>	<b>Y4 Visit to British Wildlife Centre Cancelled</b>
Wed 17 July	Y6 Performance to Parents 6.45pm
Fri 19 July	Y6 Leavers Disco
Mon 22 July	Opportunity for parents to see teachers re reports (by request)
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	<b>Term Ends for Pupils 1.45pm</b>

## STAFFING NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

We will be sad to say farewell to Mrs Crowley who is retiring at the end of this year after nearly 25 years working at SPJS as a midday supervisor and senior teaching assistant. We wish her a long and happy retirement exploring the world.

We want to wish Mr Broers, Year 4 class teacher and Year Leader 'good luck' as he takes up a promotion as Phase Leader at a school in Kingston Upton Thames. They will be very lucky to have his expertise and we will greatly miss him.

We have said farewell to Mrs Stanojevic, a midday supervisor, who has returned back to her native country.

We welcome back Mrs Khan who is returning from maternity leave next week and Mrs Lasrado who will continue to work in partnership with Mrs Reeves.

## TERM DATES FOR 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

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Term Starts for Pupils
Friday 8 <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 note that all of these planned dates for 2019/2020 coincide with those set by Stanley Park Infants' School.