



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### A time to reflect

All of a sudden it seems we are at the end of term! And what a strange term it's been. I am very glad that we have ended the term with us all back together again, no more incidents of COVID or closures and hopefully now well established that we can make a flying start to the summer term where there will be more stability and consistency.

Thank you all for your support over the last few months in whatever role you have taken. If you've been a family whose child/ren have been in school every day, thank you for helping us to keep COVID safe and being mindful of new drop off and pick up times, mask wearing and all the other restrictions we've had to put into place. If you've taken on the role of teacher for your child/ren at home, thank you for your sheer dedication, patience and resilience. Let's hope we never have to do that again!

It has been a real treat in the last three and a half weeks to take a step back from the demands of 'catch up' curriculum and focus on children's mental health, well being and resilience to learning and challenge. We still have a way to go to restore it to pre-pandemic levels but these last few weeks with lots of outdoor learning & activity, small chunks of classroom learning and exploratory projects has helped put us all back on track.

A final word of thanks and by being last is certainly no means least, for the staff who have been nothing short of amazing throughout this term. Delivering live lessons, being in people's homes virtually, thinking outside the box in how to deliver content without being there and always, always putting the children first, thank you.

Kind regards,  
Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher



### Our end of term cup winners announced today:

Brooke (Y6) received the **KINDNESS CUP** for extraordinary kindness towards her classmates and other children in her bubble. She unfailingly gives her time, without ever being asked and deals with situations sensitively and kindly. Well done Brooke!

Eva (Y4) received the **STOCKBRIDGE STANDARD** for showing resilience, resourcefulness and responsibility throughout the whole term, even when at home. She often went over and above what was asked for and always with a smile. In school, she works collaboratively with all and is hugely respectful of herself and others. Fantastic Eva!

Abbeygail (Y4) received the **ENDEAVOUR CUP** for her consistent hard working approach and maximum effort she puts into all her learning. At home she showed great motivation and in class this has clearly paid off. Marvellous effort Abbeygail!

Ollie (Y6) received the **READING HERO** award of £25 book voucher for outstanding progress in reading – not just in the attainment of his reading but in a newly found confidence and finding a series he can really get stuck into. Well done Ollie!

*Each of these awards are given at the end of each major term; December, April and, the next one will be in July. They are awarded to children in any year group and after great discussion amongst staff. To be a recipient of one of these awards means children have really gone over and above the efforts of others and become a great role model to others.*

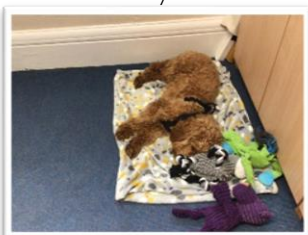
## Fudge update!

It's been a quiet week for Fudge as we continue her training and learning to separate happily from Mrs Holdich. The Smarties challenge, coming home tonight, is a critical part in fundraising for Fudge.

As I explained in the letter and survey earlier in the term, we need to fundraise for Fudge each year and the survey results were mixed about how to do this so we're starting with one small event (this smarties one) and will then do a larger event in the summer term to raise the rest of the money.



*I think we've worn Fudge out this term as she slept in my office this morning!!*



Fudge will work with ALL children in pre-school and monies raised help pay for:

- Insurance
- Termly training for handlers and Fudge to enable her to be safe in school
- Updates on dogs in schools so that we are always at the cutting edge of practice making sure it's as good as it can be
- Affiliation to 'Canine Assisted Learning' who are specialists in this field
- Treats to keep her motivated!

We will post a thermometer for fundraising on the whiteboard on OLR to show how close we are to raising the full amount of funding after half term once we have the results of the smarties challenge.

## PE kit

Despite a polite reminder in last week's newsletter, we had a HUGE number of children without their PE kits on Monday which is disappointing.

After Easter, please make sure your child has, in school, EVERY DAY, the following:

- ☐ A red logo t-shirt (new logo only please) for PE
- ☐ Dark shorts – navy or black with no additional logos.
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Trainers (Year R & 1 only with plimsolls please)
- ☐ Red school hoodie or school jumper in case it's chilly

Tracksuit bottoms are not summer PE kit. Tights under shorts similarly are not appropriate, neither are school shoes in place of trainers!

## 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	8.30am	<b>Tile Barn (we'll send further details in the holidays)</b>
Wed 21 <sup>st</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
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Overnight	<b>Year 5 at Calshot for missed residential</b>
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>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-21</b>	
	11am	Leaver's service
	1pm	End of Year for all
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>		

## Residentials

As you might imagine, we're keen to safely restart residentials and plan ahead for next year.

### Current Year 3 children

Camp out is (restrictions permitting) on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Current Year 4 children

We have the long day visit to Tile Barn on 20 April 2021. We've booked Calshot for you on 8-10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021.

### Current Year 5 children

We are catching up with a Calshot residential on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July (restrictions permitting) 2021. We have then booked Wales for 4-8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Current Year 6 children

We're working with our Welsh colleagues to make something happen this summer.

## School shoes

We still have a lot of children wearing trainers and non-school shoes during the day.

I'm sure people are waiting for pay day and Easter holidays with shops reopening to sort this. Please ensure your child has proper school shoes (not black trainers!) for after Easter. Uniform is an important part of being together and having collective pride in something. We are working hard to foster this in all other areas of school too.