



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 4

25 September 2020

It's beginning to feel 'normal'

Firstly, thank you so much for all reading the newsletter and adhering where possible, to the mask wearing situation. Much as I don't want to admit it, I think this is going to feel a part of our 'normal' lives for a long time to come.

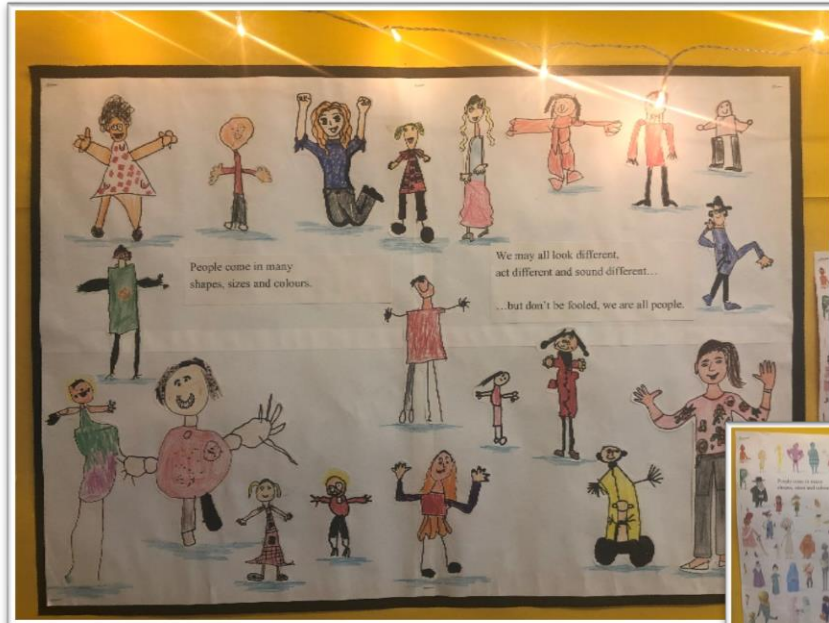
Colds and coughs seem to have settled a little this week and I feel we're settling back into a school routine and what will be our 'normal' for the autumn term.

We have completed the baseline tests for all of our children (with the exception of those who have been absent) and now teachers have robust data from which to plan. This will help us not only gauge the children's progress in the next few months whilst we catch up to the curriculum they should have for the year group they're in, but also give us a clear steer for their targets and next steps in small chunks so that they're manageable.

There are many organization bits and pieces in the newsletter this week so please do take time to read it so that we are all aware of what's going on in school, especially as parents aren't on site in the same way as before.

Emma Jefferies, Headteacher

Individual photos on Thurs 1st Oct – make sure the children are in sparkly clean uniform & hair done!



Year 1's delightful recreation of the 'we're all different' pages from the book we're all using – 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers



Coming Up!

Every newsletter, we publish the key events coming up for children in our school for the forthcoming fortnight – this is the bit to pin to your fridge!

Mon 28 th	08:30	Sprat & Winkle children in all day, every day.
Tues 29 th	pm	Speech & language therapist in for some children
Wed 30 th	5pm	Videos available on what your child will learn by Christmas
Thurs 1 st	am 9-11am	Individual photos in school Y6 meeting with Test Valley School (virtual)
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Mon 5 – Fri 9 th		Walk to school week
Wed 7 th	18:00	Test Valley School Parents mtg for Year 6 parents only

Breakfast club

Book next week's breakfast club sessions here:
<http://bit.ly/bfastclubweek4>

Children's learning

I'm so sorry but there's been a delay in getting videos online – they will be ready for THIS Wednesday on Google classroom and there'll also be links on each class' web page from our website.

Lunch charges

Our new hot lunch menu is going down well and there are some new choices this half term. KS1 (Years R-2) receive meals for free under the Government service. From 1st Nov, HC3S, who provide our lunches, are raising prices to £2.50 per day for each KS2 child (Years 3-6). All dinner monies should be settled by Friday each week. If outstanding monies exceed £25, we will ask you to provide a packed lunch for your child.



Music in school

This week's musician is **Tina Turner**.

When 'Proud Mary' came on, the teachers boogied down the corridor!

What's your favourite Tina Turner tune?

We've been using the choices from the last 3 weeks to talk to the children about 'tempo' – the speed at which music progresses and using the terms 'presto' and 'largo' – ask your child what they mean!



Favourite books

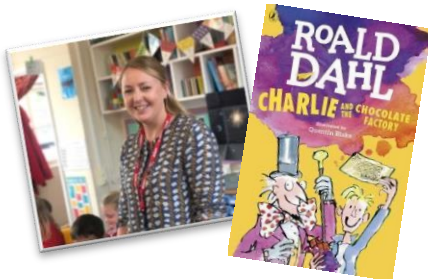
Every other week, we feature some new reading books you could share with your child/ren at bedtime. The importance of a bedtime story is well known and great readers hear and read stories A LOT!

This year, we've got 3 new teachers so we thought we'd find out what their favourite books are:

Mrs West's favourite book for bedtime is 'Mr Gum' because she believes you need a good giggle before you go to bed!



Mrs Le Fevre's favourite book for bedtime is anything by Roald Dahl although Charlie & the Chocolate Factory is a favourite. The weird and wonderful characters make the stories fun!



Mrs Natt's favourite book for bedtime 'The Little Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Mrs Natt always wanted to be Sara Crewe, who is the main character in the story.



Celebration assembly



Whilst the weather is good, we're planning to get together for our celebration assembly outside each week in a socially distanced way.

We have recorded each teacher telling us why they've chosen each week's star worker but are waiting for final data sheets back in from a few families before we can release them as we need video permissions.

As soon as we get these back, I'll be in touch with families to share the videos we already have.



School Councillors

Last week, we announced 2020-21's school councillors. We had many entries this year and Miss Tregunna and I were particularly pleased to see so many from Year 3. Well done to all who took part for brilliant posters, clear campaigning and their support of the final council.

We look forward to working with Ella, Rose, George, Bethany, Riley & Arabella to improve things from the children's perspective this year.

Parents evening

We have contemplated many ways of doing this but feel it's best to discuss your child face to face rather than over zoom or a phone call, which all seem slightly impersonal.

The majority of sessions will run on Tuesday 6th Oct with some bookable slots on Monday 5th Oct for Years 4, 5 & 6 and some on Wednesday 7th Oct for Years R, 1, 2 & 3.

Please read the letter attached to this newsletter VERY carefully as finding times outside of these slots is very difficult under current circumstances.

Parents and staff, unless medically exempt, should wear face masks when meeting please.

If you feel more comfortable with a zoom meeting, there is space on the form to note this but they will be recorded for monitoring purposes.

Homework

Years 1-6 are expected to:

Read at least x4/wk Spelling journals x4/wk TTRock stars x4/wk

In addition, Years 5-6 will have a topic homework to complete online.

To make sure Google Classroom is still alive and well and able to be accessed at home, all homework will be set online on this platform unless you notify your child's teacher otherwise. You can let them know this via Class Dojo