



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 6

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Being resourceful

In assembly this half term, we are finding out how to be more resourceful and it's so fundamental to developing good learning behaviours, I felt it would be useful to give you as parents a little more information about it too.

Being resourceful simply means drawing on resources (both real and knowledge and skills acquired) in order to solve a problem or aid with new learning.

QUESTIONING: a good learner asks questions and never settles for just 'knowing it'. They are curious, wonder how and why things happen.

MAKING LINKS: This is a big push for us in school – what do you already know about this or something linked to this? How can that help you understand this new learning thing? We need learners to build patterns and 'weave a web of understanding'.

IMAGINING: We want children to always think 'what if....?' Use their intuition (this needs them to try and make links with what they already know).

REASONING: Call upon their logic to work things out; construct arguments and look for flaws.

CAPITALISE: use the things around them that are there to support them; books, web, people, past experiences, resources.

These things can be talked about and used at home as well as in school – try them out!

Emma Jefferies, Headteacher



4 Sprat & Winkle children at the Hawk Conservancy creating a tunnel for the owl to travel through on their first school trip. They felt the flap of its wings!

Coming Up!

Our annual Christmas calendar is also out with this newsletter but this continues to be the place to look for the most up to date fortnight ahead ready dates.

Tues 25 th	13:00	Football competition at Wallop (team only)
Wed 27 th	Pm	WELLY WALK CANCELLED
Fri 29 th	All day	Mrs Jefferies & Miss Tregunna not in school
Sun 1 st	10:30	Across the road family church service
Tues 3 rd	14:35	INtegr8 dance assembly
Fri 6 th	09:30	Lower School and Year R down to church for the first of the nativity rehearsals
	15:30	Carols around the tree – for everyone after school – come and start feeling festive.
Sat 7 th	All day	Stockbridge Festive shopping – FOSS selling trees on the Church green

Sponsored Welly Walk

We've postponed this as letters haven't come out early enough for sponsorship so we'll now be undertaking a walk on a different date. We're sorry for the confusion over this.

Sat 7th December

We are raising money for an extension and improvements to our trim trail which I know many of you enjoy after school. We would love any help on Sat 7th Dec as we sell Christmas trees on the Church green – please see Mrs Jefferies or Lucy Foord. Mrs Whittington will also be there selling Tropics beauty products with all commission going to FOSS.



Did you download the School app? Search for 'Parentmail PMX' (it must have the PMX bit)



DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Event
NOVEMBER		
Tues 26 th	13:00	Football Competition at Wallop
Wed 27 th	Pm	Welly Walk CANCELLED
DECEMBER		
Sun 1 st	10:30	Across the Road Church Service @ Town Hall
Fri 6 th	09:30 15:30	Lower school & Year R to Church for rehearsals Carols around the tree
Sat 7 th	All day	Stockbridge Christmas event – trees for sale
w/b 9 th	Am	Mon, Tues, Wed all morning in church for Lower school and Year R. Thursday all day Friday afternoon
Thurs 12 th	14:15	Pre-School nativity
Fri 13 th	14:00 18:00	KS1 Nativity in the Church
Mon 16 th	18:00	KS2 Carol Concert in the Church
Tues 17 th	12:00	Christmas lunch
Wed 18 th	12:00	Pre-School Christmas party – all welcome
Fri 20 th	10:00 13:00	Panto School finishes for school
JANUARY		
Mon 6 th	08:50	Start back at school
Tues 7 th	All day	Fire service in Lower School and Year R
Mon 20 th	09:00 14:30 19:00	Parent briefing sessions for Children's topics and learning in Spring term. A MUST ATTEND PLEASE
Tues 21 st	09:00 15:30	Year 6 Parents SATs briefings

Changing books

We have a new system for taking books in and out of the library and teachers keep a close check on books that children are reading. Please DO NOT change your child's book in the library yourself – if you feel your child needs a new book and this hasn't been done by the teacher, please speak to the class teacher directly and they will action it as soon as is humanly possible. This may not be right away, especially at the end of the day.

Year group reading lists

If your child is in Year 1-6, they now have a copy of the year group reading list stuck in their reading journals. It is in the form of a 'brick wall' and it looks like this:



Year 4 reading challenge

Colour in the block when you've read a book – can you complete the wall this year?

The boy, the bird and the coffin maker By M. Woods	Bill's new frock By A. Fine	Goblins By P. Reeve	A boy and a bear in a boat By D. Shelton	Werewolf club rules! By J. Coelho
Emil and the detectives By E. Kästner		Goth girl By C. Riddell	How to train your dragon By C. Cowell	
Peppermint pig By N. Bowden	The children of Green Knowan By I. M. Boston	The great elephant chase By G. Cross	Coming to England By F. Benjamin	Charlie and the chocolate factory By R. Dahl
Billionaire boy By D. Williams		Suitcase kid By J. Wilson	Adolphus tips By M. Marjura	
The cave challenge By Bear Grylls	A little piece of ground By E. Laird	The boy who could fly By S. Gardner	The Iron Man By T. Hughes	Charlotte's web By E.B. White
The accidental president By T. McLaughlin		The tale of Angelino Brown By D. Almond	The white fox By J. Morris	

What other 4 books have you read that are NOT on our wall? Fill in the gaps above.

Each time they read a book from the list, they colour in the corresponding 'brick' in the wall. We have a copy of each of the books for each year group in classrooms so children will be able to borrow these easily and I know many of you have also passed the list on to Father Christmas. These are carefully chosen books, many of whom are linked to series of books so that if your child is enjoying a particular author or character, they are likely to be able to find other books in that series or style.

Best question to ask your child this week....

This weekend, try asking your children,

"how have you been resourceful today?"

Nimble gymnastics!

Last week our teaching staff completed their gymnastics training and can now teach increasingly challenging inversions in gymnastics....Miss Caws can cartwheel and Mrs McClue is queen of the handstands (there is no photographic evidence but I saw it with my own eyes)! Our PE money which we receive from the government each year is not only spend on resources for your children but also on staff development so the quality of their PE lessons is of consistent high quality.



A message from St Peter's Church:

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

.....with free fresh filter coffee and warm pastries from 10.30 on Sunday 1st December. Then enjoy live music and Christmas songs. Not your normal Sunday church gathering but with a great band and a few volunteers we have doubled the numbers coming to St Peter's church for our 'All Age' gathering.

Our church congregation has welcomed a much younger group of children, mums and dads, Christians and non Christians from the surrounding area. So please all come and let's have some fun as we look forward to Christmas.

Busy young families find other things to do on Sunday mornings and are indifferent to traditional church services but many parents and grandparents would still like their children to hear some of the lovely stories from the Bible that they heard when growing up. Stories like the Good Samaritan teach simple cherished values like 'helping people in difficulty' or 'forgiveness' as in The Prodigal Son.

On this Sunday the first in December we remind ourselves and inform our children that Christmas it is not just about giving and receiving presents but without Jesus and the Bible there would be no Christmas!

A warm welcome to all to just come and have a coffee and a warm croissant if you would like to.