

# Stockbridge

## Pre-school Post



Post 2

3 November 2017

### Apply for school places NOW!

The window is open for you to now start applying for a school place for your child who is due to start school in September 2018. I know that this still feels a long way off but the deadline for main round applications closes on January 15<sup>th</sup> and it's important to get in on this round so that you hopefully get the school of your choice.

Instead of having Open Days which are generic and I don't think give parents the detail they want or need on a school and whether it's right for their child, we are offering 1:1 appointments and tours so that I meet with each of you and your child and have a look around together.

In the next week or so, your child's key worker will have a list of available times so please do choose one to suit you and I look forward to showing you around. If you can't make any of these, please do contact the school office for alternative times. They are by no means compulsory either so if you don't want an appointment or you already have a child with us and don't feel you need a look around, I won't be offended!!!

### Children in need day - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - come to pre-school all spotty!

#### 30 hour funding codes

If you would like your child to spend more time with us over and above the 15hrs all 3/4 year olds get free, now is the time to be thinking about checking this and getting your eligibility code. We cannot do this for you in school.

- Go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)
- Scroll down to the 30hrs free childcare section:



- Click on 'Apply now'
- Follow the simple steps. You will need your NI number!
- You'll be told the outcome immediately. If eligible, you'll be given a code.
- Bring the code into the school office to check it and we'll sort out hours from there.

#### Lunch change

There will be a menu change on Friday next week as we have been given an extra stock of beef burgers so these will replace fish on that day only. Hampshire beef burgers are made from locally sourced meat and available only rarely on our menus!

#### Road safety

We have had two incidents this week where children have been able to get out onto the pavement near the main road and a very, very near miss involving a pre-school child and a van.

We really don't want anyone to be injured so we'll be talking next week to the children about road safety and showing them how to cross the road safely WITH an adult. We will enhance this by playing with the trikes, scooters and bikes on the playground with our road safety toys and signs.

However, please be mindful that whilst we have the first large gate on the back path to safeguard you and your child, the gate onto the main road can be opened by anyone. It is crucial that you have your child right with you after you pass through the large gate on your way out of school so that they can't get out onto the road on their own.

Thankyou for your help on this.



Mastering 2 tricky skills; putting on a coat and making friends this week in Kingfisher class.