



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Child-Centred Reflective Visionary

These were the three words used to describe our school by our leadership and learning partner (LLP) at Hampshire County Council this week as we undertook our annual inspection of the quality of the school's provision for children and community.

In a far reaching, wide-ranging inspection, we shared online access to Google Classroom, our analysis of data, curriculum plans, phonics improvements, assessments and safeguarding; it was all at our fingertips and all easily understood by our LLP.

We bucked the trend in terms of pupil achievement both on the return to school in September and throughout the Autumn term meaning that our children were in the best possible place to continue making great progress.

She spoke to staff, Governors and leaders and looked at examples of children's work too, all this done remotely but with honesty and transparency on our part and her expectation and trust that we would do this fairly.

Of course, we have things we are going to focus on for the forthcoming year but it's great to know we're at the top of our game and have this validated by an external view.

Thankyou also for your support and kind words this week. We are absolutely in this together and I value the support each and every one of you are offering at the moment.

We are absolutely in this together as one whole community and I know when we return to the playground, we will be stronger than ever!

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



My favourite photo of the week!! 3 mucky but happy boys!

Coming Up!

Book swap and resource pick up is in the afternoons next week so that we avoid the live lesson times as we know it means all hands on deck for those of you at home!

	Tuesday 26 th	Wednesday 27 th
Surnames A - G	12.30pm - 1.15pm	2.30pm - 3.15pm
Surnames H - O	1.15pm - 2.30pm	12.30pm - 1.15pm
Surnames P - Z	2.30pm - 3.15pm	1.15pm - 2.30pm

Other dates in the wider term:

Tues 9 th Feb	16:00	Parent's evening - remotely again
Wed 10 th Feb	16:00	Parent's evening - remotely again
Fri 12 th Feb	15:30	End of Spring term 1
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 th - 21 st Feb		
Mon 22 nd Feb	All day	INSET - no children in school & no online provision or live lessons



Let's be realistic!

For those of you with children at home, we have to set 3hrs of learning for KS1 children and between 3-4hrs for KS2 children BUT we know that this is placing pressure on you all to feel like it all HAS to be done. We do of course want children to keep up the momentum in their learning and continue to make progress but we're also realistic enough to know that some days, it's a much as can be done to get them out of their PJs before noon!

We also know that you are your child's biggest stability in times like these and if you're feeling wobbly or overwhelmed, that's not helpful or positive either. SO...

From Monday, each class teacher will publish a timetable on a Monday of the week. They will highlight ONE lesson a day that they think your child MUST engage with because it's part of a larger journey. This may or may not be a live lesson but it should be the one thing that we urge you to get your child to complete.

Children should attend live lessons regardless of whether it's an 'essential' lesson or not as they're a good way of keeping in touch with peers.

We hope that this eases pressures on days when it all feels just too much.

Social isolation for children at home

One of the things we talked about with our LLP was how we are supporting children who are home learning in bridging the gap for social isolation.

I have spoken to many of you this week at book swap time, through phone calls and emails who have said that the live lessons, whilst a challenge in terms of organization, are helping your child at home feel more connected to others. The children in school are also missing their home learning friends and love this opportunity to see them, even if it is briefly.

We don't want to impose more on you or give your child more screen time but is there anything you think we might offer as a school to alleviate the negative effects of lockdown that might make your child feel more involved with friends?

Please let us know via email, dojo or when you see us at book swap days. We can't promise we'll action all but we're keen to think things through.

Staff COVID testing

Next week, we begin lateral flow testing twice a week on staff to identify anyone who is asymptomatic in a quest to slow the spread of COVID and help return things to normal quicker.

We are all prepared and ready to go (& a bit excited!) for this but it does have implications for you.

Staff will test themselves on Monday and Thursday mornings generally speaking and let me know results by 7.30am. If their lateral flow test is positive, they then have to seek a PCR test (the usual swab one at a drive through).

Until they have the result for this, we will be asking their close contacts (including bubbles) to isolate which could be at the last minute.

Needless to say, we're hoping for constant negatives!

Community pantry

This week we found out about an absolutely brilliant resource that we couldn't not pass onto you. We found out about the 'Community Pantry' which exists in Andover and Romsey, run by Romsey Community School.

At the pantry, you pay £5 and can shop for over £15 of groceries.

We know that times are really difficult for a lot of our families and money doesn't stretch far when you've got little hungry people home all day or your job situation has changed or furlough is biting. Access this scheme by emailing or calling:

rsccommunitypantry@romsey.hants.sch.uk
01794 522106

Keep going on the race across Europe challenge – there's not much in it!!! Log your results with Mrs Devereux daily: cathy@lionsinthecommunity.com & check out progress on the facebook group – details on GC

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