



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### A week of planning + preparing

It feels like we have spent this week planning and preparing for all kinds of things. The only thing I hadn't planned for was being in tier 2! Earlier in the week, the DfE published guidance for what being in each tier will mean. I have published the guidance here for tier 2 so that we're all clear as navigating the government website is notoriously tricky!

We have also been planning our nativity which is shaping up to be a COVID-secure event with each bubble performing separately from others or, where this isn't possible, done in a socially distanced way.

Going to the pantomime is a Stockbridge tradition on the last day of term but we can't do that this year so instead, we're filming a staff one – only to be shared with the children I'm afraid!! Jack & the Beanstalk will be making its one and only appearance on the penultimate day of term. Mrs Spayes is Jack, I am the widow, Mrs Natt the cow, Mrs Holden and Miss T the fairies and of course, Shawn as the dame!

Decorating the school is hopefully going to be the highlight of next week – I for one can't wait!

Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher



### Coming Up!

Every newsletter, we publish the key events coming up for children in our school for the forthcoming fortnight and this week we've gone even further until the end of the term – this is the bit to pin to your fridge!

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	All day	Year 1 vision checks Year 1-3 Victorian Day
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All day	12 Days of Christmas fundraising event starts – you have to be in it to win it!!
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	All children and teachers decorate the school for Christmas!
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12noon	Christmas tree pick up from school car park
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Children may bring in <b>Christmas cards</b> 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 <sup>th</sup>	All day	<b>Christmas jumper day</b> Everyone can join in. Yes, even Miss T in her T-shirt!
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	<b>Xmas lunch</b> This year, to be eaten in classrooms with festive music and singing.
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<b>Staff panto</b> for the children – we may not be able to go to Winchester or Salisbury so we're bringing a panto here! <b>Nativity film premiere!</b> Watch in classes and children take the link home so they can watch with their parents.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 1pm	Last day of term Christmas party in classes Home time!
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	08:30	First day back after Christmas

## Years 1-3 – need dress up clothes next week!

On Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, Years 1, 2 & 3 will be having a 'living history' day where their classrooms will be turned into Victorian school rooms and they'll undertake a very Victorian day at school. Here's some inspiration for costumes in case you need any.



## Music in school

What have we been enjoying this week?

This week we've broadened our horizons by choosing a style – OPERA. We've listened to Russell Watson, Katherine Jenkins, Sir Willard White and others to give children flavor of this style. They've been using their newly acquired language of pitch, dynamic and piano and forte to describe what they hear.



## PE in school

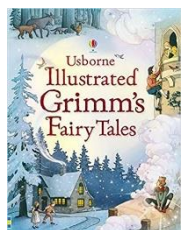
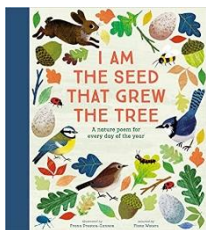


Mrs Devereux and the class teachers are all teaching games for at least 2hrs a week and we've got other physical exercise in the week. Mrs Devereux is a qualified FA coach and has been imparting her skills and wisdom throughout the school with football games lessons.

## Reading update

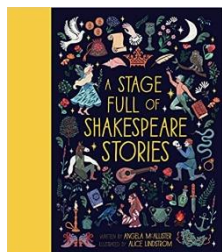
Teachers have had some great requests this week via Dojo asking for suggestions on books linked to the topics children are studying currently because they're enjoying them so much. Please pass these onto Santa (the pictures link to Amazon).

Year R children are enjoying poems extracted from this superb compilation. It's got a poem for every single day of the year & is beautifully illustrated.



Years 1 & 2 are delighting in a range of fairy tales; some new and some known in this beautiful collection of Grimm Brother tales.

Year3 are reading my favourite series of books by Penny Dolan all about Jonas Jones and his little dog Scraps. They've read 'The tale of Rickety Hall and there's 2 more in the series.



Years 4-6 are enthralled with the rollercoaster plots in Shakespeare's stories and this stunning guide makes his plays accessible for this age group.

## Tier 2 – what does it mean?

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the 'rule of 6'
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a [COVID-Secure](#) manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
  - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
  - close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
  - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm
- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stonesettings.
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#)