



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### Antarctica mad

I don't think it could have escaped your notice this week that we are all in the depths of our Antarctica topic. Some of us are learning about survival skills, some about Scott and Amudsen's race to the South Pole and others about the animals that live in this unique environment.

Children's knowledge about this little known continent is developing rapidly and their interest knows no bounds! Thanks to all of you who are helping the children do research at home or providing things for their topic.

Pre-schoolers have also been super busy this week with explorations in our developing forest school and their confidence and inquisitiveness is really exciting!

A group of children from Years 4 & 5 have also been spending time in forest school with Mrs Jefferies and Mrs Burnand learning about survival skills that might have been useful on Scott's exploration to the Antarctic. Fires have been lit (despite damp wood!) and much hot chocolate consumed but a great set of instructions on how to light the Kelly Kettle fires has been written.

Next week holds even more exciting Antarctica learning, more of which later.

Mrs Jefferies



### Coming up!

Some really big trips and sporting events in the next 2 weeks. Please check these dates in detail and add others from p.2 onto your calendars.

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>	All day	Elite Commando Antarctic day – see p.2
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup></b>	All day 4pm	KS2 Gilbert White trip – see separate letter Girl's football at Test Valley – invite only
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup></b>	All day	KS1 (HBr & RBr) Gilbert White trip – see separate letter
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup></b>	All day	Young Voices Concert at the O2 in London
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		
	15:30	Year 4 meeting re: Tile Barn
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		
	15:15	No school run clubs (Integr8 still on)
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
	09:30	Basketball at Test Valley – invite only
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
	09:00	Church Assembly – whole school walking down
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
	09:00	Sharing Assembly for Miss Caws' class

### Poorly people!

Even the chicken pox outbreak of Christmas 2012, where we had 6 Mary's due to illness has been beaten this week. We are not alone. Several schools have had to close their doors for a day or two as a nasty virus has taken over so at least we haven't had to be that drastic! Our cleaning team have been double doing this week to try to keep us bug free – thanks Jessica, Fay & Scott!

Flu type illness coupled with S&D has hit but we have a VERY exciting week next week with an Antarctic day to begin the week and various visits out including Young Voices so please rest up this weekend so that we can all enjoy next week to its fullness!



# DIARY DATES

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

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	15:30	Y4 Parent mtg re: Tile Barn
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15:15</b>	<b>NO School clubs (Integr8 only)</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Basketball tournament @ Test Valley
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Church Assembly
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Clatford Sharing Assembly</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	15:30	Parents Evening #1
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	17:00	Parents Evening #2
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Basketball at Test Valley – invite only</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	All day	INSET day – no children in
<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b>		
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	08:50	School begins again for Spring term 2

## Brilliant workshop

18% of our families joined us for a brilliant workshop with Lorraine Lee on 'Helping your child do well at school and at home'.

She offered sensible, practical advice that very much echoed the work we are doing with THRIVE in school but was practical for parents.

Parents on the evening were keen for more workshops with the following themes and we are just finalising dates for the second half of the Spring term and summer term:

- Routines and sleep
- Peer pressure and positive body image
- Positive discipline

WATCH THIS SPACE!

## Young Voices tickets

Tickets will be coming home on Monday with children ready for our trip to the O2 on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We have been able to reallocate a couple so if anyone else has any spares, please let us know asap. Thanks!

## Year 5/6 writing

This week, children have been replying to Shackleton's advert for men to assist him on his expedition. Their job was to be in character and persuade Shackleton that THEY were the right people to be by his side:

"I have known the pain of losing men."

"You will have one less problem on your hands if we crash, which has a high chance of not happening as you are the world's greatest explorer."

"I'm willing to risk my life for the greater good and explore Antarctica with you."

"Music will help us get through these difficult times. My favourite song is 'It's a long way to Tipperary' – I'm really good at singing it."

## Antarctica day - MONDAY

We really wanted the children to experience some physical activity that might represent some of the challenges our explorers might face when they travel to Antarctica. We are going to be joined on Monday by Elite Commando Team who have an amazing day planned for the children.

An inflatable assault course, fire lighting, team games and physical challenge course will be ready and waiting for the children on Monday morning.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL:

- With warm clothes – layering up is key
- NOT in school uniform
- With a WARM, WATERPROOF coat
- Hat, gloves and scarf
- If you have them, waterproof trousers (although we have a school stash)
- Wellies (named) and warm socks in a plastic bag

We will be posting photos of our activities on Tapestry, Class Dojo and Facebook so you can see what we get up to – we can't wait!



## Would you apply?!



## Class Dojo

We are very aware that we have really busy days at school but often, when asked 'what did you do today?' children are not always keen to share with you, wanting to rest and switch off. In order to give you a sneak peek into our classrooms and the learning your child experiences, we are launching Class Dojo for all pupils from years 1 – 6. Tonight, every child will be bringing home a letter with joining instructions and a unique code. Simply download the app, follow the instructions and enjoy sharing some of the wonderful things that your child does.