



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Changes to managing behaviour

You might have heard your child recently talking about pegs and red, green or yellow circles or behaviour in school. At the end of last term, all staff felt that general behavior of children around school was not always as we expected or wanted and as a result, we have introduced 5 core conduct rules which children are working very hard to adhere to.

The rules are designed by the children to help them feel safe and practice basic expectations of citizens everywhere. They're not the kind of things that get success points either; we should all follow these without expecting or desiring a reward. Our rules are:

The 3 Ws; Watching walking waiting. Focuses on how we move around the site, at doorways, in the corridor etc.

Smartly, sensibly, silently

This relates to how we line up and how we signify the change between playtimes and learning times. We will be clamping down on this at the beginning of the day too.

Doing what you know is right

This sounds simple but we want children to work hard on this; only being in at playtime if you have a responsibility, going into lunch with your buddy, putting equipment away, keeping hands and feet to yourself – your child will be able to add more!

Use your manners (ps & qs)

We think please and thank you and general kindness should be a bog standard feature of children's interactions with each other and adults around them.



Year R busy den building

Coming Up!

Just because it's the start of a new term does not mean that we are slacking in the dates and events department! These are for the next 2 weeks

Mon 20 th	09:00 14:15 19:00	Parent information sessions A MUST ATTEND PLEASE!
Tues 21 st	09:00	Piano lessons start with Mrs Seymour
Wed 22 nd	08:15 15:15	SATs briefing for parents. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER SESSION FOR WORKING PARENTS!
Thurs 23 rd	09:15	Volunteer briefing with Mrs Jefferies
Friday 24 th	14:30	Volunteer briefing with Mrs Jefferies
Wed 29 th	Am	Y5 @ Test Valley – Modern Foreign language
Thurs 30 th	19:00	The Grosvenor 'Wellbeing' event
Fri 31 st	15:15	Letters out for Year 4 & Year 5 children re; Calshot and Wales for next year. Payments begin

There are still available spaces at the following clubs. All clubs, including Integr8, have started week beginning 13th Jan.

THURS	FRI
KS1 gym Y1-3 printing (art) Y3-6 Choir	KS2 gym



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
JANUARY		
Mon 20 th	09:00 14:15 19:00	Parent briefing sessions for Children's topics and learning in Spring term. A MUST ATTEND PLEASE
Wed 22 nd	08:15 & 15:30	Year 6 Parents SATs briefings
Tues 28 th	13:00 – 15:00	KS1 Gymnastics Festival (for selected children only)
Wed 29 th	Am	Year 5 at Test Valley for MfL learning
FEBRUARY		
Sat 1 st	All month	We have a box at Leckford Farm Shop for Green tokens from Waitrose to help raise money for our library. Please contribute
Fri 7 th	16:00 – 17:30	Valentine's Disco
Tues 11 th	15:30	Parent's evening #1
Wed 12 th	15:30	Parent's evening #2
Thurs 13 th	09:00	Clatford sharing assembly
Fri 14 th	All day	INSET Day
Half term		
Wed 26 th	09:30 & 15:30	Year 4 parents – times tables national test – a briefing for you all about the expectations.
MARCH		
w/b Mon 2 nd		Show us your skills week
Thurs 5 th	All day	World book day
Mon 9 th	All week	Parent lunches all week
Wed 11 th	AM	Year 4 Art Workshop at Test Valley School
Fri 13 th	All day	Sports relief day
Fri 13 th	AM	Yr3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament (for selected children)
Fri 13 th	19:30	Quiz Night
Tues 17 th	16:00-17:30	Netball tournament (for selected children only)
Fri 20 th	14:30	Mother's Day Secret Room
Wed 25 th	09:00	Year 2 SATs info session for parents
Fri 27 th	09:00 15:15	Horsebridge sharing assembly Club letters home
Mon 30 th	08:50	Club requests can be sent into school
APRIL		
Thurs 2 nd	15:15	Club requests returned to parents
Thurs 2 nd & Fri 3 rd	Overnight	Y4 @ Tile Barn on residential
Fri 3 rd	15:15	Last day before Easter holidays

See you Monday!

Our parent information sessions are happening on:
MONDAY 20 JANUARY
@ 9am, 2.15pm & 7pm

Parent information sessions

FOSS have an exciting Spring term coming up. Please make sure these dates are in your diary – we'd hate you to miss out!

Valentine's Disco – Fri 7th Feb 4-5.30pm

All children welcome. We'll have disco in the hall, craft room, film room, tattoos, face painting, hot dogs and a sweet stall. Tickets £3 per child.

Quiz night – Fri 13th March 7.30pm – late

Strictly adults only! Kate and Andy White have been gathering quiz questions all year and planning a lot of fun. Supper is included. Tickets £10 each.

Mother's day secret room – Fri 20th March 2.30pm

During the school day to keep things top secret. Prizes will be no more than £5 so Dads, please do send your child in with money!

Pop-Up Café begins 1st Friday after half term

This year, we're taking it in turns for a year group to man it each week. More details from FOSS nearer the time.

Best of all, FOSS will be able to take card payments for all tickets and at events for bar/food!

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN YOUR CHILD ATTENDS A FOSS EVENT, YOU NEED TO STAY TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY – FOSS don't and can't act in loco parentis like we do during school hours

Getting out and about

We have had 2 great experiences for your children this term already; Upper Key Stage 2 have been out to experience a mosque and learn more about how Muslims worship and their beliefs as a practical and immersive start to their topic.

With the topic of Great Fire of London at the heart of lower school's learning this term, we jumped at the chance to engage with the Fire Service who delivered 2 very interesting and information filled inputs about fire safety and inspired children about the role of firefighters.

Tickling the ivories!

Piano lessons begin again on Tuesday 21st January with Mrs Seymour. Thanks to those who have signed up so quickly. There are a few more spaces for children in Years 2-6, please let the office know if you'd like a space.

QWERTY kids

A group of children in school are learning how to touch type with QWERTY kids (find them on facebook). This is a great skill and you can purchase the programme yourself for only £40.

Volunteer briefings

Individual letters have been circulated with a fairly poor take up but if you have a DBS check with us and want to help on trips, in class or drive children to sports venues, it's really important we give you a full induction so that you are well equipped to support our children safely.

The sessions are next Thurs 23rd @ 9am & Friday 24th January @ 2.30pm You only need attend one and I promise to keep you no longer than 40mins. We cover behaviour, child protection and safeguarding, health and safety training and more!

Wellbeing evening

3 noteworthy speakers will be sharing tips to improve and explore wellbeing at The Grosvenor on Thurs 30th Jan from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Our own Patrick Melville (William and Lucy's dad) is one of the speakers so do book a ticket early!

All age service

The very popular all age service 'Cross the Road' is back again on Sunday 1st Feb at the Town Hall in Stockbridge. Coffee and pastries are available from 10.30am onwards and the service begins at 11am.

New faces

A key part of our role as a school is to play our part in growing the next generation of high quality teachers and this term, we have four teachers in their final term of University who have come to our school to complete their practice. They are working in four of our five classes and I'm sure you'll come across them in the next few weeks.

Please do introduce yourselves and ask how they're doing – students work inordinately hard to get to grips with their new classes and provide high quality teaching and working with parents is a key aspect of their training.

Miss Katie Beckett



I have wanted to be a teacher from a very young age, as long as I can remember. Early Years is my passion and I am really excited to start teaching. I love being outdoors so am really prepared for forest school in the rain!

Miss Lauren Haigh

I enjoy singing, baking, cycling and being outdoors. I became a teacher to help children discover their unique abilities and talents, celebrating our differences together.



Miss Emily Bolton

Becoming a teacher has been my aspiration ever since I was inspired by my own teachers at primary school. I have a love of maths and aim to teach children in fun and exciting ways.



Miss Amy Smith

I came into teaching because I want to provide every child with a safe, happy and supportive learning environment which allows them to discover their world. During my spare time, I enjoy reading, cooking & walking.



The teachers have selected 3 children in each class as focus children to track their learning and develop their understanding of a child's progression over time. They will be approaching parents early next week to seek your consent. If you have any queries about this, please speak to your child's regular class teacher.



Tag Rugby Festival Success

Last week a team of children from years 3 and 4 represented the school at a tag rugby festival at Wallop Primary. KS2 children had been building up their rugby skills in games lessons with Mrs Devereux in the autumn term and it was fabulous to see the children putting these skills in place on the rugby pitch. Twelve very muddy but happy children came back to school with tales of tries and great passes and with certificates for the team that demonstrated the best teamwork. Congratulations to the whole team.

We are currently training years 1 and 2 in preparation for our next festival which will be gymnastics, letters to the selected team will be coming out soon.

Parent Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which we need to fill as soon as possible. Stockbridge Primary & Pre-school has always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

The governing body's main tasks are:-

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance. We meet once a month as a full governing body – no sub committees!

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:-

- Knowledge of the local community and how the school contributes.
- Interest in and awareness of children's education, including pre-school
- Dedicated commitment to the responsibility of the role; including regular attendance at governors' meetings; regular school visits to monitor and assess the effectiveness of school policy; participation on governors' training courses.

Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training. *If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office or email Mrs Jefferies e.jefferies@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk for an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Monday, 23rd January. If more than one nomination/application is received, we will progress to a parent vote so that parents have a say in who represents them.*

You should also look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website at www.hants.gov.uk/education/governors/governors-govrecruit.htm You will find video, e-learning and written information on the site and all of these will provide you with further details about the role. Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to an identity check and a Police Disclosure & Barring Service Check.