



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### A momentous start!

I hope that you've had a lovely Easter holiday and enjoyed spending time with your children without the pressures of home schooling!

We have had a brilliant start to the term in school with our very first outing in over a year! An extended day at Tile Barn in the New Forest is our replacement for the Year 4 residential this year and we managed to cram in so much. Other residential which we've missed are now able to be scheduled and Years 3, 5 & 6 will be receiving information about the plans for these residential in the next week or so.

As you can see from the pictures on the right, the children had a brilliant day, helped hugely by the sunshine. They orienteered, climbed, problem solved and created shelters for intrepid explorers and fairies alike!

Our school vision is to ensure our children received a broad and balanced curriculum and have a breadth of opportunities that they might otherwise not engage with. Days like Tuesday at Tile Barn are a sage reminder that not everything that is important can be calculated and it isn't always about hard results – how we impact our young people and the citizens we help you to shape them become is what really matters.

Kind regards,  
Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher



### Coming Up!

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

APRIL		
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Am	Upper school walk from Horsebridge station Fudge begins work in school fully
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Y6 meet their new Year leader from Test Valley School here at Stockbridge
MAY		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All day	BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL!
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>		2 student teachers join our team for the next 6 weeks in Horsebridge & Clatford
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Miss Caws & Mrs Cooper meet Test Valley School's SENDCo to handover information
SAT 8 <sup>TH</sup>	10-12	GROUPS WORKING PARTY – ALL HELP VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

## Fudge update!

Brilliant efforts with the smartie challenge for so many children – Redbridge class have obviously stepped up hugely and are being really helpful at home as they've brought in the most money so far – well done Year 1!



Fudge starts work in earnest on Monday and begins with accompanying the children in Upper school on their trip out.

We have now completed the training with her and a permission form for contact and arrangements will come home next week. Please keep an eye out for this.

One of the things Fudge has to learn to do is 'settle' on a mat so that she can read with children. I think she's got it sorted!



## Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the current uniform with this logo:



PE Kit needs to be in every day and comprises:

- ☐ 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!*

School shoes should be black or dark brown and proper shoes, not trainers.

## Residentials

### Current Year 3 children

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

### Current Year 4 children

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 will be visiting Wales (restrictions permitting)  
24-28 May 2021

## 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
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am	Upper school walk from Horsebridge station Fudge's timetable begins
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Y6 meet their new Year leader from Test Valley School here at Stockbridge
<b>MAY</b>		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Year 5 & 6 have Bikeability Fix – bikes to school
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>		2 student teachers join our team for the next 6 weeks in Horsebridge & Clatford
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Miss Caws & Mrs Cooper meet Test Valley School's SENDCo to handover information
SAT 8 <sup>th</sup>	10-12	GROUPS WORKING PARTY – ALL HELP VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!
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 <b>WALES RESIDENTIAL YEAR 6</b>
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	Year 5 at Calshot for missed residential
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>		

## Grounds working party

JC Rae have done THE most amazing job on all our woodwork and we have new signage going up in the next few weeks too throughout the site so I'd love some help to get the rest of the grounds looking spick and span!

Jobs I think will need doing are:

- Weed beds and borders on the playground
- Plant up planters near the front door
- Plant up hanging baskets
- Plant up pre-school planters and make good the paths and bushes at the back of the school.
- Weeding of paths in the forest school area
- Laying of new gravel on the newly weeded paths
- Laying logs to define the paths in forest school
- Fill new log store
- Clear weed from the pond (we need someone with waders!)
- Fix up/weave willow panels for a toilet area in forest school

When we used to hold these grounds working parties, we had 20+ adults on site and the amount of work we can get done in a 2hr period is just phenomenal.

Any help is much appreciated!

Bacon buns and hot and cold drinks are provided and children are welcome to bring bikes etc to ride on the playground under your supervision.