



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Almost without a hitch!

Our inaugural online parent's evenings went almost without a hitch, thank you to those who persevered and managed to get through and thanks to those who found other ways to set it up or speak to your child's class teacher.

We endeavoured to be honest with you about where your child is at in terms of their learning and learning behaviours, especially in light of COVID closures and the longer lockdown earlier in the year. We are still working with your child on the previous year's objectives and want to make sure that you know how big a leap they need to make in order to get to their age related expectations at the end of this year. I appreciate that this isn't always an easy message to hear.

No matter how far they have to go, every adult in school, every decision we make and every ounce of care is going in by all here in school to ensure the fine balance of happy children is maintained as well as learning at a rapid pace.

It is worth remembering that we have actually only had 5 weeks in school for most children and we are expecting a lot of them so that they are not disadvantaged later in the year.

Emma Jefferies, Headteacher



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 23 rd	6pm	Full Governing Body
Thurs 26 th	9am	Pre-orders for Christmas trees need to be in
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Wed 2 nd Dec	All day	Year 1 vision checks Year 1-3 Victorian Day
Thurs 3 rd	All day	12 Days of Christmas fundraising event starts - you have to be in it to win it!!
Fri 4 th	2pm	All children and teachers decorate the school for Christmas!
Sat 5 th	9am - 12noon	Christmas tree pick up from school car park



Christmas dates



I hate to mention it too early but I know everyone wants to be prepared. Our Christmas traditions here at Stockbridge are a big part of our community and the experiences we are proud to provide for the children; we're determined not to let things slip even if they can't be as they usually are.

Mon 7 th Dec 12.30pm	Children may bring in Christmas cards for their friends. <i>These MUST be posted in the postbox outside Mrs Jefferies' office where they will be quarantined for 72hrs and then handed out.</i>
Fri 11 th Dec All day	Christmas jumper day Everyone can join in. Yes, even Miss T in her T-shirt!
Tues 15 th Dec 12noon	Xmas lunch This year, to be eaten in classrooms with festive music and singing.
Thurs 17 th Dec 11am	Staff panto for the children - we may not be able to go to Winchester or Salisbury so we're bringing a panto here! Nativity film premiere! Watch in classes and children take the link home so they can watch with their parents.
Fri 18 th Dec 9.30am 1pm	Last day of term Christmas party in classes Home time!

The curriculum in real life

Each topic we try hard to bring to life for the children, to place it in a real life context. This is how we're doing it this term across the school

Year R

In the last 3 weeks of term, Sprat & Winkle will be developing their writing skills further as they write letters to characters from The Jolly Postman. In addition to taking letters to the post office and seeing the role of the people who work there, they'll meet a real life postman who will explain his job to them and how important he is at getting the post to those who need it.

Lower School

Years 1, 2 & 3 have the topic of 'Chalk & Cheese' all about life in Victorian times and I know many of you are already being interviewed or helping collect information from your wider family about what school was like in the past. The children will take it one step further on Wed 2nd Dec when they come in and find school has mysteriously changed to Victorian times – full period costume is required. There is a letter with further details attached to this newsletter.



2017-18 images from their Victorian day



Upper School

This week, we welcomed Phil Tickle to school. He was AMAZING! His real life job is a rigger in the entertainment industry came to talk to the children about what his job involves as well as linking his work succinctly to our Science objectives this term. Phil has many years of experience in the industry having worked on numerous television shows such as Dancing on Ice, alongside the accolade of the Head Rigger and Production Manager for the John Peel Stage at the Glastonbury Festival.

After listening to Phil describe what he does (building giant Meccano and Lego kits as he described it to the children!) and many WOW moments at the very tall structures that he builds, climbs and works on, the children were treated to a demonstration on pulleys which linked nicely to our DT objectives this term.

Answering the children's questions about how he gets the heavy equipment up high, the children were given the opportunity to find out for themselves by trying the different pulleys. They had to use their knowledge of fractions to think carefully about how the same weight felt easier to pull the more ropes were involved.

The children were clearly very enthused by the afternoon activities and we may even have a budding rigger or two in our midst (especially when they saw how high you got to climb and the big machines you got to be in charge of!).

Our thanks go to Phil, who took the time to come and tell us about a job that many people many not be aware of but is just as important as the people who stand at the front of the stage!





Music in school

We've been enjoying

This week we have continued our thinking about pitch and used Idina Menzel as a great example of this! The children have loved singing along to the Frozen songs she is famous for (and Mrs Cooper has loved singing along to her songs from Wicked although S&W might not have enjoyed her singing quite so much!)



Cross Country results



In this current climate we are having to adapt in lots of different ways and one of those is to think creatively about competitive sports. Last week we competed in the Test Valley cross country competition, where our times we collated and sent in to be compared with those from other schools.

We were all so very proud of everyone for taking part and trying their very best. Our top three placings were:
 Year 3 and 4 girls: Bethany 4th, Orla 8th, Poppy 9th
 Year 3 and 4 boys: Jack 4th, Joshua 5th, Harrison 6th
 Year 5 and 6 girls: Evie 4th, Arabella 10th, Sophie 11th
 Year 5 and 6 boys: Reuben W 4th, William 5th, Joshua V 6th

Has your situation changed?

Please use the link here to check if your child is eligible for pupil premium. This is a vital pot of money we can tap into if you meet certain criteria that we are accountable for to improve outcomes for your child.

It REALLY makes a difference.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

COVID status

If anyone in your household is tested for COVID and the result is positive, please let us know.

We now have DfE funded laptops that we can loan to families to supplement your technology if that is an issue with getting online.

Nativity at Christmas

A big tradition at Stockbridge is to gather in the Church for either the KS1 nativity or the KS2 Carol concert but unfortunately, we are unable to do either this year. Instead, the children will work as a whole school to create an outdoor nativity which we will film and premiere with them on Thurs 17th December. They will come home that day with a 'programme' that contains a link to the nativity which they can watch with you at home.

We still have all the traditional carols, we still have Mary, Joseph and of course the donkey and perhaps a real live baby!

FOSS Events this Christmas

Every parent & member of staff in the school is a member of the Parent Teacher Association by default and in the past, FOSS have been responsible for perfect Pumpkin parties, super summer sizzlers, dynamic discos and raucous quiz nights to name but a few!

The committee and I met this week as we're determined to continue to raise funds for school and bring our community together even in these strange times.

We are raising £10k to develop the adventure playground on the field for the benefit of all children.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

A poster with prices and further details is coming home with this newsletter. You can buy a Nordmann Fir (no drop) Christmas Tree from us by pre-order and collect it from the school car park on 5th December. Pre-order and pre-payment only for COVID reasons. See the attached letter.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Pay £5 per family and buy into our very own Christmas Countdown!

In the last 12 school days of December, we will be opening an advent 'door' to reveal a prize each day. If every family bought a £5 ticket, we'd raise £500! If every family bought a ticket for each child, we'd raise £815 – a giant step towards adventure playground improvements.

Each morning, Mrs Jefferies and a child will open the advent door for that day to reveal a prize!
STARTS ON 3RD DECEMBER!

Tickets on sale from Thurs 26th November