



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 30

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Dear Parents,

Hasn't it been lovely to have the sunshine back again this week and it's set to continue well into the weekend and hopefully next week too. I don't know what sun dances Miriam and her team had done, but Saturday's Stockbridge Fete was perhaps one of the loveliest fetes I've ever been to. The sun stayed out and held the rain away, which had been forecast for the whole afternoon. There was a real community feel to it and my goodness, what a lot of people. FOSS as always, pulled it out the bag and raised a HUGE amount of money on the cake and tea stall. In addition to this, many parents were involved in many ways whether it be through other stalls or bringing equipment to the site and returning it to its rightful owner on Sunday. To all who helped and to all who came and spent money – thank you! Events of the last fortnight have made us think a lot about the community we create and we are a rather special one. Half of the proceeds from the fete will be shared with FOSS which will, in some way, end up going back to benefit your child.

Thankyou!

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Enterprising Year 6

You may have noticed after school sales of ice pops and popcorn by children in Year 6 this week, as well as lots of posters which have appeared around the site. They are working on an enterprise challenge and we have given them £5 and told them to bring it back, plus profit.

I can't even begin to tell you how many conversations we've had this week about calculating profit and percentage increases in profit! They are quite driven and it's a great thing to support and get behind – children using their growing business skills to reinvest money in things which are popular.

Class changes

We have all had so many conversations this week about classes children will be in and when parents and children will find out that I thought some clarification on the issue may help.

We will be sending out new class teachers and new class arrangements on 4th July.

The lists are not finalised yet but please do trust us to do the best thing for your child. We agonise over the class mixes and hope to get it right with a balance of children's academic AND social need.

Breakfast club

We are really lucky to have this wrap around care but it's not being used enough and in a world of budget restrictions, we don't want to lose it – it has to pay for itself. Please do use it if at all possible to maintain this vital service for some of our families.

Music practice

If your child is learning a musical instrument in school, please make sure they practice more than twice a week. Our music teachers are all reporting that children are making slower progress than in other schools because they are not practicing as much. If it helps at home, you can link to our values of pride and responsibility!

DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.

*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
June		
Mon 19 th	1pm	Area sports for KS2 at King's Somborne
Tues 20 th	7pm	Parent Forum
Wed 21 st	2.30pm	Transition #2 for new Year R children
Fri 23 rd	All day 9am	Targets home for the last time Live Music concert for children – inspiration?!
23 rd & 24 th	All day	Flower festival in St Peter's Church – children will be exhibiting their work
Wed 28 th	2.30pm	Transition #3 for new Year R children
Thurs 29 th	All day	Year 3 & 4 Dance festival at Test Valley
July		
Tues 4 th	All day 9.15am	Year 6 Test Valley Transition day Transition #4 for new Year R children Moving up morning for all school children
Thurs 6 th	Am 9am	Mini first aid for parent's course Church assembly
Fri 7 th	15:15 18:00	Reports come home to parents Year 3 camp out on school field
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th	All week, every morning	Year 4 swimming at Farleigh school – this is in preparation for their Year 5 residential and replaces the swimming at the now closed, Andover pool.
Wed 19 th	2.15pm Evening	Transition #5 for new Year R children Summer play
Thurs 20 th	All day	PROVISIONAL YEAR 6 TREAT DAY
Fri 21 st	Evening	Summer Sizzler
Mon 24 th	1pm	Sports day
Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th		Last 2 days of school in new classes for next year
Tues 25 th	11am 1pm	Leavers service and end of year picnic School closes at 1pm
Wed 26 th	All day	1 st day of holidays

Parent forum on Tuesday

It's that time of the term and Parent Forum will be meeting next Tuesday evening. Please make sure your class rep has any feedback on the issues we will be discussing.

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.

Hours for September

Please ensure you return your September hours request form by Friday so that we can get back to you quickly and get you registered for the free hours if that applies to you.

Hats and suncream

In this beautiful weather, we are outside a lot so please ensure your child has a hat with them and some suncream as we do not keep a supply of this to administer. If they don't have these two essentials, I'm afraid they are unable to play outside.

Courageous Connor

Connor in Year 3 has undergone a huge transformation this week, all in the name of charity. About 2 years ago, he read an article in the children's newspaper 'First News' about a charity called 'The Little Princess Trust' who collect hair from children and use it to create real-hair wigs for children who've lost theirs as a result of chemotherapy.

Inspired, Connor set about patiently waiting for his to grow to the required 7 inches. It finally got there a few weeks ago and this week, in front of all KS2, he bravely had his locks chopped off! By Mrs Jefferies and his mum for the first few snips and then by Adele over at The Hub hairdressers opposite school.

We are so proud of Connor for taking this brave step and supporting such a worthwhile charity. Well done Connor, your new haircut looks great and you've done something really worthwhile that will help someone!



Clubhouse job

We will have a vacancy for a play worker at The Clubhouse after school club from September.



Please get in touch with Miriam White on the.clubhouse@sky.com for more information.

Year R/I busy bees

We are stopping busy bees for Sprat & Winkle children in order to prepare them for their next class. Thank you to all who have gamely taken part, we know it's been a bit squished this year with so many and we want to make it worthwhile so are having a revamp ready for next year.

