



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 9

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new year, it was really great to get back into the swing of things on Monday.

Each year every Hampshire school is inspected by the School Improvement Service team who oversee the quality of education and experiences for children in Hampshire. Ours was just 3 days back into the new term on Wednesday and it was very thorough as you might expect!

This annual 'health check' digs deep into the school and our attached inspector observes lessons, speaks with pupils, looks at books and topic folders, talks with staff and looks through all paperwork on monitoring and school development plans. In addition, they check that safeguarding procedures are robust and up to date. We observed a bit of everything; 4 children 'building a house' in the Pre-School sand pit through to 6 Year 5/6 children holding a heated debate on the morality behind severing the rope of your Antarctic climbing partner after falling down a crevasse.

I am delighted (but not surprised) to report that the school came out shining, with our pupils performing highly academically and providing a range of rich experiences. The best start to 2019 I could have asked for.

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.

Mon 14th	15:15	Clubs begin in full force
Tues 15th	All day 09:00	We welcome 3 trainee teachers Piano lessons starts
Wed 16th	09.00 19:00	Guitar lessons starts Lorraine Lee 'helping your child to do well at school and at home' parent workshop - FREE
Sun 20th	10:00	'Cross the Road' family service and Choir
Mon 21st	All week	Governors monitoring in school
Tues 22nd	09:00	Parent Forum
Fri 25th	15:15	Newsletter out

Antarctica - whole school topic

For the first time, we're embarking on a whole school topic of Antarctica, and pooling knowledge and resources. If you have any resources that you think might be useful to link to our topic, we'd be very grateful to have a look at them please. Everything from a wooden sledge, old wooden or new skis, things people might pack to take to Antarctica etc.

Watch out for letter about the whole school trip to the Gilbert White Museum - sent home this week





DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Event
JANUARY		
Mon 14 th Jan	15:15	Clubs begin
Tues 15th Jan	09:00	Piano lessons begin
Tues 15 th Jan	08:50	3 new teachers begin (here 'till Easter)
Wed 16 th Jan	09:00	Guitar lessons begin
	19:00	Lorraine Lee workshop for all parents
Sun 20 th Jan	10:00	Cross the Road Family service @ Town Hall Choir performing
Mon-Wed 28 th – 30 th		Gilbert White Antarctica trip-letter sent home
Tues 29 th Jan	16:00	Girls' football
Wed 30 th Jan	09:00	Y5 @ Test Valley for Languages morning
Thurs 31 st Jan	All day	Year 5 & 6 @ Young Voices
FEBRUARY		
Mon 4 th Feb	15:30	Y4 Parent mtg re: Tile Barn
Wed 6 th Feb	09:30	Basketball tournament @ Test Valley
Thurs 7 th Feb	09:00	Church Assembly
Tues 12 th Feb	15:30	Parents Evening #1
Wed 13 th Feb	17:00	Parents Evening #2
Fri 15 th Feb	All day	INSET day – no children in

Guitar – spaces

We were treated to another brilliant guitar and piano concert at the end of last term and this term, Kev has a few spaces for anyone wanting to take up guitar or ukulele. For a 30 min lesson in a small group the cost is only £5 – what a bargain! Please see Mrs Millen or Mrs Spayes if you'd like your child to learn to play guitar.

4pint bottles & bottle tops

Miss Kirkham and Sprat & Winkle are hoping to build their very own igloo but need all your 4pint milk bottles please.

Miss Broadhead would also love any bottle tops (any colour or size!) for our Mathletics wall please.

Pre-School news

We welcome 12 new children this week and next to our pre-school:

Lara, Bella, Theo, Olivia & Olivia, Liam, Phoebe, Joshua, Harriet, Edward, Max & Thomas. The new children have been brilliant at settling in and are having great fun exploring their new environment as well as our 'older' children having new friends to play with and get to know.

Bills

Headcount is now done for the term so bills will be issued next Tuesday – these will include a 'weekly' amount so you can pay your bill either in one lump sum or a weekly amount (payable in person or online).

Spares

Please ensure that your child comes to pre-school with a little bag of spare clothes and, if appropriate, nappies and nappy bags and wipes.

'Uniform'

We do have a uniform in pre-school and every child should have a school jumper (available from skoolkit.co.uk). They can wear what they like on the bottom half and everything from tutus to dungarees is fine!



Parent workshop

Lorraine Lee

How to help your child to well at school and home
Wednesday 16th January 7pm

So...who is Lorraine Lee?

Lorraine is a mum of 3 and a Professional Parenting Practitioner with a background in Child Psychology. She was recommended to us by a parent who heard her elsewhere and she's also delivering training to teachers through our local teaching school.

Why's she coming to Stockbridge?

Well, we thought you'd like a change from our voices and Lorraine has lots of practical parenting experience to help your child do well at home and at school. Everyone we know who has heard her speak says how useful and practical her advice is.

What age of children is this aimed for?

All of them! We know that you all want to help your child do well at home and at school and we think this applies no matter what their age. 4 or 11, it'll be useful for you!

Does it cost anything?

No. This is being funded by school. Please let the office know if you are attending.



Year R for September 2019

There's only 2 more working days until the deadline for Year R applications to secure a place for September 2019. The deadline date is end of day Tuesday 15th January so if you know anyone who is yet to register their child, please let them know!

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/>

e-safety

As usual, children have spent the first day back learning about a new aspect of e-safety. This term, we have been learning about and will continue to focus on the aspect of permission – **can I use the internet? What information can people ask of me and what can I give? What pictures can I share?** This has been the theme throughout the whole school and is an easy one to follow up with at home too.

School uniform

There are an awful lot of trainers, 'interesting' nails and fake tattoos that have crept in after the holidays. None of these are school uniform and we would appreciate your support in rectifying these issues this weekend please so that we come back on Monday with every child in the appropriate uniform.

School dinners

If your child has school dinners every day this term (until Feb half term), the total cost is £69.00

Just a reminder that daily hot dinners are £2.30 and all bills should be settled by Friday each week please.