



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### Good mental health for all

In what is possibly the best timing, this week has nationally been children's mental health week and all children have been engaging with activities to help support their mental health.

The theme of this year's week is 'Express yourself' and we've explored different ways to express yourself. Today, Friday, is through dance – we're recommending a kitchen disco or a bathroom boogie to raise a smile and have fun!

We didn't want to leave parents out so we've attached 2 helpful pages of references and helpful links for adult mental health – we know the pressures on you at home are huge at the moment – you are not forgotten.

*Emma Jefferies*  
Headteacher



### Half term

At the end of next week, we break up for a week of half term. Again, thanks to the kindness of the local community, I have a number of food hampers for families. If you feel you would like one, please drop me an email or catch me at the school gate.

If you haven't booked your parents evening appointment by Monday, we'll assign you a time and text you to let you know when. Please ensure you're logged on 5-10mins before so that you're ready for your slot.

<https://stockbridge.schoolcloud.co.uk>

### Google Classroom and Internet next week

Next week, we are having significant work to our IT systems which will mean no wifi and no teachers laptops for varying lengths of time Monday to Wednesday. We're embracing this and going for #screenfreelearning for Tuesday and Wednesday. Tasks will be detailed on Google Classroom still but children won't need to log on to complete regular work. For children in school, learning will mirror that at home and will be screen free too.

As the wifi will be affected Monday to Wednesday, we will not be running live lessons on these three days. 1:1 reading sessions will also not happen. Instead, your child's class teacher will call and check in with you on Monday during the usual times but you'll not need to book an appointment.

A daily pause will be posted for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**BOOK SWAP WILL BE ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY NEXT WEEK**

	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>
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

## Growing readers

We hope that your child is enjoying a variety of books this lockdown. In school, children are reading every day and I know they are at home too through guided reading sessions and the sheer number of books that are being swapped.

With the half term coming up, we thought you might like some ideas for new books to read with them at home.

### We love these 2 books for ALL AGES!

In our PSHE work across the school, we're learning all about setting goals and achieving our dreams. Lower school are learning about how to look after our planet in a better way and Upper school are learning about inspirational people who've stood up for their beliefs. These two books are amazing. Click on the pics for links to them on Amazon.

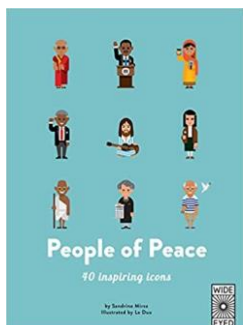


### Sprat & Winkle

Year R have loved Supertato and this is just one of a series of other books featuring Evil Pea!

### Lower School

I think we may be growing mini eco-warriors! Years 1-3 are passionate about protecting our environment and this book will give them more information.



### Upper School

The children are loving learning about the lives of famous people who've made history. This book is a great take on peaceful people who have shaped our lives today.

## 'Feet up with FOSS'

### Parents, this is for you from FOSS!

FOSS is as much about bringing the school together as a community as it is about raising money.

At the last FOSS meeting, it was suggested that FOSS read a story for all of the children so that you, parents and carers, can sit back with a cuppa and let your little ones listen to a brilliant story.

'Feet up with FOSS' kicks off this week with a story for all the children, on their Google Classroom called 'A place for Pluto' and it is read by Anna (Ella Ward's mummy from Redbridge class).

Next week, there will be a lovely book called Spinderella.

If anyone else would like to record a story or has any particular book they would like to have added (if you don't want to read it yourself) for the following weeks, please email [friendsofstockbridgeschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstockbridgeschool@gmail.com) and they'll be published on GC each Friday. We hope you all enjoy this and it's a hit!

## Bye bye to Parentmail

After half term, we will no longer be using Parentmail. Our new database system has in-built school comms so we'll be texting and emailing using this system.

It's much simpler as it combines the management information system which holds all your data, with the communications module meaning your details will always be up to date.

## Coming Up!

Other dates in the wider term:

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

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