



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Dear Parents,

This week, the whole school started to really try to investigate what lies behind our new value of RESPONSIBILITY. We have had a great example of this with Year 6 children this week who have had the responsibility of preparing and staying sane during SATs week and producing their best under tough test conditions. They were an absolute credit to the school and to themselves, approaching test week with a philosophical and mature attitude and remaining calm even when the teacher were calling "5 minutes to go!"

We've introduced our value of responsibility in the context of our chicks with a brainstorm about all the things that we need to do to be responsible for them and what might happen if we're not very responsible. In class, we have been transferring it to our learning and thinking about making right choices to be responsible. The concept this week has been exactly that though – when you're being responsible, you're more than likely, making the right choices and doing things for yourself. It's a steep learning curve and one that will take time for children to fully understand so anything you can do at home to back this up would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Lego Batman movie, Stockbridge Town Hall Sun 21 May. 2 showings: 2pm & 4.15pm

Tickets available from Miriam White or stockbridgecinema@gmail.com

Walk to school week

Next week is Walk to School Week and we're encouraging you to walk to school as much as is practicably possible. We know that many of you travel and have unavoidable journey's into school by car but....could you park further down the high street and walk up to school? Could you park and scoot?

We know that crossing the myriad of roads around the school site is the most tricky and unsafe part of getting to school SO....everyday next week, we will operate a walking bus from the laybys on the A30. We'll be in the middle of the laybys from 8.30am – 8.40am to gather children then, at 8.40am, we will cross the main road and come into school via the back field gate.

Staff will be on hand each day to supervise.

Dinner monies

Thankyou for all being so 'on it' with the change in dinner money.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that dinner money is due in advance where at all possible please and that you can pay online. Some bills are accumulating and the school needs each to be settled immediately please.

Woods

Please be active in encouraging your child to play in a polite manner after school in the woods. It should NOT be left for staff to intervene. Pre-school and school both use this as a teaching space and resources may be left to be used another day eg. the straw bales.

School bank

Our school bank has been out of action this year as Mrs Spayes workload has increased with pre-school but we are resurrecting it next week.

Children are able to open a bank account for £1 with their parent's permission and they can then start saving away!

The bank will be open on a Tuesday and Thursday morning and we will be selecting bankers next week too from Years 4 & 5. This will be through a job application process. It works well with our value of responsibility and even if they save a small amount each week, the idea is that they build up money towards something special. Once bankers are in place, they will write more in the newsletter but in the meantime, please do encourage saving via the bank.

DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.
*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
May		
Fri 19 th	All day	Targets home
Sun 21 st	14:00 & 16:30	Stockbridge Cinema presents Lego Batman movie for all children
Fri 26 th	All day	INSET day for school and pre-school
WHITSUN HOLIDAYS 29th May – 2nd June		
June		
Mon 5 th	08:50 14:30	Back to school and pre-school Talent show begins
Sat 10 th	All day	Stockbridge Fete on the football grounds
23 rd & 24 th	All day	Flower festival in St Peter's Church – children will be exhibiting their work
July		
Tues 4 th	All day	Year 6 Test Valley Transition day
Fri 7 th	15:15 18:00	Reports come home to parents Year 3 camp out on school field
Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th		Last 2 days of school in new classes for next year
Wed 26 th	All day	1 st day of holidays

pre-School news

To save pre-school parents a bit of time trawling through the whole newsletter, each week will have a dedicated 'pre-school' section in. Please do read the rest of the newsletter though as it's what your child will hopefully be moving into and there will be bits that are relevant for you.

Mrs Burrows

It's all change at pre-school and we are very sad to announce that Mrs Burrows will be leaving us after the half term. She currently only works part time and is pursuing a full time position with a children's charity in Salisbury which offer family support. We know that Mrs Burrows' passion is in this area of the work and we know that they will be so lucky to have her. We wish her all the best.

The recruitment process is underway already and we hope to announce her replacement before half term.

Mrs Tanner's replacement, Mrs McInnes starts after half term too so please bear with us whilst we make these changes.

Obviously, the existing staff in pre-school will be providing the same high level of childcare for your little one as always.

Governor monitoring

We are so lucky to have a great bunch of Governors (unsure of the collective noun for them!) who really want the school to succeed. They are very active in and around school and this week and next, are in school during the day monitoring the quality of our provision. My challenge to them is always 'how can you believe what I'm telling you?'

Over the course of the fortnight, they will be monitoring everything from English to safeguarding, SEN to Early Years.

And the names are.....



Ruby



Scruffy



Pingu



Sugar

More pre-School news!

Bills are ready and out! If you haven't received yours yet, it's coming your way. Any queries, please don't panic but get in touch with Mrs Spayes who is in the school office from Tuesday to Friday each week.

Goblins stole and broke the fairy wands on Thursday so children in Sprat & Winkle built traps for the goblins and elaborate wands for the fairies as well as warning notes to keep those naughty goblins away!

