



# STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

This term we are delighted to welcome three new school governors. Keerthy Sachavi has joined as a co-opted Governor with a skills set in HR, premises management and safeguarding and Chris Wicks and Nabilla Stelter have been recently elected as our new parent governors.

We look forward to the contribution that they will make to the governing body and wish them every success in their new roles. The parent governor election was really well supported with a huge 183 parents and carers voting. We have also elected Pablo Mayorga (an existing parent governor) to the governing body for a four year term, changing his status to a co-opted Governor. Pablo has a huge breadth of knowledge in the education sector and is an asset to the governing body. We would also like to thank Paul Huggins for his time as a parent governor. Paul only served for a very short time and has left due to relocation. We wish him all the best.

This term we have been looking at the new Ofsted framework. The key change shifts the focus away from internal data and scrutinising to the quality of education, with specific weight on the learning journey of the pupil through the school. Finally on behalf of the whole governing body, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## SECRET PRESENTS ROOM



Mufti Day: Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December in exchange for  
two presents for the  
Secret Presents Room Se-  
cret Presents Day:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children can bring in money to purchase gifts for 2 special people in their lives. The gifts will be priced from between £1 and £4. Full details can be found on the following page of our website: <https://www.spjs.org/pta.php>. Please compete and return the slip to the school office, for the attention of the PTA, if you are able to help on the 13th and/or 18th December.

If you have any spare wrapping paper at home which you are able to donate to the school, then please send it in to the school office.

## PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Please return your payment and form to the school office no later than **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. The letter from the PTA is available on our website: <https://www.spjs.org/pta.php>. Please indicate on the form if you are able to offer some help at the disco.

## CAULIFLOWER CARDS

We are looking forward to seeing the children's designs finally printed as Christmas cards. We are expecting them to arrive at school early in December. Your purchases have earned the school over £430 in commission. Thank you for your support!

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & CLASS PARTIES



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, children can come to school wearing a festive jumper (with school skirt/trousers).

Children will have their school dinner or packed lunch as normal. They are also invited to bring in a plate of food for their Class Christmas parties which will be held in the afternoon.



## CHRISTMAS POST BOX



Our Christmas post box will be open again as usual this year. The first day for posting is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please make sure that your child puts the recipient's full name and

class on the envelope.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

William in Y4 baked chocolate and oat biscuits and sold them to friends and neighbours. He went out on Friday evening in the pouring rain but raised £32.50. Well done William! This year at school we raised £272.32. Thank you for your donations.



## WOMEN IN STEM

We were fortunate to have some female Data Scientists in school to explain to the children what their job involves. They talked about how maths is used to help them to solve problems and how it links to work on coding using computers. Children also learned about the history of computers and how, over time, computers have changed as well as

the jobs that people are now doing to keep them working effectively. Hopefully it inspired some of our children into thinking about their future job and how the work they do in school could help them in years to come.

## YEAR 6: SUTTON LIFE CENTRE

On the 13th November, Year 6 travelled to the Sutton Life Centre for a day of exploring citizenship, personal safety and the environment. Using state-of-the-art technology, they engaged with varying topics very effectively such as public transport, home emergencies, sensible eating habits and online safety. Together with using their safety skills while travelling to and from the Centre, they all had a good grounding in how to make sensible choices in difficult situations and where to find support if needed. Thank you to all the parents who came to help with the trip on the day.

## YEAR 5 VIKING DAY

On Thursday 7th November, Year 5 took part in Viking day. The children spent the day participating in various activities, including a quiz, looking at artefacts, playing games and spear wrestling. The children had a brilliant

## ROMANS IN YEAR 4



In year 4, the children have been studying Romans. As part of this, the children produced a life-size drawing of a Roman Legionary that they could be part of!

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & ROAD SAFETY WEEK

This month, we have celebrated two very important events at SPJS: Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week. It was great to see the children sharing their knowledge of what bullying is and offering advice on what to do in bullying situations. The children seem very confident in knowing to tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable or unhappy at school.

The children also built on their understanding of road safety, particularly remembering to Stop, Look, Listen and Think when using roads. We will continue to encourage children to act responsibly around roads, particularly while out on school trips. We thank you for your continued support at home and welcome any feedback or questions around these topics.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Cross Country: London Youth Games



Well done to James Y and Lola C for representing Sutton in the London Youth Games. It was a tiring event, but the children did well to finish. Well done all!

### Netball

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we set off to play an away match against Green Wrythe Primary. Our A team made a strong start, scoring a couple of quick goals to put us in the lead. However, the opposition came back after half time with renewed determination, leading to goals being scored on both sides. After a closely fought match, the final score was 5 all. The B team were up next and, despite the rapidly fading light, they started well and maintained dominance

throughout, resulting in a 3 - 0 win.

Next was a home game against Barrow Hedges, played on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. From the outset, the A team demonstrated how well they are working together as a team, making it very hard for the opposition to get the ball into their attacking half. They maintained the pressure throughout, leading to a very impressive 12 - 0 victory. The B team, who had not all played together before, were equally determined and were soon displaying good team skills, leading to another victory of 2 - 0. A huge well done to all members of the netball club.

### Indoor Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, year 6 took part in an indoor athletics competition at Wallington Girls High School. They participated in various activities including relays, high jump, long jump, soft javelin and much more. Overall, SPJS came 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (as we had two teams). The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

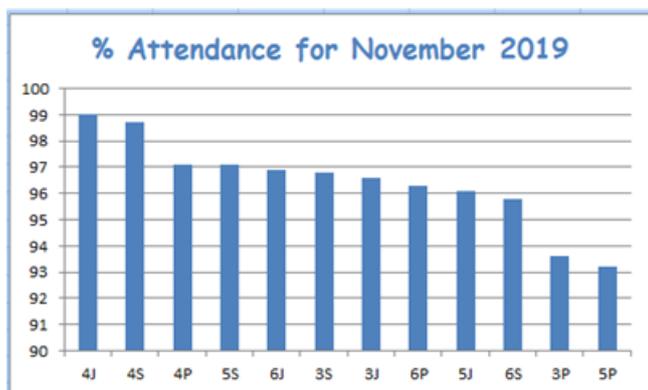
## CLUBS

Thank you for returning your club forms. We have had a huge number of applications and have tried to allocate places as fairly as possible. You should by now have received notification of which club places your child has been allocated. In order to secure your place, please make your payment by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Tag rugby and netball club have both finished for this term. For details of when all our other clubs finish, please refer to the club timetable on our website: <https://www.spjs.org/whats-on.php>

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to 4J for 99% attendance for this month, followed closely by 4S with 98.7%.



## SCHOOL DINNERS SPRING TERM

If you wish to change from school dinners to packed lunch or vice versa for the spring term, please let us know by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## REMINDERS

- We would be grateful if you could encourage your children to check that they have everything they need for school the night before. It would be great if we could reduce the steady stream of forgotten items which are brought in during the school day to be taken to class. e.g.: lunch boxes / musical instruments/homework/home-school books/PE kits/coats etc. We need to try to encourage children to develop their organisational skills.
- Please also remember that any messages for Class Teachers, including changes to collection arrangements, can be written in your child's home-school book. Class Teachers are also available in the playground after school if you would like a quick chat.
- We have a post box for parents to return forms and post letters to the office. It is at the bottom of the steps into the Junior School playground. Forms for the PTA Disco can be posted in here.

## DIARY DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM

Fri 6 Dec	Yulefest - Choir Singing 6.15-6.30pm
Fri 6 Dec	3S Class Assembly
Tues 10 Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 12 Dec	PTA School Disco
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Mufti Day in return for two secret presents.
Mon 16 Dec	Christmas Celebration at Trinity Church 6.30 - 8pm approx. (6.15pm children arrive)
Tue 17 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties pm (Christmas Top/School skirt/trousers)
Tues 17 Dec	Nativity to Parents (for members of Friday Nativity Club) 6.30 (6.15pm children arrive)
Wed 18 Dec	Secret Presents Day in Centenary Hall
Thur 19 Dec	End of Term 1:45 pm