



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 8

20 December 2018

### Longest term of all

We are finally at the end of the longest term of the school year that any of us can remember. And what a brilliant end to the term we've had in the last week.

The KS1 nativity on Friday last week was superb with some brilliant performances by our younger children – a lovely self-assuredness from those who learnt lines and those who knew when to be on stage, when to move and all the other nuances of such a performance (including managing camel costumes and the like!)

KS2 began this week with a most beautiful European Christmas service in the church. I just about managed to suppress a tear during their Silent Night Christingle introduction and their singing and reading was first rate.

Our pre-school children also sang a fantastic medley of Christmassy songs for parents and family last Thursday – huge thankyou to James McConnachie for accompanying them on the guitar.

All that is left is to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year – we're off to the Panto!

*Mrs Jefferies*



### Coming up!

The first few weeks back in school in the new year are a slow introduction of what's to come in a busy spring term. Please check these dates in detail and add others from p.2 onto your calendars.

|                             |         |   |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| <b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>   | 08:50   | Back to school – please bring PE kits   |
|                             |         | We welcome Miss Manston to school for a week  |
| <b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | 15:15   | Integr8 dance club begins   |
| <b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | 15:15   | First newsletter of 2019 comes out!   |
|                             |         |   |
| <b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>  | 15:15   | Clubs begin in full force   |
| <b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup></b> | All day | We welcome 3 trainee teachers (more below)  |
| <b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b>  | 19:00   | Lorraine Lee 'helping your child to do well at school and at home' parent workshop - FREE |
| <b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10:00   | 'Cross the Road' family service and Choir   |

### Helping your child do well in school and at home

We are hosting a brilliant workshop for parents on

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY at 7pm**

**This is for EVERY parent** and has been highly recommended by other parents and schools to help your child get the very best from school and home life.

Lorraine Lee will be delivering the workshop and is a renowned speaker on all things practical for all ages of children. We heard she was great so we booked her!



# DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.

\*means further details will be sent.

| Date  | Time    | Event   |
|---|---------|---|
| <b>JANUARY</b>                              |         |   |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan                     | 08.50   | Back to school  |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan                    | 15:15   | Integr8 dance club starts                                     |
| Fi 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan                     | 15:15   | 1 <sup>st</sup> newsletter out                                |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan                    | 15:15   | Clubs begin   |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan                    | 19:00   | Lorraine Lee workshop for all parents                         |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan                    | 10:00   | Cross the Road Family service @ Town Hall<br>Choir performing |
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan                    | 08:50   | 3 new teachers begin (here 'till Easter)                      |
| Mon-Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> |         | Gilbert Whyte Antarctica trip – details to follow             |
| Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan                   | 16:00   | Girls' football   |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan                    | 09:00   | Y5 @ Test Valley for Languages morning                        |
| Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan                  | All day | Year 5 & 6 @ Young Voices                                     |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>                             |         |   |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb                     | 15:30   | Y4 Parent mtg re: Tile Barn                                   |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb                     | 09:30   | Basketball tournament @ Test Valley                           |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb                   | 09:00   | Church Assembly   |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb                   | 15:30   | Parents Evening #1  |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb                    | 17:00   | Parents Evening #2  |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb                    | All day | INSET day – no children in                                    |

## Sing! Sing! Sing! Sing!

Our Year 5 & 6 children are busy preparing for an exciting performance at the O2 arena on 31 January where they will be singing with an 8,000 strong choir in a performance for parents that rivals no other. It's a really special time!

We have been invited to sing at the 'Cross the Road' service on Sunday 20 January as a school choir and would love it if every Year 5 and 6 child could join us as it'll be a great rehearsal for the public forum of the O2 (just on a much smaller scale)!

A letter will be coming home about this in the first week back but please do get the date in your diary.

## Music teaching

Following this week's stellar performance of guitar, piano and flute talent in school, we are able to offer some spaces in tuition for anyone else who feels they would like to play one of these instruments.

Kev and Mrs Waters are so incredibly patient and encouraging and children make lots of progress and gain a lovely confidence.

**Please let the school office know if you would like further details.**

## School uniform

We have a huge amount of lost property this term. Please ensure on our return in January that everything is labelled as the iron on and stick on labels do come off!

## Save your milk bottle tops

Please can we ask that you save your milk bottle tops for your children to bring into school and use for an activity.

## New faces in school

We will be welcoming some new teachers into school in the new year who will be teaching your children for part of the time **alongside their existing class teachers.** This has the added bonus of adding another adult to 3 classes!

Sprat & Winkle will welcome Jodi Ribeiro

Redbridge will welcome Jade Oxford

Mottisfont will welcome Lauren Airey

We will write to you a bit more about our new teachers in the new term and I'm sure you will make them all feel very welcome.

We are also hosting Miss Manston in the first week of term across both Sprat & Winkle and Pre-School as she is training to be a teacher and coming to us to gain experience of working with younger children.

## Year R for September 2019

When we return, there will only be 9 days to get children registered for Year R and it's looking like we will have a bit of space for the first time in a long time as this is a low sibling and locals year.

Visits to the school are very welcomed if you have friends or neighbours who might be interested.

**There's more about admissions on our website:**

<http://stockbridgeprimary.co.uk/our-school/admissions/>

## Pre-school uniform

Please could all parents of pre-school children ensure that their children wear the red school jumper with the logo to the setting every day – it helps for quick identification when outside as much as providing a uniformity to the setting.

Jumpers are available from our school uniform supplier:

[www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://www.skoolkit.co.uk)

Orders are delivered direct to your house!

## Pre-school is full!

We are full up in pre-school currently but will have some spaces after February half term as children turn 3 and ratios change.

If you would like to increase your hours, change times or need to know anything about billing or hours, please contact Mrs Spayes in the school office.

If you have a 30hr code this term and would like to use it again, don't forget to renew it through your Childcare account. If your child turned 3 this term (before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec) then you may be entitled to 30hrs and are definitely entitled to 15hrs free. Check out your eligibility on

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## Fantastic FOSS

A huge well done to FOSS for the lovely Christmas fair. We felt all festive and hope that you did too! Santa was superb and children enjoyed the variety of games on offer too.

The winning raffle tickets were chosen by children and were:

|                       |     |                   |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Decoration hamper     | 200 | Charlotte Howard  |
| Sweet treats hamper   | 268 | Pamela Clark      |
| Boxing day hamper     | 435 | Samantha Melville |
| Christmas day hamper  | 467 | Jo Horder         |
| New Year's Eve hamper | 340 | Mrs Flack         |
| Fun & Games hamper    | 667 | Nick Johnson      |