



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 2

15 Sept 2017

Dear parents,

We're now well and truly back into the school term and it feels like we've never been away. I'm always amazed at how quickly this happens and we're all very pleased in school with how the children have come back and settled straight into work. Topics are well underway too and if you're a parent of a child in Redbridge or Horsebridge, you'll know all about our new school pets I'm sure (land snails by the way if you didn't already know!)

We have much to update you on in this newsletter so let's get cracking!

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies

Secondary school
place applications
open Monday 18th

Newsletters will now come out to you FORTNIGHTLY!

Volunteers

We have so much going on in school, we're always very grateful of the role that volunteers play in making this all happen so smoothly.

If you are able to offer any time, whether it be half an hour once a week or an hour every day, please see any member of staff.

We'd really love volunteers for:

- Hearing children read
- Playing maths games with children
- Supporting the librarians
- Running the daily mile (after lunch each day)
- Trips & visits

If you don't already have one, we'll need to process a DBS police check and take basic ID details as well as brief you on safeguarding and then you'll be good

Data collection sheets

It's really important that we hold the most up to date information for you and people you'd like us to contact about your child.

Please check over your details, amend where needed and return them to the school office before next Friday. The short return time is because we need to urgently get information up to date. Thanks!

After school

I take it as a huge compliment to our school that so many of you choose to stay and chat on the playground after school. It's lovely to see the children playing and enjoying what little sunshine there seems to be! The fact it happens throughout the year, regardless of season, is a joy!

However, we have had 2 accidents with children falling from the monkey bars and several near misses with scooters and bikes colliding with people. We have also had new, clear guidance from Hampshire about children playing on school sites without supervision of staff.

In the interests of safety, we will therefore not be allowing scooters, bikes etc after or before school on the playground from Monday I'm afraid. They can still be brought to school but need to be left in the scooter pod or outside the Children's Centre please.

- Supervision by staff is available from 8.35am – 8.50am.
- During this time, children should not be on the trim trail, field or adventure playground.
- After school, children should be supervised by parents, especially when on trim trail or adventure playground.
- We check these areas daily to ensure they are safe to use.

DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.

*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER		
Mon 18 th	2 weeks	Miss Tregunna goes on jury service
Fri 22 nd	15:15	Targets home for the first time
Fri 29 th	09:00	Macmillan coffee morning & bake off
OCTOBER		
Mon 2 nd	12noon	YR parents invited in for lunch all week
Wed 4 th	16:00	Cross Country at Test Valley
Wed 11 th	09:00-12:00	OPEN MORNING
Tues 17 th	15:30-17:45	Parents evening #1
Wed 18 th	17:00-19:45	Parents evening #2
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 Dec – Wed 3 rd Jan	Christmas holidays	
JANUARY		
Thurs 4 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
Fri 5 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)

Parent Governor

The prize for spotting an error in our letter from Monday goes to Miriam White who spotted the deadline for the Parent Governor application is set for January!!! Clearly, this isn't right – deadline is next Friday 22nd September.

I'd be really happy to chat about the role with anyone interested. James McConnachie (Florence, Mary & Jem's dad) is also your chosen parent governor rep and I know would be happy to talk to you about the role.

Calpol + chicken pox

We do have a school supply of calpol but this is for emergencies only. If you know that your child may be 'iffy', please do send a bottle of calpol in from home.

School use of Calpol is for those instances where we might need to ring you to check it's OK to use or if your child develops a headache during the day for example, not for pre-existing symptoms.

In case you didn't see our facebook message earlier in the week, we have had our first case of Chicken pox in school this week. Thanks to the quick actions of the boys' mum, we don't think it's spread further but.....please watch out! Check out our facebook page for info from the NHS on how to deal with this.

All of the spots should be scabbed over so they aren't contagious before returning to school. Thanks!

Message from our new Chair of Governors



If I asked you what a school governor does, your answer might have something to do with committees and long meetings.

Not a bad answer, but more on why this doesn't really cover it in a moment. If I asked you why the school has governors in the first place, then usually this is where most people struggle to answer at all.

So let's look at it like this: if the school was like a car, then Mrs Jefferies would be the driver. And us governors - with Mrs Jefferies too - would be the ones who have figured out which signposts to follow along the road. So we've got the car going in the right direction. And just to be sure about that, we'd ask Mrs Jefferies to show us which signposts she has been following. And so that we can be sure this is being done for the good of her passengers (that's your children) we'd ask to see the data, because if she's following the signposts we said to, then that will show up in the data.

But of course the school isn't really like a car, and that's where we get back to reality and start having things like committees. These are actually just small groups of us empowered to carry out some tasks of the whole governing body. Why? To make the whole thing more effective and less time consuming. So our meetings aren't so much long as they are punctual and well run.

And that brings me on to my new role - Chair of Governors. This sounds very formal (and sometimes it has to be) but mostly it's about leading the governors as a single team, to be sure we're following the right signposts for the good of your children - and that we're never-ending in that pursuit, come what may.

I'm Alex Kersley and I have Livy in Year 6 and Eva in Year 1, so you will see me around school - please do stop and say hi, I will be pleased to chat.

How's your baking practice going?

Have you been rehearsing your bake for Fri 29th? Staff, parent, children and community categories plus 'best baker' award!

School staff are really happy to be guinea pigs!!!

pre-school news

Children who were in pre-school last year and have moved into Year R in our school are already settling so brilliantly and really finding their feet quickly within their new environment. They are busy learning all the new routines for school as well as the school values. To ease this process, we have introduced to the children this week our 'rainbow rules' – they are linked to each of our school values and we wanted to share them with you so that you know about them and can talk about them with your child at home.

Each day, we will be sending home a special certificate linked to the values to the child who has been working hard towards that value during the day.

Use your words
(be resourceful)



Celebrate!
(be proud)

Use your manners
(be respectful)

Keep on trying
(be resilient)

Use kind hands and words
(be responsible)

Share and care for each other
(be collaborative)

Thank you to all those who have posted photos, videos and notes already on their child's Tapestry account. Please do keep this going as it's a great record of your child's learning journey and also helps us build on activities from home into the setting.

Perhaps you could take one of the rainbow rules and pop something on Tapestry if you've noticed your child doing one of them well?

If you are new to pre-school, your child's key worker will give you Tapestry access next week.

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!