



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 1

7 Sept 2018

Welcome to 2018-19 academic year! I hope you all had a very lovely summer holidays, they went quite quickly even though we had the full 6 weeks; it was really great to be back at school on Monday though and even better for me, as I've been in the classroom this week for 3 days with Year 4 & 6 whilst Year 5 have been enjoying themselves at Calshot.

We're delighted to welcome all of our new Year R children and their families to our school – the children have settled in brilliantly with not a tear from anyone and even joined us for singing assembly on Thursday and behaved impeccably. We also welcome two new children to other year groups; William and his family to Year 1 with Miss Broadhead and Charlie and his family to Year 5, Charlie has been amazingly brave and gone to Calshot after being with his class for just 2 days!

We have great plans for this year to ensure you all really know and understand where your child is in their learning journey and how close they are to meeting age related expectations for their year group at various points throughout the year. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information in each newsletter.

As last year, the newsletter will be coming home fortnightly – we're saving up all the information we need to send home and making sure it comes home when it needs to but doesn't become wallpaper!

We look forward to working with you to provide the very best education for your child in 2018-19.

Kind regards,
Emma Jefferies

INSET days

Our INSET days for 2018-19 are as follows:

Our full 5 INSET days next year are:

Fri 19th October
Monday 29th October
Friday 15th February
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July

These apply to school AND pre-school.

Music lessons

Music has been an integral part of our extra curriculum offer and culminated in a brilliant concert at the end of last year with over a third of the school playing an instrument.

Piano (1:1) £8/20mins
Guitar (1:4 max) £5/30mins
Ukele (1:4 max) £5/30mins

If your child had lessons last year, we're assuming they want to continue – please let us know otherwise.

Newsletter

This copy of the newsletter is being sent home via paper copy but the next issue, out on Fri 21st Sept will be via email only unless you have requested otherwise so please make sure your details are all up together on parent mail so it gets to you promptly.

You can request a Parentmail reminder/password initial letter via Mrs Millen in the school office

Drop off and pick up

The gate to school is open to children and parents from 8.35am and school begins at 8.50am; all children need to be in school by then please – thank you for your promptness this week, it's been really noticeable that all children are in and working.

School gates open at the end of the day from 2.55pm for pre-school parents and 3.05pm for school parents. Until this point, children may be engaged in learning on the playground.

DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.

*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER		
Mon 10 th	08:50	Year R children stay on until 1pm
Fri 14 th	08:50	Year R children stay all day for the first time
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th	All week	Y6 children in Wales with Miss Caws and Mrs Jefferies
Thurs 20 th	All day	School Council elections
Fri 28 th	09:00	Macmillan coffee morning
	15:00	Letter to Y4 parents re: Tile Barn
TBC		Harvest festival at Leckford Farm
OCTOBER		
w/b: 1 st	All week	Parents of new children invited for lunch – British Food Week
Tues 9 th	Time tbc	Parent forum
Fri 19 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
Mon 22 nd – Sun 28 th	All week	OCTOBER HALF TERM
Mon 29 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
NOVEMBER		
Thurs 8 th	S&W school trip	
Fri 9 th	Targets sent home	
Tues 13 th	Service families forum - time tbc	
Thurs 15 th	Individual photos	
Tues 20 th	KS2 INFilm at Town Hall 1.30pm	
Fri 23 rd	First aid for parents	
DECEMBER		
Thurs 6 th	Christmas fete	
Fri 7 th	Carols around the tree 3.30pm	
Fri 14 th	KS1 Church nativity	
Mon 17 th	KS2 Carol service in church	
Tues 18 th	Christmas lunch	
Fri 21 st	Last day of school – panto	
Fri 21 st Dec – Wed 2 nd Jan	2 weeks	Christmas holidays
JANUARY		
Thurs 3 rd	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
Fri 4 th	All day	INSET (school & pre-school)
Mon 7 th	08.50	Back to school

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL - NUT ALLERGY

We really need everyone's support on this one please. We have a child with a severe peanut allergy in school which can be triggered by the smell of peanuts in the air or on people's breath. **For this reason, we ask that you do not provide your child with any nuts or nut based product for their snack or packed lunch, including peanut butter.** Where products state 'may include trace of nuts' – (this applies to almost everything!) we know that this cannot be avoided.

Breakfast Club

This is now in full swing! You can use it any day of the week from 7.45am until 8.45am when your child will be handed to the member of staff on duty. Each session is £3 which includes a breakfast of toast, cereal and juice alongside fun, low level activities at that time of the morning!

You do not need to book in advance so can use it at the drop of a hat (or when you fancy getting to Southampton for Christmas shopping!)

PE kit

Every child has at least 2hrs of PE per week as well as a very active playtime and lunchtime with our peer mentors and bronze ambassadors organising some great games. We will continue with the daily mile this term too.

Please make sure your child has a FULLY LABELLED PE kit in school each day as, if we can, we will always squeeze in more PE!

PE kits do need to be in from now on please.

PE kit consists of:

- Dark shorts (navy or black)
- School red PE t-shirt with school logo
- Socks
- Trainers for KS2, plimsolls for KS1
- Spare sweatshirt
- Hair bobbles (if applicable)
- Plasters to cover pierced ears (if not removable)

School Council

We are on the lookout for new school councillors this year and Miss Tregunna is again heading this up. She has talked to the children about what makes a good school councillor and explained the process.

Every child has the opportunity to become a school councillor and we would encourage them to put themselves forward in the next week or so.

She has asked children to design a poster or leaflet or postcard showing their peers what skills they have that will be useful as a school councillor.

These can come into school as soon as possible please ready for elections on Thursday 20 September and announcement of the new school council on Friday 21 September in assembly.

After School Club - Clubhouse

We are so lucky to have this fantastic wrap around childcare on site which extends the day for working parents right through until 6pm. Sessions need to be booked ahead and can be booked on an hourly basis (£4.50/hr). General themes this term are:

- Mondays: Construction
- Tuesdays: Rogue Rhythms
- Wednesdays: Sport
- Thursdays: Art Project
- Fridays: Free play

Contact: the.clubhouse@sky.com (forms on our website)

pre-school news

Welcome to pre-school this term, it's so lovely to welcome so many new children and Mrs Hutchinson and the staff in pre-school are being kept on their toes with so many home visits! We hope that you had a great summer with your little one and I was delighted to see so many of them happy to be back bright and early this morning!

Headcount

By Tuesday, you will have received your new headcount for this term. There are some changes to the form so please do go through it carefully – all staff in the office, pre-school and even Mrs Jefferies are able to help out!

We desperately need them back by Friday 14th please.

Bag of essentials

Thank you so much for being so prepared and sending your child in with things they need. If you're still gathering this bag of bits for us, please ensure each day you include:

- ✓ Clean underwear
- ✓ Clean clothes (whole outfit)
- ✓ Nappy sacks and wipes (if applicable)
- ✓ Suncream & sunhat

We'll supply wellies and waterproofs!

30 hrs funding

Many of you can benefit from the 30hrs childcare funding and we know that you've been really proactive and managed to get the codes from HMRC if your child is entitled to it this term.

Please let us have the code **BEFORE FRIDAY** so that we can check it on our database as we're required to do and then confirm hours with you.

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!

Invoices

Mrs Spayes has been processing invoices for the hours your child is taking this term and the invoices will be with you on Friday 14th Sept.

All invoices should be settled in full by Thurs 13th Dec please.

With our online payment system, you can pay as much as you like off each week to

Tapestry

Any learning your child is doing at home and at pre-school can be recorded on Tapestry, our online learning journal.

Your child's key worker will talk to you about this if they haven't already. Please do keep us up to date with what your child is doing at home as it is so useful to help us plan appropriate provision in pre-school that your child is interested in.

Childcare vouchers

If you're not claiming your 30hrs funding and your employer runs a childcare vouchers scheme, please speak to Mrs Spayes in the office before registering with them. We're having some confusion between us and the old pre-school registration with some employers and we need to get it right otherwise we don't get money for your child!



Happy birthday for yesterday
Mrs Trott!