

STAMSHAW INFANT SCHOOL
 "Helping stars to shine brightly"

STAMSHAW NEWS

Issue 1
September 2018 **Keeping Parents in Touch**

Welcome to the Autumn Term. I hope you and your families enjoyed a lovely break. This time of year is always a very busy time in school. Please take the time to read through this newsletter so as to be informed of all the events which are coming up between now and Christmas. We are always pleased to meet with you to offer support in any way. Meanwhile please enjoy reading about our latest school news.

Building School and Environment

Mr Young our Site Manager and his team were very busy in the Summer giving the school a deep clean. New flooring was laid in the boys toilets and we are underway with our new and improved outdoor play area.

Enhancing ICT

Our children have loved accessing our modern interactive whiteboards, installed in each class base. Each board is bright, touch screen and encourages the very latest technologies for our pupils to use. These are part of our strategic vision for enhancing our use of technology and compliment the iPads, Laptops and other equipment used extensively by all our children. Our website is continually being updated and provides detailed information to support you and your children.

Our commitment to good health

The school menu continues to be popular with our children. In particular the roast dinners, pizzas and fish fingers which are always favourite choices. The lunchtime supervisor team led by Mrs Eastley work very well with our children during the dinnertime period. Our children enjoy brushing their teeth at the start of each afternoon session. This continues our responsibility to ensure that our children's health and well being is encouraged. Fruit and milk are provided each day as well as fresh water. Our school Nurse is available to meet with parents and referrals can be made via Mrs Fancey/Mrs Southall.



Charities and the Community

We are always overwhelmed by your amazing support for our charity days. Last year we raised a staggering £1316.00 for the Daral Akram Orphan School in Brikama and £2316 for Sports Relief to name just two. Looking forward, we will be continuing to support the Portsmouth Foodbank, Macmillan, Jeans for Genes, Children in Need, Comic Relief and Mrs Phelan will be returning to Africa to revisit the orphan school in The Gambia.



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Celebrating Curriculum Success

We have been delighted to celebrate outstanding success over the past year with some of our strengths highlighted below.

- In Early Years, our pupils made wonderful progress with results in line with those achieved nationally. We have been praised city wide for our excellent teaching and learning within the Early Years and have hosted many visiting teachers to observe the EYFS Curriculum. Our boys at Stamshaw perform higher than boys in the rest of the country and the success of our Magic Markers writing intervention has resulted in significant gains in writing across all pupils.
- Once again we have achieved excellent results with our Phonics Screening with 81% of our pupils meeting the standard (compared with Portsmouth outcomes of 79%). This again represents superb progress and is a testament to the commitment from our teachers, pupils and parents.
- KS1 outcomes this year were superb. Combined results in Reading, Writing and Maths showed that pupils reaching the 'expected' and the 'higher standard', were **higher than** schools in Portsmouth **and** Nationally placing us in the **top 7** schools in the city. Once again the outcomes for boys exceeded those nationally which we are absolutely delighted about.

The school was moderated by external assessors and achieved 100% accuracy in the judgements made by teachers. We were commended on the excellent evidence that we submitted and on the superb progress made by all our children.

Our curriculum continues to be rich and exciting with many school trips, visitors and 'Wow' days enhancing the children's passion and creativity. Here is an overview of the exciting topics for 2018/2019

2018 - 2019	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EY	Marvellous Me Do you want to be friends?	Colour explosion Monster Madness Dear Santa	Superheroes	How does your garden grow? Spring chicken!	Magic Carpet	Fun at the Farm Moving on up!
	Gift bags	Sparklers Monster on the loose	Superhero Day	Planting seeds Chicks/ Easter	Holi festival Park visit	Farm trip Transition
Yr 1	Alien Invasion	Fireworks Spotlight on Stamshaw Christmas (CATW)	Once upon a time	Enchanted Woodland	Amazing animals	Yo Ho Ho!
	Alien invasion video	Spinnaker Tower	Fairytale treasure hunt and Fairytale ball	Park Visit	Marwell Visit	Openbox Message in a bottle Pirate Day
Yr 2	New Year – New You! Storm the Castle	Great Fire of London Christmas (CATW)	Space – Blast Off!	The Magic of Roald Dahl	Wonders of the World	Our Big Home!
	Arundel Castle Openbox	Openbox Street burning	Planetarium Visit	George's Marvellous Medicine	Indian Meal	Chichester Harbour Go Ape - transition

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Working with Parents

We are always delighted to work closely with our Mums, Dads and extended family members. We welcome you each day to celebrate your child's learning and to talk with your teacher or any member of our Leadership Team, all of whom are accessible in our library.



This year we will once again welcome you to evening events to find out more about SATS, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Phonics, Guided Reading and ICT. We will be hosting several Family Learning sessions as well as Class Assemblies, school shows and celebration events.

We welcome your views and are always happy to meet with you to support your child's learning.

'Ofsted Praise'

Last year we launched our new stars for rewarding school values. We had a wonderful assembly in July where we celebrated our school values and golden stars were given to the children who managed to gain all five stars during the year. Now in its second year our children have already started collecting their badges and stickers! In previous Ofsted Inspections, we have been congratulated on our warm, nurturing environment and how well our children are able to flourish. Our children are rewarded with stickers and pin badges representing each of the values. This helps us all to aspire to be kind and considerate towards all our friends and achieve superb success. Details of our Vision and Values can be found on our web-site.



Our website address is
stamshawinfant.co.uk

Wraparound Before and After School Club

Our wraparound care continues to be a very popular before and after school provision for our working parents. This is now in its third year and I am delighted to say that the pricing remains at £3.50 per session for **Breakfast Club** and £7.50 for **Teatime Club**. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to access this provision. Breakfast Club is open from 8 am until the start of school and Teatime Club is from 3.15 until 5.30 pm.

Due to popularity and limited spaces it is advisable to book early. **All sessions must be booked and paid for in advance.**



Extra Curricular Clubs

For children in Years 1 and 2 we offer the opportunity for them to take part in an Extra Curricular Clubs after school for an hour. Parents in Y1 and 2 will soon receive a letter for this Half Term schedule of clubs. These are always very popular and very often oversubscribed. Places are offered on a first come first served basis and consideration is given in the next roll out for those who were unsuccessful the time before. The cost of these clubs is £1 per session.

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September 3 - IN-

SET Day

September 20 - Voting for this years School Council
September 21 - Jeans for Genes Day
September 24 - Woodpecker, Kingfisher and Goldfinch start school full time.

October 8 - Rocksteady Parent workshop - letter to follow
October 11 - Yr 2 Trip to Arundel Castle
October 17 - Harvest Festival - letter to follow
October 29 - Year 2 Open Box visit - Great Fire of London

October 22 - 26 HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November 5 - School Photographer in school
November 13 - Parents Evening 4 - 7.30 pm
November 14 - Parents Evening 4 - 7.30 pm
November 15 - Open Box visit Yr 2
November 26 - Flu Vaccine EY/Yr1/Yr2 - letter to follow

December 10 - Christmas Around the World Week
Years 1 and 2

December 12 - EY Woodpecker Nativity 9.15 am
December 12 - Open Box Christmas Show
December 13 - EY Goldfinch Nativity 9.15 am
December 14 - EY Kingfisher Nativity 9.15 am
December 18 - Years 1/2 Nativity at St Saviours Church at 10 am.

December 19 - Years 1/2 Nativity at St Saviours Church at 10 am.

December 20 - Christmas dinner and party
December 21 - Break up for Christmas holiday.

January 7 - Return to school

Other significant dates:-

February 18 - 22 HALF TERM HOLIDAY

April 8 - April 22 EASTER HOLIDAY

May 3 - INSET Day

May 27 - May 31 HALF TERM HOLIDAY

July 19- Break Up for Summer Holidays

July 22 - INSET DAY

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Notification of INSET Days

Monday September 3 2018

Friday May 3 2019

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019

There will be one more INSET Day to be confirmed.

Parents Evening

November 13 - Parents Evening 4 - 7.30 pm
November 14 - Parents Evening 4 - 7.30 pm

There will be sign up sheets outside your child's classroom. Alternatively please phone the school office to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

PE Kits

REMINDER - PE Kits must be in school at all times in order for your child to take part in this important part of the school curriculum. Please check that your child's kit is in school

Thank You.

School Nurse Drop In

The School Nurse is available at a monthly drop in. Please see Mrs Fancy or Mrs Southall for an appointment. Dates for the next visits are as follows:-

8th October
12th November
10th December

Home Reading

Packs are sent out weekly. Please support your child by completing the activity each week. Medals will be awarded at the end of the year for those pupils who have completed the tasks.

