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Primary and Pre-school



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They're taller than me!

Oh it's been fabulous to have school buzzing again – more noise, more children, more logistical organization but wonderfully, more friends, more laughter, more chatter and the beginnings of what we hope will be normal soon enough. The only thing I don't love is that most of Year 6 are now taller than me! What have you been feeding them at home?!

Year 6 have had all of their secondary school offers back and children have all got into the schools they want which is great news. 50% will be going to Test Valley and the remaining 50% to a mix of private and state sector schools in the local area and farther afield.

The list has closed for Year R places and for the 7th year running, we are oversubscribed. We do have some spaces in the pre-school for 3 or 4 year olds after Easter so if you know of anyone looking for a space, please point them in our direction. We are able to give a tour after 12th April.

We are delighted to welcome Ava to our Year 1 class. Ava is Oscar in Year 5's sister and we're delighted to welcome her to Redbridge.

Our practical approach to school and getting outside more than we're inside is paying off and we're having great conversations and seeing friendships begin to flourish again after 2 months away from each other. Inevitably, the journey back to normal won't be plain sailing so please do continue to use Dojo or catch me at the gate or your child's class teacher at the end of the day if you need to pass on any information that might help your child have a smoother day.

Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Mr Jefferies had a crash course (!) in live lessons on the last day of home learning with Upper school baking flatbreads at home and in school as part of their 'Mamma Mia' Italy topic.



The best staff!

Despite receiving a late letter to shield, Mrs Burnand is hearing children read remotely every day and delivering a movement class for our Year 6 children daily. What a star!

Coming Up!

Each week in the newsletter, we post the most important dates for the forthcoming term. Dates in the wider term:

Fri 19 th March		
Fri 19 th March	All day	Comic Relief
Tues 30 th March	All day	Tile Barn trip for Year 4
Wed 31 st March	08:30	Bags2School – drop any textiles in bin bags in the car park to help raise money for school & clear our your cupboards on a spring clean
Thurs 1 st April	All day	INSET day – training for staff – children at home
Fri 2 nd – Sun 18 th April – EASTER holidays		
Mon 19 th April	08:45	Return to school for summer term

Fudge update!

Fudge has been in school again this week and met pre-school children who fell completely in love! We were meant to be doing training this week but repetitive power cuts delayed this and instead, Fudge enjoyed working with children in my office, hearing them read. We're at the very basics of her training, eventually, children will sit with her more closely but for now, this was as good as it gets!



Beth

Hi, I'm Beth and I am 11. I enjoy going on bike rides and talking to my friends. My favourite lessons are science and DT because I enjoy creating things. I'm looking forward to getting our family together.

This year we've introduced family captains as head of each of the family groups. They've recorded messages of encouragement to the children in earning family points in school and we thought you'd like to know a bit more about them. We're continuing with this points system until Easter, after which we'll resume our success points and badges.

Lexi

Hi! I'm Lexi & I'm 11 years old. I am also leader of the yellow family! I enjoy playing with my friends and listening to music. My favourite thing about school is playing with my classmates. I hope we can all be friends and I look forward to being able to mix bubbles and getting to know you all.

Charlie

Hi! I love football and I like all sports. I have been at Stockbridge for 3 years, my Dad is in the army. In my spare time, I play football or walk my dog. I have 4 guinea pigs! I really like this school because the teachers are very nice.

Zack

I love football and I love playing music. I love hanging out with my dog. I have been here since year R and I have always had a great time. I like our school because the teachers are all very nice and everybody gets along.

FOSS competition

Have a look out for the sunflower competition from FOSS this week – sunflowers are a brilliant way to all come together and do something as a whole community – great idea FOSS!



Bedtime reads

Reading a story with your child at bedtime opens up worlds for them, exposes them to more complex vocabulary and allows them access to your understanding of the text. Invaluable!

British Science Week!

As part of British Science Week, all classes have been investigating and solving STEM challenges both inside and outside the classroom and have stepped into the roles of scientists, architects, engineers and creative designers!

In Year R and 1, children have been creating water filters, reflecting on different materials to protect Humpty Dumpty and designing their own Eiffel tower structures!



In Kimbridge and Horsebridge, the children have taken on the roles of scientists by observing crystals as they develop and investigating fingerprints. They have ended the week, designing structures inspired by Antoni Gaudi.



In Years 4, 5 & 6 our scientists have been engineering bionic hands, creating bird's nests in forest school and designing structures inspired by Italian architects!

