



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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Dear Parents,

Many thanks to you all for turning out on parent's evenings this week – it was great to see almost every family, other than those where chicken pox had struck. I hope you found them really valuable and a useful update on how your child is getting on in class as well as what their next steps might be. We continue to send home the target cards with targets specific to your child and these can be used to help shape the support you offer at home.

We have had an awful lot of sickness this term and the attendance figures for individual children, classes and indeed the whole school are much poorer this year than in any previous year. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that you should not be booking (or requesting) holidays in term time – we only have 38 weeks of the school year to get an awful lot of content covered so it's vital that children's time is spent in school during term time – in the holidays they can get up to a whole raft of exciting times!

This week will be the fifth week I have been between Shipton Bellinger and Stockbridge and it all seems to be going fine. If there's anything you feel is missing, not being done, that you're concerned about, please do grab Miss Tregunna or I, we'll be all ears. Governors are keen that this works for BOTH schools as are we!

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher



### Super cyclists!

This week year 5 & 6 children have conquered the roads and bike riding and are off! Massive thanks to Miss Caws, Mrs Burnand and the team from Mountbatten who have patiently, calmly and kindly supervised the children whilst undertaking what can be a bit of a hair raising activity!

Miss Caws and Mrs Burnand have been with 4 brilliant children taking them from non-riders to confident cyclists and the team from Mountbatten supervised and encouraged our new road users.

Being able to cycle is such a fundamental skill and this government funded scheme allows us to ensure all children leave our school at least able to ride a bike. Whilst the main focus is being safe on the roads, children also discuss how to keep safe on their bikes and basic bike maintenance.



### Basketball

It's been a busy old week for Year 6 children who have not only done bikeability but also basketball training at Test Valley School. We love this session as it mixes our children with others from local schools. They learn skills and then put those new found skills to good use by playing lots of friendly matches against each other. As always, the children did brilliantly and showed real 'Stockbridge Spirit' getting stuck into everything they tried.

Although they look pretty tired in the photo above, they do look happy! I'm sure that this new found love of basketball will transfer over onto our school playground at playtimes and lunchtimes!

# Dates for diary

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

Date	Time	Event
<b>February</b>		
<b>February half term</b>		
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	08:55 14:40	Back to school Talent show runs all week
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	14:45 16:30	Talent show finale <b>Discos</b>
<b>March</b>		
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	World book day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Netball tournament at TVS
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Mother's Day
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	15:15	Targets home #6
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	All week	Last week of clubs this half term
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	16:00	Football at TVS
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	15:15 & 19:00	SATs evening Y6 & Y2
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Y4 at Tile Barn
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Y4 home from Tile Barn Whole school finish for Easter holidays

## Payments

After half term we will be careering towards the end of the financial year.

Please could we ask that all residential payments, trip monies and outstanding pre-school and dinner monies are paid into the office by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

This includes monies for:

- Brecon Beacons residential (Year 6 Nov 17)
- Calshot residential (Year 5 Sept 17)
- Tile Barn (old Year 4s April 17)
- Tile Barn (Year 4 April 18)

Straight after Easter we will be issuing payment cards for next year's residential trips for Calshot and Wales so it would be great to start the new financial year afresh.

Some of you received a letter from Mrs Spayes this week inviting you to sign up to online payments, she was trying to catch everyone who hasn't yet signed up as this is a really easy and quick way to pay. Please do sign up if you haven't already.

## Grounds working party

Before we know it spring will have sprung and there's a few jobs to do around the grounds, not least moving a shed and spreading bark in the new amphitheatre area. So that we can get one step ahead of the weeds which will be germinating at the end of February, we'll be holding a grounds morning on:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February (first weekend back) from 10am – 1pm.

Children are welcome to come along and you're welcome to turn up at any time which suits you in-between those hours. We particularly need some muscles to move an old shed and manoeuvre brand new play equipment into place as well as getting the polytunnel, beds and borders ready for spring.

## Talent Show guidance

Our annual 'Stockbridge has got talent' show is being rolled out over the next few weeks to continue to keep the profile of our 'proud' value high. We introduced this last year and it's proved a successful way to discover children's hidden talents and link home and school.

EVERY child has a talent.  
EVERY child has something to share with others.  
EVERY child is welcome to join in.

This year, we would like to increase the number of talents we see from outside of the usual 'singing/dancing remit. Although I'm not 'banning' these, I would like to see the variety of what we see broadened.

Perhaps your child can share:

- How they look after their pet
- Their swimming/cubs/beavers badges (choosing one that's special would be great)
- Read a poem
- Put forward a viewpoint on something that matters to them
- Show off their maths skills by modelling how to answer a question or how fast they can do their times tables.
- Share a love of reading by talking about their favourite book
- Show off their martial arts skills from a club they do outside of school.

Children have now signed up for an act. This is the timetable of the week:

Monday – musical instruments; guitars, pianos, recorders  
Tuesday – dancing & singing  
Wednesday – sports  
Thursday – readings and speeches  
Friday – finals

*All acts must be NO LONGER than 2 mins. Please do not ask on your child's behalf if they can be, this puts us in a very awkward position and makes it unfair for others.*

We have tried hard to ensure if children are doing acts together, that they are able to rehearse or taken a general consensus on whether it's feasible given the time we've had.

## Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – FOSS DISCO

FOSS are holding a slightly belated Valentine's disco on

# Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

Tickets are £3 and include a drink and hot dog. KS1 will run 4.30pm – 5.15pm and KS2 will run from 5.30pm – 6.15pm.

## Class attendance

Kingfishers 93.47%

Clatford 96.64%

Mottisfont 96.79%

Sprat & Winkle 96.62%

Redbridge 96.75%

Horsebridge 95.62%

WHOLE SCHOOL = 96.22%

