



STAMSHAW INFANT SCHOOL

"Helping stars to shine brightly"

# STAMSHAW NEWS

**April  
2022**

## Keeping Parents in Touch



Dear Parents, We have enjoyed a wonderful, fulfilled term here at Stamshaw. Just as Spring is blossoming, so are our amazing children! They have grown in confidence, flourished as learners and have shone with pride and happiness in all they have achieved. We have been busy growing plants and flowers, watching our caterpillars change and been thrilled to welcome some very special visitors to our school. We hope you delight in reading our Newsletter and discovering all the things we have achieved this term. As Easter approaches, I hope that you will enjoy some wonderful sunny days together and maybe a little chocolate too!! With very warm wishes, Mrs Cooper



Thank you from the Lord Mayor.....

We were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress to our school.

They wanted to thank the children and families at Stamshaw for being so supportive following the gas explosion in the street next to our school. Stamshaw residents had been left homeless following the explosion so we took care of them, keeping them warm and providing hot food and drinks.



The Lord Mayor presented us with a very special plaque. He visited all the classes and enjoyed meeting our wonderful Stamshaw Stars. Everyone felt very proud to be part of our amazing Stamshaw Team.

We enjoyed the most wonderful day when we celebrated **Red Nose Day** on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Stamshaw Infant Danceathon took place with children dancing all day long to raise money for both Comic Relief and the Disaster Emergency Committee fund raising money to help those in Ukraine.

We raised a staggering £1,115 which once again shows the exceptional generosity of our amazing families. We also featured on BBC South Today! Thank you to everyone who danced at school or wiggled and jiggled at home.

Your exceptional support has helped so many people in need and we are truly grateful.



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Read all About it !!

We were thrilled to be able to celebrate World Book Day altogether in school this year. The children (and staff!) looked fantastic in their costumes as they took part in a whole day of activities to celebrate the wonder of books. Our special whole school book focus was 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. An inspiring tale of a bear who finds fame and fortune as a concert pianist. The children enjoyed writing some thoughtful postcards to Bear in response to the story. A special well done to all the children who completed the 'book in a jar' project over half term.



We were so impressed with your creativity and the range of books that were represented.



Our incredible Stamshaw rock stars have been busy preparing for their upcoming Easter gig.

Rocksteady music lessons are a wonderful

opportunity for children to learn a musical instrument. We currently have a limited amount of spaces still available to learn the keyboard, drums, guitar or singing. If your child is interested, please visit <https://booking.rocksteadymusicschool.com/> to register your details.

## PE Celebrations and Teeing off!

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 10 children from Year 1 attended a very exciting Tri-Golf competition against other schools across the city. Firstly, they were shown how to handle a golf club correctly to hit the ball well. The children then had lots of fun moving around the golf stations and completing the exciting games. For this event, all the children demonstrated the 'School Games Value' of Passion. Thank you for representing our school wonderfully with excellent behaviour and sportsmanship.



This half term, we joined in with the nation to celebrate British Science Week! The 2022 theme was all about 'Growth' and we enjoyed being scientists! We managed experiments, nurtured seeds and crafted our very own life cycle collages. The children thoroughly enjoyed exercising to strengthen their muscles, watching seeds develop roots in their greenhouse gloves and learn about how baby animals grow and develop into adults. In addition, the Early Years children all used special measuring strings to compare the length of natural and manmade objects around the school. We have a challenge for you all at home! All you need is some string or a tape measure. Use the string to measure the width of your arms spread out wide. Is this length the same as your full height?! With your measured string, can you find something that is longer than you? How about shorter? Happy measuring!



## Leaders of the future!

Our School Council have been working very hard this term, meeting together to plan exciting activities to help make our school even better.

Following lots of discussions and a good deal of research, we have decided to welcome two new furry friends into our school community. Look out for our exciting new additions when you return from your holidays.



## Staffing

Warmest congratulations to Miss Beare in Year 1 on her beautiful wedding. Miss Beare enjoyed a wonderful day and returned to school as Mrs Mendoza.

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Jewer's baby boy has arrived. Mother and baby are very well and we send them our congratulations.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Malyon back to Year 1 at the end of this term. We know how much Hummingbird parents enjoyed meeting her at our recent parents evenings and I know Mrs Malyon is very excited about returning to our team.

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## The Magic of Roald Dahl!

We have loved learning all about Roald Dahl this term. We have learned about his previous jobs - did you know he was once a fighter pilot? – acted out some of his stories, drawn his characters and even created our own chocolate bar. But the story that really set fire to our imaginations was 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We laughed as we read his story, even more so when we created our own medicines and thought about the effects they would have on Grandma! All of this great work was topped off by writing some amazingly funny stories about how our potions affected Grandma!

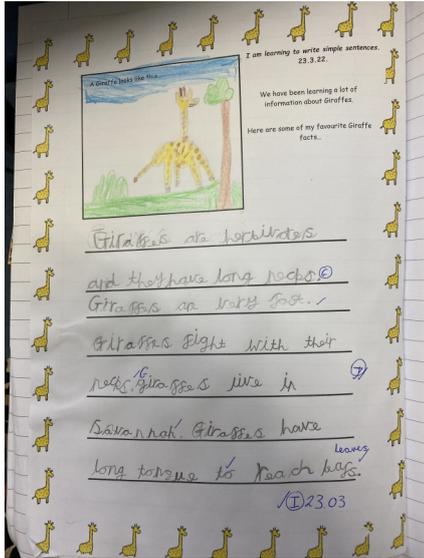


## Escape from the zoo!

You wouldn't believe what has happened in Year 1 this term! To launch our 'Amazing Animals' topic we found out that a herd of animals had escaped from Marwell Zoo and went stampeding through our school playground!

If that wasn't exciting enough, the Meerkats were lost and needed our help to get them safely back home. We got to work making posters full of helpful information to help locate them such as facts about their appearance, what they eat and where they live. We were so enthusiastic to find out all this new information that it inspired us to research other animals too, such as; Crocodiles, Zebras, Snakes, Lions, Penguins and Giraffes!

We have very busy turning into animal experts in other areas of our learning too. In Art we have been focusing on different animal patterns developing our understanding when sketching using shading, lines, tone and shape. In Science we have been learning about animals basic needs, where certain animals live and what we need to do in order to take care of different creatures. We even became animal parents looking after our very own caterpillar babies in our classrooms. We are all eagerly awaiting to see what they might turn into!



## Our amazing world

We have had such a wonderful half term in Early Years. Our topic has been an exciting opportunity to explore the world around us. We have been fantastic Gardeners by planting and observing the growth of Sunflowers and Cress. British Science week was an opportunity for us to become Scientists, completing experiments that involved measuring, growth and team work. We have also been learning about how to care for living things by exploring the life cycle of frogs, chicks and butterflies. We have been fantastic Artists whilst creating observational drawings of daffodils and flower collages. We are proud Writers of fantastic spring poems and Easter stories and brilliant Mathematicians, learning about shape, distance, and number. We have been amazing Dancers, showing our kindness and care for others whilst fundraising for RND! Early Years Explorers are looking forward to the adventures ahead during our new topic... Magic Carpet!



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## Diary Dates

### April 11 - April 22 EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 25 April - Back to School  
Monday 25 April - Peacock Class Visit to North End Library  
Thursday 28 April - Flamingo Class visit to North End Library

### May 2 - May Bank Holiday

**May 3 - Additional Bank Hol to mark HRH The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (in lieu of Fri 3 June which falls in Half Term)**

Thursday 5 May - School Hall being used for Local Election so there will be NO HOT DINNERS

Thursday 5 May - Toucan Class visit to North End Library  
Monday 9 May - Puffin Class visit to North End Library

Wednesday 11 May - Year 1 Phonics Workshop 2 pm in the Hall

Thursday 12 May - Hummingbird Class visit to North End Library  
Monday 16 May - Penguin Class visit to North End Library

Thursday 19 May - Year 1 trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard (letter to follow)

### Monday 23 May 2022 - INSET DAY

Thursday 26 May - Toucan Class visit to North End Library

### Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 6 June - Friday 10 June - Yr1 Phonics Screening

Wednesday 8 June - Open Box Theatre Company visiting Yr 1

### Wednesday 6 July - INSET DAY

Friday 22 July - Last day of Term

**25 July - 1 September 2022**

## Notification of INSET Days

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Year 1 Phonics

If you have a child in Year 1, we are inviting you to a special Phonics Afternoon on Wednesday 11 May at 2.00pm in the hall.

You will have the opportunity to watch some phonics teaching with your child and play games with them to support their understanding. There will also be an information session where you can find out more about the National Screening Test.

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## 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.