



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 1

4 Sept 2017

Dear parents,

WOW! Where did that summer holiday go? It was really lovely to see you all this morning, back fresh faced and ready for another year at Stockbridge. Thank you so much to all who asked after me, sent cards and the lovely flowers and spa day when I was poorly at the end of term. For those of you that know me well, you will hopefully understand the angst I had of not sharing the end of term with you all. Thank you for your understanding.

A new term has begun then and we are already back into the swing of things with a switch around of classes, new children and new teachers. I would like to especially welcome Olivia (Y1), Charlie (Y3), Josie (Y4) and Lydia (Y6) and their families. The children have been great at welcoming them into our school and I hope that both they and their families settle into our school community quickly and happily.

We also have new staff members (photos to follow in the next newsletter);

- Miss Kirkham teaching Year R
- Miss Biddlecombe teaching Year 2/3 with Miss Tregunna
- Mrs Hollister supporting Miss Broadhead
- Mrs Burgess supporting the new Year R children on Thursday afternoons and Friday all day

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies

INSET days

We have some very odd holiday dates next year as decreed by Hampshire County Council so we have tried to extend them where possible which is in line with the feedback from parent forum in the hope that you can take advantage of cheaper holidays.

These apply to school AND pre-school:

Our full 5 INSET days next year are:
Thurs 19th Oct
Fri 20th Oct
Thurs 4th Jan
Fri 5th Jan
Mon 23rd July

Music lessons

Music has been an integral part of our extra curriculum offer and we are doing it a bit differently this year. If your child is in Year 2 or above, these options are open to you:

Piano (1:1) £8/20mins
Flute (1:1) £8/20 mins
Violin (1:1) £8/20 mins
Guitar (1:4 max) £5/30mins

If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please return the attached form by FRIDAY 8th Sept. Lessons start next week!

We are currently liaising with a brass teacher for January hopefully although this depends on his availability.

Assembly

Our general theme this term in school is based around our value of collaboration and friendships.

We specifically want to work with children on developing their independence and confidence at finding new friends and what it means to be a good friend as well as how to deal with friendship fall outs. Of course, an intrinsic part of this means knowing what's good about yourself so that you know what you're positively offering to others!

This is also linked with our work on the British Value of democracy which sits alongside the forthcoming elections for school council, bronze ambassadors and other school groups

DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.

*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER		
Mon 4 th	08:50	School begins for another year! (No new Year R)
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th	All day	Year 5 at Calshot on residential with Mrs Hughes and Miss Caws
Thurs 7 th	08:50	New Year R children start
OCTOBER		
Thurs 19 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
Fri 20 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
Mon 23 rd – Sun 29 th	All week	OCTOBER HALF TERM
NOVEMBER		
w/b 20 th	Y6 trip to Wales with Mrs Jefferies & Miss Caws	
DECEMBER		
Thurs 21 st	Last day of school – panto in Salisbury in the afternoon	
Fri 22 nd	2 weeks	Christmas holidays
Dec – Wed 3 rd Jan		
JANUARY		
Thurs 4 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
Fri 5 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)

PE kit

Every child has at least 2hrs of PE per week as well as a very active playtime and lunchtime with our peer mentors and bronze ambassadors organising some great games. We will continue with the daily mile this term too.

Please make sure your child has a FULLY LABELLED PE kit in school each day as, if we can, we will always squeeze in more PE!

PE kits do need to be in during this first week of term please.

PE kit consists of:

- Dark shorts (navy or black)
- School red PE t-shirt with school logo
- Socks
- Trainers for KS2, plimsolls for KS1
- Spare sweatshirt
- Hair bobbles (if applicable)
- Plasters to cover pierced ears (if not removable)

Parent power needed!

We'd love some parent power please to help us lick the new raised beds into shape or tidy the pots at the front of school. We know September is busy on the weekends, so it would be great if we could have a half an hour just before pick up or after drop off if anyone can – maybe a group of people. Many hands make light work they say!

Celebration assembly changes

We'd really like to celebrate children's successes outside school for example, a notable sporting achievement or award, gaining a badge at cubs etc. Please keep us in the loop if anything applies to your child that can be celebrate. Birthdays will be celebrated on Tuesdays in our whole school assembly.

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL - NUT ALLERGY

We really need everyone's support on this one please. We have a child with a severe peanut allergy in school which can be triggered by the smell of peanuts in the air or on people's breath. For this reason, we ask that you do not provide your child with any nuts or nut based product for their snack or packed lunch, including peanut butter. Where products state 'may include trace of nuts' – (this applies to almost everything!) we know that this cannot be avoided.



Breakfast Club

This is now in full swing! You can use it any day of the week from 7.45am until 8.45am when your child will be handed to the member of staff on duty.

Each session is £3 which includes a breakfast of toast, cereal and juice alongside fun, low level activities at that time of the morning!

You do not need to book in advance so can use it at the drop of a hat (or when you fancy getting to Southampton for Christmas shopping!)

After School Club - Clubhouse

We are so lucky to have this fantastic wrap around childcare on site which extends the day for working parents right through until 6pm. Sessions need to be booked ahead and can be booked on an hourly basis (£4.50/hr). General themes this term are:

- Mondays: Construction
- Tuesdays: Rogue Rhythms
- Wednesdays: Sport
- Thursdays: Art Project
- Fridays: Free play

Contact: the.clubhouse@sky.com (forms on our website)

pre-school news

Welcome back to pre-school this term, the staff have been really busy over the summer holidays on the new outdoor area in the amphitheatre as well as developing the indoor and outdoor areas in the building side of the setting. We hope that you had a great summer with your little one and I was delighted to see so many of them happy to be back bright and early this morning!

Headcount

By Thursday, you will have received your new headcount for this term. There are some changes to the form so please do go through it carefully – all staff in the office, pre-school and even Mrs Jefferies are able to help out!

We desperately need them back by Monday 11th please.

Bag of essentials

Thank you so much for being so prepared and sending your child in with things they need. If you're still gathering this bag of bits for us, please ensure each day you include:

- ✓ Clean underwear
 - ✓ Clean clothes (whole outfit)
 - ✓ Nappy sacks and wipes (if applicable)
 - ✓ Suncream & sunhat
- We'll supply wellies and waterproofs!

30 hrs funding

Many of you can benefit from the 30hrs childcare funding and we know that you've been really proactive and managed to get the codes from HMRC if your child is entitled to it this term.

Please let us have the code BEFORE FRIDAY so that we can check it on our database as we're required to do and then confirm hours with you.

Please ensure any letters, requests for hours or payments come straight through to the school office. We want to maximize the time your child spends with their key worker by using the school office for all the paperwork side of things!