



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 7

7 December 2017

Dear Parents,

Christmas is in full swing here at Stockbridge although we have managed to hold off on full blown nativity rehearsals until Thursday this week so that we are still making the very most of every minute of learning time. The Victorian day held with Key Stage 1 was a very alarming wake up call for the harshness of school in this era and I think the children were quite relieved to be back to normal the following day! They did however have a very memorable experience in our very own Victorian school building; learning the three 'r's in the morning and then splitting at playtime onto a boy's playground and a girl's playground. In the afternoon the girls learnt how to sew...in silence! The boys did 'hard labour' polishing all the copper and sweeping the yard and everyone undertook drill. The photos below convey just how serious it all was. I must admit, I could quite get used to the whole room standing every time an adult enters or the boys 'doffing' their caps at the headmistress!!

Key Stage 2 have continued their Macbeth themed learning and have undertaken various scientific experiments with great scientific questions on light which will be used to choose materials for their own production and stage sets.

On a final note, since I last wrote, we have been inspected by our Hampshire County Council Leadership and Learning Partner and she was overwhelmed by the great behavior for learning evident in every classroom across the school. Children really getting in the flow of learning and displaying a love of being challenged! In addition to this, we have been chosen for moderation of our Early Years this year to ensure we are continuing to provide high quality education to our youngest learners. Our moderator, who also happens to be the advisory teacher for Early Years in the Test Valley, commented on the high quality of provision across our Early Years team. A great end to a long term.

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Brass music

We've had to have a brief respite from brass teaching until we could find a great teacher and we've found one! Tom Lark is happy to come and teach brass here from January so...if you'd like your child to learn a brass instrument, please let us know before next Friday so that we can get relevant info to you. A half hour lesson will be £8 which is a similar price to piano and guitar.

Guitar concert

Guitar teaching has been amazing this term and we're excited to hold our first concert for any/all parents who wish to come and listen on
MONDAY 18TH DEC
9.30am

Drop offs outside school

We do really appreciate the extra efforts you're going to in order to get children to school on time - punctuality has been better than ever this term.

Parking is pressured at this time of the morning, we do realise this, however, please do not break the law by parking outside school, not even to drop off and then go quickly. The zig zag lines are a no parking zone and it is not safe to stop either side of them along our road as you block it for others. Thanks for your help in this.

Dates for diary

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

Date	Time	Event
December		
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)	

Panto day arrangements

On the last day of term (Thursday 21st) we are all off to the Pantomime in Salisbury. We will all eat lunch at the normal time – on that day, the lunch will be fish fingers and chips or veggie toad in the hole.

After lunch, it'll be toilet stops all round and then on the coach and off to Salisbury for the pantomime which starts at 2pm.

Children may bring a snack (fruit, yoyos, bag of sweets) and a water bottle from home for the interval.

We will all return from the panto to school where children can be collected at 5.45pm. If we're due back earlier, we'll send you a text message.

We take the children to the pantomime so that they can experience the magic of a stage production which is interactive and brings a traditional tale to life. I have only heard great things about the panto this year at Salisbury and we're all very excited!

Clubs

Next week is the last week of clubs with the exception of gardening which finished this week. All clubs will resume in the week beginning 15 January.

Nativity and carol concerts

KS1 have their nativity in church on Friday 15 Dec at 6.15pm. Please arrive at the church no earlier than 6pm otherwise the children get cold and bored! Children will change back into 'home' clothes before being returned to you after the performance.

KS2 have their carol concert in church on Monday 18 Dec at 6.30pm and should arrive no earlier than 6.15pm really. Doors for both performances will open at 6.15pm.

Outstanding payments

Any outstanding monies for the following need to be paid before the end of term please:

- Dinner money
- School visits
- Pre-school fees

A polite reminder that all monies for residentials need to be in and settled with school before the end of March 2018 so please make sure any payments are up to date before Christmas to keep you on track.

Individual photos

We hope you're happy with these! The commission from the photos has raised £214 for FOSS funds.

Last Friday

Thank you to so many of you who brought your children and their Christingles to the Church service on Friday evening, it was a lovely way to start December.

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.

Temperatures are dropping! PE is chilly!

PE continues no matter what the weather but it is markedly colder so please do ensure your child has a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a spare school sweater or hoody in their PE bag for outdoor PE sessions – this applies particularly to KS1 children who have their PE on a Monday morning. Their usual PE kit of shorts and t-shirt plus trainers or plimsolls should be in school all week too. Thanks!

Class attendance

Kingfishers 92%

Clatford 96%
Redbridge 96%

Mottisfont 97%
Horsebridge 94%

Sprat & Winkle 96%

WHOLE SCHOOL = 96%

