



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 6

27 November 2017

Dear Parents,

The Autumn term rolls on at such a pace – the end of this week will be December already, can you believe it?! We have much to look forwards to in the forthcoming festive period and you should already have received your Christmas planner from school last Monday. If not, it's on the school website in the newsletter section.

Year 6 have had the most fabulous week in Wales, exploring the Brecon Beacons and trying out all kinds of new exciting activities such as caving, canoeing, mountaineering, not to mention cooking for themselves, cleaning their bedrooms and communal areas and learning a few new fun games, taught to us by Mrs Devereux. During our time away, many remarked on how great the children were and how happy they seemed. We had no tears, no home sickness or anything of the sort – proof that our residential programme really does work!

There were many, many people involved in making Wales successful; Miss Caws and I who go all week are the end product of Mrs Goode and Mrs Spayes organising buses and collecting monies, Miss Tregunna and the rest of the staff who held the fort whilst we were away, Mr Oliver and Mrs Holdich for making the long drive down the M4 to take our bags to and from Wales and Mrs Devereux who drove over to spend Wednesday and Thursday with us to do the caving and mountain walk. Thankyou so much to you all, we really couldn't do it without you all.

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Calpol and poorly children

Thankyou for helping us address illness early. We've managed to keep the nastiest germs at bay this term through prompt action by parents.

If you send your child to school feeling a little wobbly, please do supply your own source of Calpol.

School Calpol is for emergencies only. We will call you before we administer any of it to your child, even if we have permission from you.

That way, there'll always be plenty to go around!

Thanks!

Would your child like to be a ukulele player?

If so, please let the office know, drop me a facebook message or email us (see above)

Target cards

Target cards have come home for your child last week. Please do take the time to talk to your child about their targets and, if you're unsure on any, contact your child's class teacher.

The targets are meant to be the small steps towards a bigger chunk of learning which is why we change them every 4 weeks.

Times tables testing will be done in the week of Monday 18th December so get practicing!

Dates for diary

New dates are added each week in **bold**.
*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
November		
Wed 29	6pm	Anton Andover Alliance Info Evening for School Direct trainees.
December		
Fri 1st	15:15 17:15	Carols around the tree outside school. Xmas on the High Street – Christingle Service
Sun 3 rd	15:00	Stockbridge Cinema Despicable Me 3
Thurs 7 th	19:00	FOSS Wreath making evening
Fri 15 th	18:15	KS1 Nativity Performance in church
Mon 18th	18:30	KS2 Carol Service
Tues 19th	12:00	Christmas School Lunch
Thurs 21st	Last day of school – PANTOMIME IN SALISBURY IN THE AFTERNOON	
Fri 22 nd Dec – Thurs 4 th Jan	Christmas School Holidays	
January		
Thurs 4 th	INSET DAY (School and Pre-School)	
Fri 5 th	INSET DAY (School and Pre-School)	

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!

New Year R in September 2018?

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018 in Year R or know anyone who has moved in near you with a child who may need to start in our school mid-way through this year, the window for them to apply is now open.

We are not holding open days this year but prefer to meet with parents individually so that we can spend time talking about your child and addressing your personal queries rather than trying to do it 'en masse'.

Please contact the school for an appointment to come and have a look around.

We do still have some pre-school places available – if interested, please see the school office.

Spotty day – Children in Need

Thankyou for your general spottiness for Children in Need – we raised £110.12

Want to be a teacher?

Anton Andover Alliance Teaching School is our local hub for School Direct placements.

If you have a degree, you may be able to train to be a teacher next year and find yourself in the role of a teacher the following academic year with your very own class.

They are holding their information evening this Wednesday 29 November, 6pm at Anton Junior School.

Miss Biddlecombe is on this training programme and I know would be willing to talk to anyone who would like to consider this route.

Individual photos

These are now done and you should have received a postcard telling you how to access the photos. If you'd like them in before Christmas, please do place an order soon.

Friday 1st Dec

On Friday, we will begin Christmas by preparing Christingles in school in readiness for the Church Service at 515pm in St Peter's, just before the lights switch on in the High Street.

Let's get in the mood by wearing Christmas jumpers or t-shirts if you have them.

Bookbags

We have great routines in school which help us get through the week and the term with very little hiccups – homework, spelling routines, newsletter usually out on every other Friday etc etc but occasionally, we slip the odd letter out in the week if we feel it's important.

Please check your child's bookbag each night and write or sign in their reading journals when you've heard them read – yes, this even applies to the older children who really, really need to hear an adult read aloud each week so that they hear what fluent reading looks like.

Thanks!

Class attendance

Kingfishers 93.55%

Clatford 96.22%

Mottisfont 96.95%

Sprat & Winkle 96.57%

Redbridge 97.04%

Horsebridge 94.33%

WHOLE SCHOOL = 96.22%

