



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 4

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Deadly 60 and Ancient Greeks

Our topics in both upper and lower school are well underway and even Sprat & Winkle have enjoyed their first topic in school all centred around the bears they were sent earlier in the summer.

Deadly 60 moved to a whole new level in the lower school this week as they welcomed new and fantastical animals (as well as some very cute baby guinea pigs) to the school. A meerkat, armadillo, python and many more fantastical creatures came to visit and what a brilliant time the children had. This has inspired them to get going on their writing too.

Meanwhile, in upper school, children have become engrossed in the Ancient Greeks with fantastical writing of a new, thirteenth labour for Hercules (honestly, you'd have thought 12 was enough!) and creating some amazing new settings and characters.

We are now fully up together with the school library and reading schemes and tonight Sprat & Winkle are taking home their first ever reading books. Read on I say!

Emma Jefferies, Headteacher



Some of Horsebridge class enjoying meeting the animals from the Animal zoo - I think Keira & Charlie are VERY brave with that python, I'm not sure I would have held it!

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 5 - Fri 9 th		Walk to school week
Mon - Wed		Parent consultations - times have been sent home
Wed 7 th	18:00	Test Valley School Parents mtg for Year 6 parents only
Sat 10 th	9-12	Open morning at school for new Year R parents
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Mon 12 th	All day	Sponsored run - in conjunction with London Marathon
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Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct		HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 2 nd November		INSET Day - no children in school or pre-school

Children's learning

Armed with a cup of tea, several biscuits or something a little stronger and take 10 minutes out to watch our videos about what your child will be learning between now and December.

They are all available on Google Classroom in your child's class

Year 5 & 6 parents

Please email Test Valley's school office office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk to book a slot on next Wednesday 7th Oct parent's evening question and answer session. Let them know which school you're from and what year group your child is in. It's a great opportunity to find out what changes are being made and the progress the school is making.

Music in school

This week's artist is **Queen**

Revisit a Queen album on Spotify, Google play, Amazon music or, if you're really cool, get out an original album or even LP and share it with your child/ren – they've LOVED the queen medley in school this week. I always forget how much I love Queen tracks until they're playing – what absolute tunes!





Walk to school week

Some good news!

I have heard from the transport department at Hampshire County Council who have confirmed that most of the traffic calming measures are being actioned as I write:


Clearer bollards at crossings from the High Street across the A30 and opposite the White Hart

SLOW signs  on the roads at key points around the roundabout junctions near crossings

New flashing  installed in a more obvious location for those travelling south on the A30 warning of a crossing

More obvious signage around speed 

Signage indicating a crossing as vehicles travel  from the High St onto the A30 layby side

Narrowing  lanes off the roundabout near the White Hart crossing and making Old London Road one way are also in process.

From Monday to Friday next week, it's walk to school week and children will be keeping a record of how they travel to school. Why not seize the moment of less traffic with the staggered starts to park a bit further away and scoot, cycle or walk to school from further than you usually would – that will still count as walking in!



Parent's Evening



Next week we are running our parent's evenings outside as we've risk assessed them and feel this is the safest option.

Our COVID rules to keep us all safe:

- Please ensure that only ONE member of your family comes and no children, not even siblings. We have to limit numbers to ensure we don't become a gathering.
- Please bring & wear a mask. All staff will be wearing one.
- Please wear warm clothes!
- We will ensure you are appropriately socially distanced from the teaching staff during the meeting and from people waiting for their slot too.
- If you're more than 2 or 3 minutes early, you'll be asked to wait in your car.
- A couple of minutes prior to your slot, please come to Old London Road gate where there'll be socially distanced spots to wait for your appointment.
- In between appointments, teachers will wipe down tables and chairs.
- All parents will exit along the back path by pre-school and through the gate opposite the White Hart.

Breakfast club

Book next week's breakfast club sessions here (this one actually works!! Sorry for the bad link last week)

<http://bit.ly/bfastclubweek5>

Homework

We have had to speak to lots of children about homework this week; read and responds and spelling journals have not been completed.

Read and Respond should be done between Friday and Monday morning for all children. If not completed, we will need to find time for it to be completed during break or lunch times.

Spelling journals should have at least 4 activities all completed at home during the week or weekend. This is the minimum number of times spellings should be practiced.

We are trying to re-instill good learning habits and encouraging children to take responsibility for their work. Thankyou for your support.

White Hart

The team at the White Hart have been in touch again to let us know that people are still walking through their garden area. PLEASE DO NOT.

They have carefully planned out social distancing measures and are under great pressure from all to comply in order to make their business viable. Please walk around the pub perimeter on Trafalgar Way or park elsewhere.

Sponsored run

If you can't beat them, join them!

We are going to take part with thousands of other schools, in the virtual London Marathon this year.

We are raising money for more welly boots and waterproofs as we are short of them now our school has grown so much! We're also raising money for our Sprat & Winkle area which needs a much needed update.

With FOSS activities significantly curtailed by COVID restrictions, we need to actively raise money in other safe ways.

All children will run a tenth of the marathon distance, 2.6miles, on Monday 12th Oct. They have each been issued with an official number from the London Marathon team and we are practicing the daily mile to check we can go the distance.

Clubhouse are recruiting!

- Do you enjoy working with 4-11 year olds?
- Would you like a term-time job that works around your children?
- We have vacancies in our after-school team, working 3pm-6pm 2-4 days a week, term time only.
- A full induction and training will be provided.



The Clubhouse

Contact Miriam White at the.clubhouse@sky.com or 07557 916359 for a full job description and application form.

THRIVE

Our THRIVE programme is beginning again over the next couple of weeks, starting with whole class target work on areas the whole class have flagged up as needing some work.

As a reminder, THRIVE helps us analyse and develop children's social and emotional behaviours and most importantly, helps them to become better at regulating feelings and emotions and knowing what to do when they are dysregulating.

Miss Palk is also now almost qualified so there remains 4 practitioners in school; Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Holdich, Mrs McClue and soon-to-be Miss Palk.

The vast majority of THRIVE work is with groups and whole classes but we do run individual programmes. We may talk to you at parents evening if we think your child could benefit from some small group or 1:1 work and all of our services children will be able to join a Service Children group starting after half term.

Music Mark

I am delighted to write that we have been awarded the National Music Mark for our commitment to music education and development. None of us here are technically musical here but we all try hard to get music into each bit of the curriculum and we all love it in all of its various forms. Well done to Miss Kirkham for leading us so well!

