



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### Groundhog day

You may recall back in January that I wrote to you to let you know that all staff would be taking Lateral Flow Device tests twice a week so that we can identify any asymptomatic cases of COVID, isolate and, use our best endeavours to ensure this relentless virus does not spread further.

I thought we'd been lucky so far and quite honestly dread the Monday and Thursday texts from staff to let me know their test outcomes. This week, one of our staff returned a positive LFD test, which has meant the isolation of 1 bubble and a small number of other children with whom she'd had close contact. Although the timing isn't ideal, this is exactly what the tests are designed for.

The LFD tests do not carry the same accuracy as the PCR test (the 'gold' standard) so within 2hrs of notification of the LFD test, the member of staff had taken a PCR test and we now wait on results. This will determine whether those isolating can stop or whether they need to continue.

Meanwhile, school continues as normal (as possible) with heightened vigilance by all for any COVID symptoms.

Public Health England reiterated their advice to watch out for symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

Seek advice from NHS 111 or <https://111.nhs.uk> if you or your child show any symptoms and please DO NOT send them into school.

Kind regards,  
Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

We know there's been problems with Arbor communications so you are receiving this newsletter in THREE ways!

**EVERYONE** should have received an Arbor email with the newsletter. If you didn't please email the office urgently.

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Our Year 3s today enjoying the fruits of their labours in baking!

Thanks for red nose day dressing down – it's been fun!



### Terrific times tables

Miss Caws, our maths lead, has written a brilliant guide to Times Tables Rock Stars to explain all about it's new and different features. It's coming home today!

### Coming Up!

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

| Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> March  |         |   |
|--|---------|---|
| Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> March  | All day | Tile Barn trip for Year 4   |
| Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> April  | All day | INSET day – training for staff – children at home   |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> April – EASTER holidays |         |   |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April   | 08:45   | Return to school for summer term  |

## Fudge update!

We have just 1 more training session before Fudge can come into school on a regular timetable. At the moment, we are introducing her slowly and getting her used to leaving Mrs Holdich for her other nominated handlers.

We have been training on the school field each morning this week and will continue to do so next week too.

She'll then be at one of the entrances to get used to the hustle and bustle of school life.



## Family lateral flow testing

Did you know that you can get lateral flow test kits too as your children are in school? Adults in your childcare support bubble can also take a free test.

*Children are not being asked to take tests.*

You can help to reduce to transmission of COVID by taking regular lateral flow device tests. We cannot hand packs of tests out but they are very easy to order online or collect from a test centre.

### You can get test kits:

1. Through your employer if they're offering this
2. Collecting kit packs from a local test site (you get given 2 packs of 7 tests)
3. By ordering a kit online (although they ask that you only do this if you can't do the other 2 methods).

**Call 119 to organise.** They're simple to do, we do them on a Monday and a Thursday and we've already identified 1 asymptomatic person so it really does help!

## Relationships & PSHE

The curriculum for teaching children about relationships, sex education, drugs, gender stereotypes and general personal, social and health education is changing in September 2021 and we have been reviewing and updating our policies and resources to reflect these new changes. Teachers have been trialling units from our new scheme but we are stuck!

**We need parent input.** We must consult with you about the changes being made and we'd like your views on the resources we'll use and how we'll structure learning. After Easter we'll be putting together a focus group of parents to help us – we'd love your input. If interested, please drop me an email: [e.jefferies@stockbridgehantsch.uk](mailto:e.jefferies@stockbridgehantsch.uk)

## DIARY DATES

In anticipation of things being a little more normal as restrictions ease, we have begun to plan the summer term. We thought you'd like a heads up of some key dates although inevitably, they are subject to change and will probably have some forms of COVID restrictions in place to limit the spread of the virus.

| Date  | Time                           | Event  |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS -</b>                      |                                |  |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April                    | 8:45am                         | School begins again for Summer term 2  |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> April                   | 8.45am                         | Fudge's timetable begins   |
| <b>MAY</b>                                    |                                |  |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>                          | All day                        | Year 5 & 6 have Bikeability Fix – bikes to school  |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>   | All week                       | Bikeability for Year 6   |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 2-3pm daily                    | Years 1, 2 & 3 transitioning to their new classes for after May half term – more details later |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>                          | All day                        | Year 6 fiver challenge begins  |
| <b>WHITSUN HALF TERM</b>                      |                                |  |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June                      | 8.45am                         | Back to school for all   |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>                           | All day                        | Dragons den for Year 6 fiver projects  |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>                          | By 3.15pm                      | Leavers book done and off to the printers  |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> | In day                         | Fiver challenge market – all goods for sale  |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>                         | All day                        | Year 5 at Test Valley  |
| Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> July                     | 10-12                          | Moving up morning – children meet next year's teacher  |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>                           | 6pm                            | Year 3 campout   |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>                        | 6.30pm                         | Summer play for Upper School   |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>                          | All day                        | Year 6 end of year trip out  |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>                          | 9am                            | Sports day morning only  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>                          | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-21 |  |
|   | 11am                           | Leaver's service   |
|   | 1pm                            | End of Year for all  |
| <b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>                        |                                |  |

## New scooter pod

We've been very lucky to be awarded a grant for a brand new scooter and cycle pod to go outside Sprat & Winkle ready for all that summer getting to school!



*Ours will be red of course!*



## Old scooter pod

This will remain in its current location – scaffolding will be down by the end of next week so it'll be easier to get to! Thanks for bearing with us during these works.

## Monies outstanding

Mrs Spayes needs to tie up all funding next week in preparation for the end of financial year. Please make sure breakfast club and dinner monies are settled by Wed 21<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

Thanks!