



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 31

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to you all for making sure children had hats and suncream in school this week. What a week it's been! Thank you also for bearing with us with changes to trips and a few outdoor club cancellations – we just didn't want to put your child at risk in the heat. In school, we have had a productive week with children working hard in topic areas, writing and numeracy in preparation for the end of the year. Report writing is underway with teachers, ready to be home with you on 7th July. I have met many parents in the past few weeks who would like their children to come to our school because of army postings, family moves or starting pre-school and it has been almost without exception that they comment on the calmness and positive behavior of your children both at playtimes and lunchtimes as well as in the classrooms and corridors, it's easy to see why we take it so much for granted!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

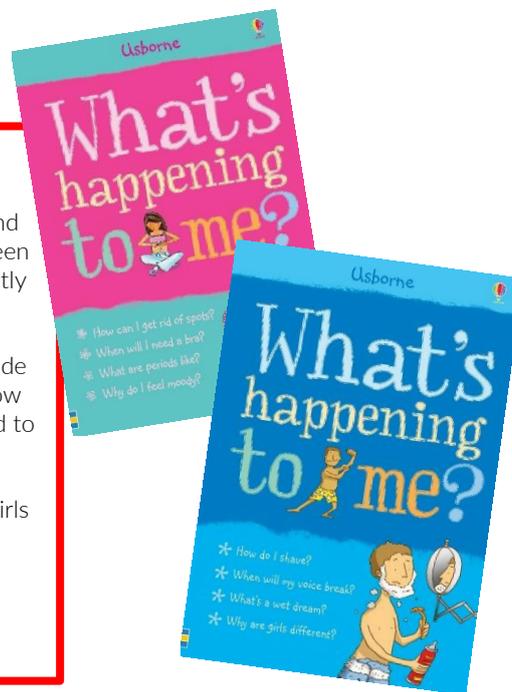
SRE for Year 5/6

Our summer term PSHE learning on sex, and relationships education for Year 5/6 has been underway this week and they have pleasantly surprised us in the grown up manner with which they have tackled this learning. There may be questions and comments made at home which you may not really know how to approach or children might be interested to find out a bit more. We recommend the following books (and please do buy both if you're going to buy one so that boys and girls understand each other!)

Usborne books:

'What's happening to me? For girls

'What's happening to me? For boys



Flower festival

Each year the lovely church ladies invite us to take part in the St Peter's Church flower festival and each year we contribute.

This year, year 6 have taken on the mantle and done a brilliant display on Charlie Chaplin with black and white portraits and stills from their videos as well as writing about him. It is important that children have this very real audience to write or draw for so please, if you have a moment over the weekend, do pop into church and take a look.

The flowers are of course an essential element and we went white with a beautiful display in an upturned Charlie Chaplin bowler hat (special thanks to Mrs Jefferies' mum for doing these!)

Music maestro!

All children enjoyed a special music concert this morning put on in conjunction with Hampshire Music Service to inspire children to go on and learn a musical instrument. We will be sending out interest letters for children in KS2 next Friday so that you can register your interest in any musical instrument tuition for your child from September.

Year 5 open morning at Test Valley

Next Tuesday – 27th June – is the annual open morning for Year 5 children thinking of taking up a place at Test Valley School. Parents should have received a postcard about this quite some time ago. If you would like your child to attend, you should have booked a slot – if you haven't please call them to arrange on 01264 810555.

DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.

*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
June		
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

Outstanding monies

Dinners, Trips, Music Fees and Pre-School Fees, we do NOT have spare funds, therefore all outstanding debts need to be paid by **FRIDAY 7TH JULY**

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

We think there are still some outstanding forms for September that we are yet to receive back – please return by the WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK to guarantee your place.

Bills

We do need to get all finances tied up before the end of the school year so please ensure that any outstanding monies for pre-school fees are settled in the next few weeks. Don't forget, you can pay online if that's easier!

CALLING ALL MUMS AND DADS!

We are hoping to get the amphitheatre forest school set up next weekend but desperately need your help to lay weed matting and move woodchip.
Sat 1st July 10am – 12noon
(BACON BUTTIES PROMISED!)

First Aid for parents with babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers or children at school: 6th July 9.30am – 11.30am

We have teamed up with the lovely Lucy at Mini First Aid to offer a short emergency first aid course for parents, designed to focus on the basic first aid procedures and guidance so that you can help your child, even when panicking! Lucy will cover what to do in the event of choking, CPR, burns, febrile convulsions, breaks, bumps and bleeding as well as answering all your questions.

SUITABLE FOR PARENTS OF BABIES, TODDLERS, PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN.

With the summer holidays creeping ever closer, why not seize this opportunity, for only £20, to revise and skill up in key skills that might help keep your child/ren safe through the holidays.

Lucy writes "As parents, it's difficult to think of our children being taken seriously ill or having an accident, but it does happen. The difference between life and death could be knowing how to react and administer first aid quickly and effectively before help arrives. My knowledge and skills gained from a decade of nursing is the perfect grounding for being a Mini First Aid trainer. I feel privileged to be in a position to teach you how to save a child's life. It makes me feel fulfilled, it makes you feel safe. I love my job!"

OPEN TO PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS TOO!

(& AU PAIRS, CARERS, GRANDPARENTS...)

Why would you not want to join someone with that enthusiasm AND learn how to help your child in the event of an emergency? Sign me up!

Next week

After the slight disruptions with the weather, next week is looking rather busy:

MONDAY

All permission slips need to be back.

TUESDAY

Y5 Open morning at Test Valley. Parents need to take children and bring them back to school after the open morning please.

Years 1 & 2 are out at Hurst Castle.

WEDNESDAY

2.30pm – New Year R transition day 3

THURSDAY

Mottisfont & Redbridge on trip to Southsea.

Clatford at Dance festival at Test Valley.

FRIDAY

Celebration assembly at 9am.

WEEKEND

Saturday 10-12: Please, please could we have some help to tidy our grounds and lay weed matting in the amphitheatre.