



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Real life experiences

Since the last letter, we have had a very busy fortnight of rich experiences for our children, both inside and outside of school.

Starting with our 'survival day', where children all lit a fire in the forest school area, 'climbed' a mountain on the inflatable course and worked together during team games, the week continued apace.

The Gilbert White trips on the Tuesday and Wednesday were a great practical follow up to Monday's survival sessions and enabled the children to experience real kit that would have helped them in their expedition to Antarctica, as well as find out about life as a real explorer.

The week culminated with the Young Voices Choir in London (more on that later), and a snow day in school which was huge fun! The hot chocolate shared by the whole school at 3pm on Friday was a great end to a really fantastic week when all the learning about Antarctica over the term came to real life. Thankyou to many of you who have emailed me or spoken to a member of staff about the value your children have got from these experiences. There is a huge amount of 'behind the scenes' work that goes into them but we all do it because we know how much children gain from it.

Mrs Jefferies



Coming up!

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

Mon 11th	All day	Singing (see box on p.2)
Tues 12th	3.30pm	Parent's evening #1 No Clubs – only Integr8
Wed 13th	5.00pm	Parent's evening #2 No Clubs
Thurs 14th	12noon 4pm	Parent's lunch for Valentines Day Basketball team at TVS
Fri 15th	All day	INSET – no children in
FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Mon 25th	8.50am	Children back to school School bank reopens
Tues 26th	7.30pm	FOSS meeting in White Hart
Fri 1st March	8.45am	School bank is open – under the station or in corridor if wet

Parent engagement

Along with this newsletter, your child will be bringing home a paper copy of the parent 'menu' – this is a summary of events for the rest of the year that school have organised to help you as parents support your child in school and also give you opportunities to see 'behind the scenes' in school.

We know that it can often be hard to find out what your child has been up to during the day (and they do do so much!) and we also know that parents ask for help with spellings, times tables and other key things for homework.

Please do come to as many as you can – they are for YOU!



DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Event
JANUARY		
Mon 28 th	All day	Elite Commando Antarctic day – see p.2
Tues 29 th	All day 4pm	KS2 Gilbert White trip – see separate letter Girl's football at Test Valley – invite only
Wed 30 th	All day	KS1 (HBr & RBr) Gilbert White trip – see separate letter
Thurs 31 st	All day	Young Voices Concert at the O2 in London
FEBRUARY		
Mon 4 th	15:30	Y4 Parent mtg re: Tile Barn
Tues 5 th	15:15	NO School clubs (Integr8 only)
Wed 6 th	09:30	Basketball tournament @ Test Valley
Thurs 7 th	09:00	Church Assembly
Fri 8 th	09:00	Clatford Sharing Assembly
Tues 12 th	15:30	Parents Evening #1
Wed 13 th	17:00	Parents Evening #2
Thurs 14 th	TBC	Basketball at Test Valley – invite only
Fri 15 th	All day	INSET day – no children in
FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Mon 25 th	08:50	School begins again for Spring term 2

New teachers!

Many of you will have had your children coming home talking about a 'new teacher' – it's true! We are hosting 3 students on their final placement from the University of Winchester, before they qualify as Teachers, and they are working in 3 of our classes.

Miss Ribiero

I have really enjoyed getting to know the children in Sprat & Winkle over the last few weeks and can't wait to keep working with them this term. I come from a small family and was born and raised in both Portugal and South Africa. I love being outside and visiting new places and have a particular interest in special needs in education.

Miss Oxford

I am enjoying getting to know and teach the children in Redbridge this term. I am from a military background and my family are currently based in Shropshire. I enjoy reading and being outside (when I'm not planning lessons!)

Miss Airey

I was born in Germany and come from a military background. I'm really enjoying working with Mottisfont and building relationships with children across the school. I love films (apart from horror ones!).

Clubs

Next week, there will not be any clubs on Tuesday or Wednesday due to parents evening. Integr8 will still go ahead on Tuesday.



Singing supremo!

Leading Welsh soprano (singer) **Elin Manahan Thomas** will be coming to lead singing **workshops** for all children in the school on **Monday 11th February**. As well as treating us to a short live performance, she will talk about how music helps children's learning and emotional development and is good for mental health. She will lead two workshops during the day, demonstrating how to have fun singing whilst learning some techniques along the way. **This is a launch event for the opening up of the choir club to more year groups.**



You might not have heard about Elin herself but you will definitely have heard about the events she has sung at – she is in fact 'one of the most exceptional sopranos of her generation' and has released five solo albums as well as performing at prestigious venues and festivals. Last year, she performed at the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, presents for BBC One, BBC Four BBC Two Wales and S4C. She sang at the London 2012 Paralympics Opening Ceremony and unbelievably, is coming to help us with our singing too! We are so excited!

P.S. Massive thanks to Miriam for making this link for us!

Young Voices 2019 by Jason & Jade



Despite the M25 being closed we still made it to the O2 happily on time after stuffing our faces at Pizza Express! We drove through central London and experienced the views; we loved the Ark building in the shape of a ship and were amazed by how many massive buildings there were all in one place.

When we got there, and did the rehearsal, most of us thought it wasn't going to be that exciting because we were going over and over the same things we already had been practicing in school.

However, when the lights went out at 7pm, everyone was screaming in excitement and enjoying themselves – even the teachers!

The best part of the day was us just jumping and singing and shouting 'hey!' the whole time. When Andy from Urban Strides, the dance teacher we've had, came on stage with his crew – it made me feel very happy to see him in person because we've only seen him on the videos and he's funny and cool.

We would really recommend to anyone because it's so much fun and it's not just about singing.

We got back to school and four of us had a sneaky snowball fight with the teachers whilst we waited to be picked up – it was at midnight!!!!

World book day – 7 March DRESS UP DAY

Our librarians are in the midst of planning activities to celebrate World Book Day and one of them is dressing up as your favourite book character.

ON 7th March, your child will need to come to school dressed as his/her favourite book character WITH A COPY OF THE BOOK THEY COME FROM as we will be doing some sharing of books during the day.

We hope that by giving you advance notice of this before half term, there will be time to pull together the outfits and books needed.

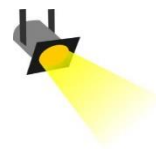


School bank



Because the bank has been out of action for over a year, the account has been classed as dormant and we have been unable to make deposits or withdrawals. HSBC have only today refreshed our details and we will be able to bank/withdraw monies again in about 3 weeks' time.

In the meantime, children's banked money is kept safe but withdrawals cannot be made until HSBC have completed their refreshment process.



Talent Show

Yes! It's that time of year again, the talent show has rolled around.

This year, we are changing format and **removing the 'judging' element** of the week – we have sooo many talents that we are going to just enjoy watching all that people bring to the show.

The talent show will take place in the week beginning **11th March** for the children to watch each other performing or sharing their talents.

This is a great time to let children 'shine' and show off their skills in areas we might not know about, for example, your child might do gymnastics outside of school, or judo, or kickboxing or art or ballet to name but a few.

Monday 11th: Singing and dancing

Tuesday 12th: Dancing and sports

Wednesday 13th: Musicians

Thursday 14th: all other talents

Our children are so supportive of each other and this week is all about the focus on responsibility (yes, you need to rehearse!) and pride – doing something they feel themselves they are proud of.

The timing of this allows children to rehearse for almost 5 weeks from today; plenty of time to decide what to do, who to do it with and get signed up.

Children will need to sign up in the week beginning 4th March and once down, this is a commitment to show off their talents.

Calpol

We are able to administer Calpol from our school supply only in an emergency. If you know/think your child might need Calpol during the day, please provide your own bottle. **Pre-school parents should bring any bottles of medicine around to the school office** to sign it in and out please. We have had an incident this week of a child producing a bottle of calpol from their bag and offering it to others – luckily, this was quickly spotted by staff!!