

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 6 END OF TERM PRODUCTION

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard in the last weeks of term to put together this year's production - *Porridge* - a hilarious tale revealing the true story behind some of your favourite nursery rhyme characters.

Every member of year 6 has been involved in acting, singing, dancing, stage management and the many technical aspects of putting on a



show and should be very proud of their hard work. They impressed us with their acting skills and the props which were all hand-made by the children. They also arranged all the lighting. They worked together so well as a team and put on a fabulous show. We hope you enjoyed it!

2017-2018

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I hope that your child has had a successful and enjoyable year. We were delighted with our SATs results again this year. Children and staff have worked extremely hard to achieve so well. Not only should we celebrate their academic achievement, but also their achievement in all areas such as sports, music etc. They have developed into fantastic responsible citizens and we wish them the best of luck as they move to secondary school in September. We will miss them! Thank you to all our

parents who regularly volunteer to help our children at SPJS. It really makes a difference to so many of our pupils.

SATS RESULTS

SUBJECT	SPJS Expected Standard	National Expected Standard	SPJS Higher Standard	National Higher Standard
Reading	88%	75%	42%	*24%
Writing	90%	78%	32%	*15%
SPAG	88%	78%	54%	*31%
Maths	90%	76%	49%	*23%
Reading Writing & Maths	82%	64%	24%	*9%

* refers to 2017 (2018 not yet available)

YEAR 5 BOUGH BEECH

On the 2nd and 3rd of July, Year 5 were fortunate enough to go on a trip to visit Bough beech reservoir. The trip gave the children the opportunity to learn, in detail, how water is treated so that it is safe for household use and to drink. The day was split into two different tours. Part 1 was a tour of the treatment works; the children enjoyed learning about the different ways that the water is cleaned and filtered and investigating all the different machines that are used in the process. Part 2 was a walk up the dam to investigate how water is actually added or removed from the reservoir itself - some fantastic views! It was an interesting and informative trip and it really demonstrated the importance of saving water to the children. All of Year 5 behaved superbly and showed an excellent sense of pride.



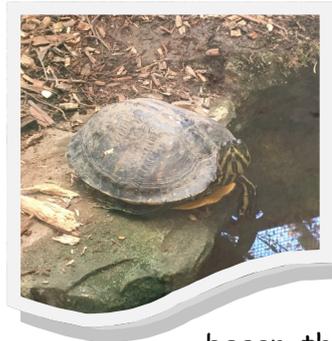
YEAR 3 LOCAL WALK AND PICNIC

Year 3 were lucky that the weather was slightly cooler on Tuesday when they embarked on their local area walk. They looked at how the plants and trees had changed since they did the same walk in September. They looked at various landmarks and talked about the impact of WWII on the local area. They enjoyed a lovely picnic in the park before heading back to school.

YEAR 5 MINI OLYMPICS

Year 5 enjoyed a great opportunity to compete in a *Mini-Olympics* at Stanley Park High School on the 6th June. On what was one of the hottest days of the year, our three year 5 classes (5S, 5P and 5J) competed for Kenya, France and Jamaica, wearing the colours of the flags of those countries. The children got to enjoy track and field events using all the correct equipment and running on an asphalt track - an experience they all relished. In the end, France came 6th, Kenya 5th and Jamaica won - a fantastic achievement! Once again, the children all showed an excellent sense of pride through the morning.

YEAR 4 BRITISH WILDLIFE CENTRE



The year 4s had a lovely day out at the British Wildlife Centre at Lingfield earlier this week. They

began the day learning how to be "Mammal Detectives". They learnt how to identify different types of animals by their footprints, smell, hair and droppings. They saw many different animals including hedgehogs, foxes, badgers, otters, red deer and roe deer, weasels, stoats, rabbits and several different types of owls and were able to use their newly acquired skills. Unfortunately they were unable to see the elusive red squirrels as they were hiding away trying to keep cool!



YEAR 4 KS2 MUSIC FESTIVAL



A group of Year 4, who volunteered from across the year group, represented SPJS at the instrumental festival held at St Andrew's Church in Cheam on Monday 2nd July. Other performers included Barrow Hedges Primary School and Cheam Park Farm Primary Academy.

The Sutton Music Service Young Musicians Strings Group performed to start the evening and then each school took a turn to share their selection of music. SPJS showed their sense of pride in their behaviour and performance and delighted the audience with their music. It was lovely to see their focus and team work and how well they followed their conductor. This certainly had Mr and Mrs Aslangul, their teachers, and their parents feeling proud in turn.

The concert concluded with all three schools forming one choir to sing together. Well done to all who participated and thanks to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Dixon for chaperoning the event.

AN END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

At the end of this term Paul Scott-Evans will step down from the governing board. Paul has served as a school governor at SPJS for 12 years and he was Chair of the Board for 6 years. He has been an influential and knowledgeable member of the board, a real

asset to school and we are all going to miss him. We also say goodbye to Ciara who has been our professional clerk for the last 2 academic years and we welcome Lynn who will be taking over in September. Watch this space in the autumn for news about some upcoming governor vacancies on the board. Ofsted came in April and several governors came into school to meet with the Ofsted inspector, to answer her questions and to give our perspective on life at SPJS. We are delighted with the report <http://www.spjs.org/Ofsted> and really proud of Mrs Lamy and her team. At our July meeting we looked at the recommended "next steps" and we heard about the ideas the school is already putting into place.

As a Board and in our committee meetings we have continued to keep a close eye on the education landscape and the challenges that are coming down the track, for example in terms of school budgets. We have also met each term to ask questions about the curriculum, pupils' progress and attainment, premises and personnel matters. Safe-guarding is a golden thread running through our work and we have carried out checks of records and approved policies and procedures. Governors have attended training on topics such "Prevent", safe-guarding, leadership, and safer recruitment.

Thank you to all our pupils for having a *sense of pride* in your school work and in all the things things you've had a go at this year. Farewell to our departing Year 6 pupils and good luck with the next stage in your school careers. Thank you for the support you, as parents and carers, have given school.

LONDON YOUTH GAMES



On the 5th July 12 children from SPJS travelled to Crystal Palace Sports Centre, wearing bright green "Team Sutton" t-shirts, to represent the Borough of Sutton at the London Youth Games.

Nico, Zac, Florence and Trisha from Year 4 took part in an exciting tennis tournament and competed fiercely in some very close matches. They achieved nine wins and much praise for their sporting behaviour.

Ava, Ella, Jaliziah, Laila, Ralph, Sonny, David and Hamish took part in a range of athletics events. Ava produced an exceptional 2.6m standing jump and Ralph an amazing 29m Vortex throw. They all ran well and enjoyed competing on an international track.

The highlight for all at the end of a long hot day was a very welcome ice lolly whilst watching former Olympian, Christine Ohuruogu, present the medals.

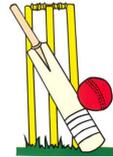
PTA SUMMER FAIR

We are delighted to report that we have had record fair takings at this year's Summer Fair. After expenses the PTA will be able to pass on over £3,200 to each school which is over 50% more than last year. If there are any parents who have "Matched Giving" schemes through their employers please let the PTA know. We are hugely grateful to the PTA for their hard work in organising the fair and to the parents and staff who helped out on the stalls and to all those who were able to come along and support the school on the day. We hope you enjoyed it!

Thank you for supporting us this year in our money raising efforts. We also raised £2662 from our sponsored Mapathon

earlier this year. This will make a huge difference to the quality of resources we are able to fund to help our children in their learning journeys. We will let you know exactly how the money will be spent as soon as we are able.

CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE!



George D in 4J has been selected by Surrey County Cricket Club to take part in inter-county matches at U9s level. He was originally selected earlier in the year to join their performance squad of 99 players and the top 59 players have been selected for this next stage.

This is a really big achievement by George. He has reached this standard through hard work and playing for hours in the garden against his brother Ralph, who is also part of the performance squad at U11s level. He is playing in a match this week, and we wish George the very best of luck!

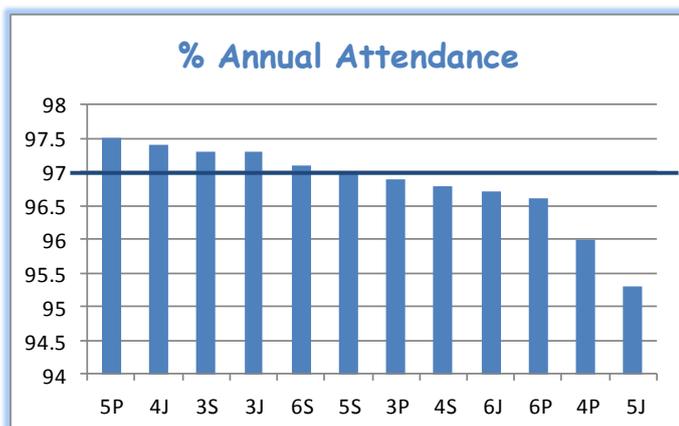
STAFF CHANGES

This year we say farewell to Miss Kola who has been in year 3 for a term. We welcome Miss Buckland in year 3 for the autumn term until Mrs Reeves returns from her maternity leave. We are sad to be saying farewell to Mrs Sitch (Midday Supervisor), Mrs Silva (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Ridge (Outdoor Learning Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Boalch who has worked with us for many years supporting a small number of children with their learning. We wish her a happy retirement.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 5P who have the highest attendance for this academic year. Well done also to 4J, 3S, 3J, 5S and 6S who are all above our attendance target of 97%.

Overall this year our attendance for 2017-18 is 96.8%. This is short of our target and I hope to see this improved next year. I was disappointed to see so many children absent from school due to going away on holiday in term time. We are keeping a close eye on this next year. Thank you and well done to all the children who have achieved over 97% (a total of 222 children). Term dates have been set for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. These are all on our website.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In the first week of term the children will be bringing home their **English and Maths Homework exercise books**. We would be grateful if you could cover them in **clear sticky back plastic** which will hopefully keep them looking smart throughout the school year. This can be purchased from high street retailers (e.g. WH Smith or Ryman's).

MILK NEXT TERM

If your child would like milk next term, please make your payment on ParentPay before the start of the new term. If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like to milk as well - then please email the school office office@spjs.org before the start of the new term.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Just a reminder to make sure your children have the following items in their pencil cases for the start of the new term:

- 2 blue pens for Y5 & Y6 (no biro's) - one preferably a fountain pen
- 2 pencils
- 2 named dry-wipe whiteboard pens
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Glue stick
- Coloured pencils
- Sharpener
- A purple biro or fineliner

Other fine liners are useful but not essential.

Handwriting pens can be purchased from the school office for 50p each; and whiteboard pens for £1 each.

Please make sure items are named where possible. **No ink erasers or tippex.**

PRIVACY NOTICE & DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Our new privacy notice and data protection policy can be found on our website. <http://www.spjs.org/PoliciesProcedures>

DINNERS NEXT TERM

Thank you for letting us know if your child will be changing from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa. It is now too late to make any changes for the autumn term. Please ensure that you keep your ParentPay account in credit. If you would like to pay in advance, the cost for the whole Autumn Term is £172.80 (First half is £79.20 and second half term is £93.60).

TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	INSET DAY - School Closed
Wednesday 5 th September 2018	Term Starts for Pupils
Week Commencing 22nd October 2018	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 29 th October 2018	INSET DAY - School Closed
Friday 21 st December 2018	Term Ends for pupils 1.45pm

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7 th January 2019	INSET DAY - School Closed
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Term Starts for Pupils
Week Commencing 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
Week Commencing 27th 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

Please note that all of these planned dates for 2018/2019 coincide with those set by Stanley Park Infants' School.

The term dates for 2019-2020 and 2021-2022 can be found on our school website.

**We wish you and your families a
fantastic summer break!**

