

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL RANKED 376 IN NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

We are extremely proud to announce that Stanley Park Junior School has been listed as one of the top 500 primary schools in England by The Sunday Times. Parent Power 2019 identifies the highest achieving primary and prep schools in the UK. SPJS was ranked 376 out of 16,776 primary schools. What an incredible achievement. Thank you to all our staff who provide the best learning for our children. Also a big thank you to our parents who support all that we do. Our children are amazing!

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	NATIONAL RANK	READING SCALED SCORE	MATHS SCALED SCORE

CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you for sending your children in wearing spotty clothes for Children in Need, and a huge thank you for your donations. SPJS were able to send off a cheque for £410.30. This included £13.70 from William in 3S. He made and sold the delicious looking cup-cakes in the picture below. Well done to taking the initiative!



CHOOSE RESPECT!

At SPJS, we took part in anti-bullying week by focusing on this year's theme: Choose Respect. After a whole school assembly to introduce the theme and get the week started, each class focused on the idea of 'Choosing Respect' during their PSCHÉ lesson. It was fantastic to see all of the children proudly wearing

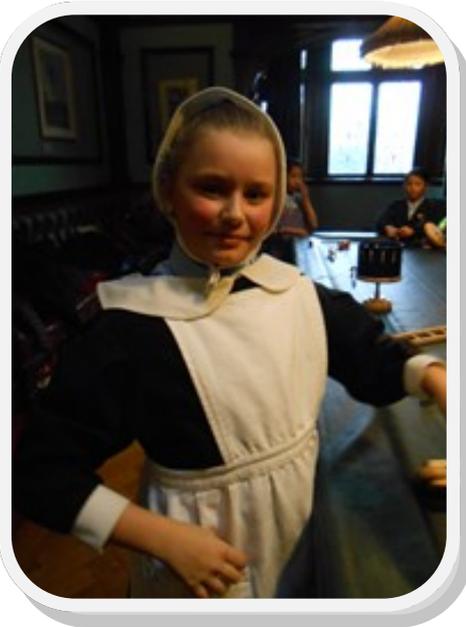
their odd socks on the Monday, proving that we have some strong-minded individuals in our school who are not afraid to be different and be themselves. Thank you for your continued support at home to help make our school a welcoming and friendly place. If you have any concerns about bullying, please do not hesitate to talk to us about it.



SUTTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Lily T in 4S won the Own Choice class at the Sutton Music Festival on Saturday and Jingxuan won a Duet class at the festival too. It's lovely that they are both enjoying their music so much. Well done girls!





YEAR 6 HONEYWOOD LODGE

As part of their learning about the Victorian era, year 6 recently visited the Honeywood Museum in Carshalton.

Following a pleasant walk down in the morning, the children listened to the history of the house and its interesting inhabitants. They enjoyed handling replica artefacts including items from the Victorian classroom and watching a film about Sarah Coombs, the Kirk family's young house maid. The children were also given the opportunity to view fascinating photographs of Carshalton from the era and they were challenged to think about the changes that have taken place since.

After lunch and a run around, the children participated in two different sessions: a workshop examining primary sources (including census documents and photographs) and playing with replica Victorian toys. They certainly had great fun with the flip books, spinning tops and wooden skittles as well as dressing up in period clothing!

All in all, a fantastic time was had by the children and their learning has certainly been enhanced by the visit to the museum.

YEAR 5 VIKING DAY

November 9th - Viking Day - was a day to remember for our year 5 children as they travelled back in time, courtesy of the external provider -

Portals to the Past. The children dressed up in Viking outfits and homemade helmets (without horns!) to enjoy a day of learning about this fascinating era which helped to shape the UK as we know it. There were lots of activities: stories of gods and goddesses, giants, games, quizzes, replica artefacts, the end of the world and even spear-wrestling! The children had a wonderful time as this topic was brought to life by their fantastic guide for the day. They learnt a great deal and showed excellent enthusiasm and a sense of pride.

TRINITY SCHOOL CONCERT

On 28th November, all our Year 5 classes were invited to a Music Concert at Trinity School. When we arrived, we were shown into a beautiful concert hall where several students were playing improvised pieces on a piano and saxophone. The concert began with Trinity's brass band playing Sinfonietta (Leos Janacek). Five different brass instruments were showcased during this piece, including the euphonium which was new to many of us. This was followed by their orchestra of over 70 musicians playing two movements from The

Planets (Holst). It was incredible to hear them played live, especially as we have begun looking at this suite in our music lessons. Next, their choir sung Bohemian Rhapsody (Queen) to an arrangement that the school's choir recorded for Queen's official YouTube channel a couple of years ago! The concert concluded with some Jazz from one of the school's four Big Bands. It was a fantastic opportunity and we all had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

JACK & THE BEANSTALK



This month, years 3 & 4 welcomed a touring theatre company to school for a performance of

Jack and the Beanstalk. With just 4 cast members playing a number of different roles, the children were treated to a wonderful afternoon of song, dance, drama and comedy as they joined Jack on his quest up the beanstalk to save his home from his evil landlord. The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed themselves and take with them some great ideas on how to deliver their own performances in the future.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



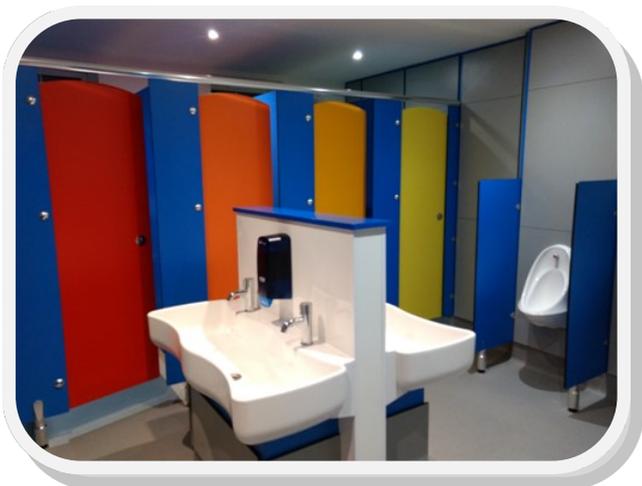
During Road Safety Week this year, we reminded the children of ways they can take responsibility for themselves and others on and around roads. All of the children thought about this during whole school assembly, as well as during their PSCH lesson. In addition, some of our Year 6 pupils worked with SPIS to support their children in learning about scooter safety. Ahaan, Alex, William, Jack and Ella, 3S, also made and delivered their very own Road Safety PowerPoint presentations to Reception and Year 1. Well done all!

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

A large number of year 5 and year 6 children took part in this years' Primary Maths Challenge which contained questions with a high level of difficulty which really stretched the children. Those children who score highest will complete the next stage of the challenge in the Spring term. They will find out what they achieved (bronze, silver, gold) in the end of term awards ceremony.

NEW BOYS TOILETS

We were fortunate to be successful in our bid to the local authority for money from the 'Capital Maintenance Programme'. This money can only be used for large 'one-off' building projects. We are delighted that we have been able to build and open our new boys' toilets. School council from last year were involved in the design of the project and are happy with the end results. We hope you like it too!



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 14th December** at the latest. Please note that children may only change at the end of each half term. Thank you for your co-operation.

There are new menus for the Spring Term, these are available to view on our website:

<http://www.spjs.org/Lunch-times-and-Break-times>. If your child is having school dinners, please ensure that your account is kept in credit. If you wish to make a payment in advance, the costs are as follows: £12.00 per week; £69.60 for the first half term and £72.00 for the second half term. (£141.60 if you wish to pay for the whole term.)

CLUBS FOR THE SPRING TERM

Thank you for returning your club application forms. The closing date for clubs run by SPJS staff is 30th November and we are unable to accept any late applications. We will let you know by December 12th whether or not your child has a place and you will be invited to make your payment.

Please note that clubs run by outside providers are currently still accepting applications. Full details can be found on our website: <http://www.spjs.org/Whats-on>

CLUBS THIS TERM

Netball, tag rugby, football and Tracey Felton's Dance club have now finished for this term.

Last Sessions for other clubs:

Week commencing 3rd December: Homework club, Art & Design, Chess, Spanish & Sewing & Crochet, Gymnastics & Tae Kwon-Do

Week commencing 10th December: Choir, LazerLions, JDS Football and Nativity

CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY HERE !



CHRISTMAS CARDS

You should now have received the Christmas cards, gift tags and mugs which you ordered. They looked fantastic. We hope you are as impressed as we were! Thank you very much for purchasing the children's designs. We have raised £373.20 from this project.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX



The Christmas post box will be open from Monday 3rd December. The children can post cards for their school friends in the box. Please remind them to put the recipient's full name and class on the front of the envelope.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

As you know, our Christmas Dinner will be served on 12th December. The closing date has now passed and we have finalised the orders. Therefore, if your child usually brings a packed lunch, and has not ordered a school dinner for that day please make sure that they bring in a packed lunch as normal.

PTA SECRET PRESENTS ROOM & CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY

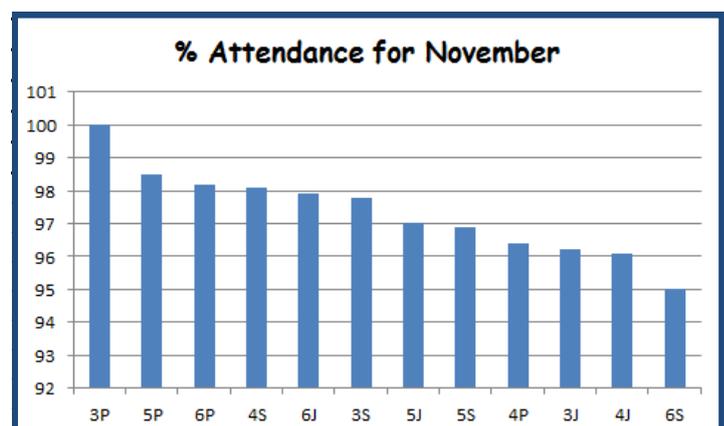
- ◆ **On Monday 17th December** we will have a Mufti Day for the children, in return we ask all children to bring in 2 unwrapped gifts: 1 for a man and 1 for a woman.
- ◆ **On Tuesday 18th December** there will be an opportunity for your child to buy presents for 2 special people in their lives. They can bring in money to purchase gifts from the range collected. The gifts will be sold at prices ranging from £1.00 to £4.00.

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNORS

The full governing board and our committees each meet once a term. At our Curriculum Committee, governors meet with Mrs Lamy and Mrs Burrige to hear about how teaching and learning are progressing in all year groups. We ask questions, for example about how school is allocating this year's sports funding and Pupil Premium grant and what difference school hopes it will make. Governors also review school policies. We have other committees which look at school data (pupil progress and attainment), finance, personnel and school premises. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all governors and is a golden thread through each committee. Julie Smith and Emma Clements are SPJS's safeguarding governors.

ATTENDANCE

At the time of writing (at the end of the day on Wednesday 28th November,) 3P had 100% attendance for the month. Well Done !



SPORTS NEWS

LONDON YOUTH GAMES

Well done to Eva H and Maia M who represented SPJS and the London Borough of Sutton in the Cross Country Event for the London Youth Games. Eva came 52 out of a strong field of 165 whilst Maia came 68th. Well done girls!

SPJS VISIT WEMBLEY FOR ENGLAND V USA MATCH

On Thursday 15th November, over 250 members of the SPJS community went to watch England v USA at Wembley Stadium. This would be everyone's chance to see Wayne Rooney play his last ever England game. We were fortunate to get seats on the lower level right next to the pitch. The atmosphere in the stands was fantastic as we were surrounded by SPJS family and friends. The stadium erupted in cheers as Jesse Lingard scored the opening goal. It was an incredible evening - thank you to all families who attended.

NETBALL

After such a promising start, we were all very excited to continue with our league matches. On 6th November, our 'A' team went to play Green Wrythe Primary. We defended very well and were able to prevent them from scoring, leading to a 4 - 0 victory. On to our next opponents, Barrow Hedges Primary. It was their first match and our previous match experience showed. Our shooters were also on fire and we were able to dominate play, resulting in an amazing score line of 15 - 0. Our 'B' team then played the same Barrow Hedges team who, by this time, had already begun to develop their match skills and, although we fought hard, our girls lost 0 - 4.

Our final match of the term was against Foresters Primary. Could we maintain our winning ways? The girls were a little unsure before the start as several of their opponents were exceptionally tall! However, we made a strong start, scoring within minutes, and putting Foresters on the back foot. The 'A' team went on to win 7 - 0. Again, the 'B' team were playing

practically the same team but we maintained a strong defence and were passing well, all of which led us to another victory, 2 - 0.

We have submitted our results - 15 points scored out of a possible 15 - so we now have to wait to see which group we will be in next term. Now, a well-earned rest!

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

A group of Y4-6 girls took part in the Crystal Palace Premier League Primary Stars Tournament on Friday 9th November at Carshalton Boys' School. They played six matches against other local schools. SPJS played extremely well as a team, passing between one another and scoring many goals. We were all excited to see whether or not we managed to get through to the semi-finals. It was announced that SPJS were second in the tournament which meant we had to play Cheam in the semi-finals. SPJS girls fought hard and won this match. Next, the team had to play in the final against Barrow Hedges. Everyone knew that they were an extremely strong team so SPJS had to keep their shape. The match was extremely tight and therefore the match had to go into extra time. A special mention must go to Libby S who worked tirelessly in defence and up front - an all-rounder on the pitch! Also to Eva H who was always on the wing to receive the ball passed from Kenza. SPJS were first to fire one into the back of the net. The girls were on top form and had to battle hard to stay in the game. Unfortunately Barrow Hedges scored a goal which put everyone on tender hooks for the whistle to go. Ameera stood in as goal-keeper as Ella had an injury from a previous match. Ameera made many amazing saves which held off Barrow Hedges attack. However, with 30 seconds to spare, a pupil from Barrow Hedges struck the ball with such power it flew into the back of the net. It was hard to get another back in such a short time.

DIARY DATE FOR THE REST OF TERM

Mon 3 Dec	Choir singing at Brambledown Residential Home 11.00am—12.30pm
Wed 5 Dec	Choir singing at St Patrick's Church. Refreshments 5pm. Service 6.00-7.00pm
Thurs 6 Dec	Y3 Museum of London
Fri 7 Dec	Yulefest - Choir Singing 6.15-6.30pm
Mon 10 Dec	Choir singing at Ryelands Residential Home 11.00am —12.30pm
Weds 12 Dec	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thur 13 Dec	PTA Christmas Disco
Mon 17 Dec	Mufti Day in exchange for 2 presents for the Secret Presents Room.
Tues 18 Dec	Nativity to Parents of children who attend the Nativity Club. 6.30pm
Tues 18 Dec	Secret Presents Day
Wed 19 Dec	Christmas Celebration Rehearsal - Trinity Church, Sutton am Christmas Celebration - Trinity Church, Sutton 6.00-8:00 pm
Thurs 20	Christmas Parties pm - Christmas Jumper Day - Normal School trousers/skirt etc.
Fri 21 Dec	End of Term 1:45 pm

TERM DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7 th January 2019	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Term Starts for Pupils
w/c 18 th February 2019	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 5 th April 2019	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Term Starts for Pupils
Monday 6 th May 2019	BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed
w/c 27 th May 2019	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3 rd June 2019	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Term Ends for Pupils at 1.45pm