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Primary and Pre-school



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Planning, planning, planning!

This week has all been about forward planning both by the children for their topic and for school staff who are looking forward to the rest of this term and beyond.

Mrs Whittington is due to return to school after maternity leave right at the end of July and we're delighted that she's coming back however, she won't be coming back to teach a class in her old role. So that she can spend more time at home with the lovely Albie, she will be here 1 day a week and training for the SENCo role (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and taking over this role from September.

We are, at the moment, appointing a teacher to take over the Year 1/2 class from September. Interviews will be next week and we'll update you in next week's newsletter.

Every class I've been in this week the children have been working so hard and taking a real interest in their new topics. I visited Year 1 on Thursday who were full of knowledge about the Titanic passengers and had lots to tell me from their History learning. I visited Year 3 who were completely indignant and quite shocked at the different classes of traveler on the Titanic and were using all their History vocabulary to describe the events. What superstars!

Kind regards,
Emma Jefferies



Fudge news!

This week has seen the start of Fudge's working life as our school dog. As you can see from the photos above, she's super keen and raring to go in her smart 'working coat' – waiting at the door each morning and looking very relaxed in the car on the way to school. This week, she has been working with children receiving THRIVE and learning how to be on the playground as well as going on her first school trip with Mottisfont & Clatford and helped to keep things moving along the old trainline route of the Sprat & Winkle line.

Coming Up!

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

NEXT WEEK		
Mon 3 rd	All day	BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL!
Tues 4 th	2 student teachers join our team for the next 6 weeks in Horsebridge & Clatford	
Wed 5 th	pm	Miss Caws & Mrs Cooper meet Test Valley School's SENDCo to handover information
SAT 8 TH	10-12	GROUPS WORKING PARTY – ALL HELP VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!
WEEK AFTER		
Fri 14 th	9am	Bikeability fix for Year 5/6

Jigsaw - Relationships

We have been working hard to improve our Relationships and Personal, Social and Health Education (RPSHE) in order to meet the new statutory requirements due to come into force in September.

This term, our theme is 'Relationships'.



Year R are learning about family life, friendships and how to deal with fall outs as well as what it takes to be a good friend.

Year 1 are learning about making friends and being a good friend, physical contact preferences and how to be a good friend to themselves as well.



Year 2 are learning about different types of family, physical contact boundaries, friendship and conflict, secrets as well as trust & appreciation.

Year 3 are learning about friendship & negotiation, being aware of how their choices affect others and how other children have different lives.



Year 4 are learning about jealousy, love and loss, memories of loved ones, getting on and falling out as well as 'girlfriends & boyfriends'.

Year 5 are focusing on self-worth, building self-esteem, and a big focus on online safety, grooming, reducing screen time and your rights & responsibilities whilst online.



Year 6 are focusing on mental health; identifying worries and sources of support as well as managing their feelings, power and control, assertiveness and tech safety.

I hope that by sharing these with you now, you are able to have more targeted, useful conversations with your children about age appropriate aspects of relationships which is such a huge deal for your child. If you'd like to know more, your child's class teacher will be happy to share their planning and talk you through it.

Parent consultation group

There are a number of changes to the content of relationships education and sex education which we want to get your views on. Thank you to those who have already stepped up and offered their time. If anyone else would like to join us, our initial meeting will be on:

Thursday 13th May at 2pm out on the field if it's sunny or under the station if it's raining.

Please let me know if you'd like to join us, we really really want your views.

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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
MAY		
Fri 14 th	All day	Year 5 & 6 have Bikeability Fix – bikes to school
Tues 4 th		2 student teachers join our team for the next 6 weeks in Horsebridge & Clatford
Wed 5 th	Pm	Miss Caws & Mrs Cooper meet Test Valley School's SENDCo to handover information
SAT 8 th	10-12	GROUNDWORKING PARTY – ALL HELP VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	All week	Bikeability for Year 6
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th	2-3pm daily	Years 1, 2 & 3 transitioning to their new classes for after May half term – more details later WALES RESIDENTIAL YEAR 6
Fri 28 th	All day	Year 6 fiver challenge begins
WHITSUN HALF TERM		
Mon 7 th June	8.45am	Back to school for all
Wed 9 th	All day	Dragons den for Year 6 fiver projects
Fri 11 th	By 3.15pm	Leavers book done and off to the printers
Thurs 17 th & Fri 18 th	In day	Fiver challenge market – all goods for sale
Tues 22 nd	All day	Year 5 at Test Valley
Tues 6 th July	10-12	Moving up morning – children meet next year's teacher
Wed 7 th & Thurs 8 th	Overnight	Year 5 at Calshot for missed residential
Fri 9 th	6pm	Year 3 campout
Thurs 15 th	6.30pm	Summer play for Upper School
Fri 16 th	All day	Year 6 end of year trip out
Mon 19 th	9am	Sports day morning only
Fri 23 rd		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-21
	11am	Leaver's service
	1pm	End of Year for all
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		

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.

e-safety

This half term has begun with our E-safety focus in our computing lessons. The whole school focus is '*managing information* online'.

The children in the lower school have been learning about different devices and ways of getting information using the internet, including tablets, phones, laptops and voice activated search engines.

Meanwhile, the upper school classes have been finding out about search engines and how they work and how they make use of your search history to tailor results to you.

The children have all learnt about the importance of not always believing things that you search for on line and what to do if you see something you are not sure about.

Two great websites for parents to find more information about ways of keeping your child safe online are the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> and the Safer Internet Centre <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Reading update

It's a while since I've done a reading update and I've saved the best bit until now – something that's totally FREE!

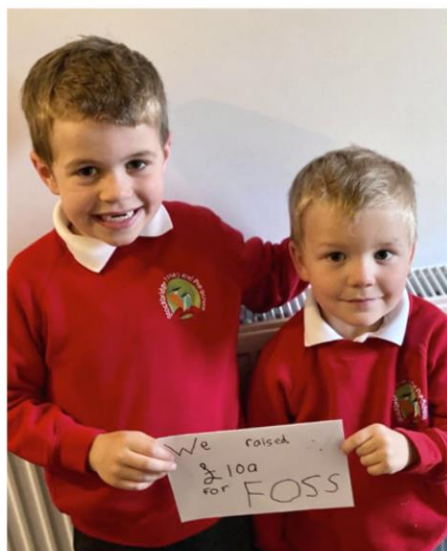
BORROWBOX

is an online service from Hampshire libraries that is quite simply – BRILLIANT! As long as you have a library card, your child (and you!) can borrow a whole range of digital books and audiobooks for free that work on any device.

SO....if you spend a small fortune on Amazon books (no? just me then!) or pay for Audible, this might be a free option for you.

If you don't have a library card and are not yet part of Hampshire libraries, you can join online by clicking here:

[JOIN THE LIBRARY FOR FREE, ONLINE!](#)



A special mention....

Must go to Freddie and Hugo who raised £100 for FOSS by giving up things they loved for lent. Boys, I'm not sure I could live without chocolate and honey although I could definitely live without fish pie! Well done boys, it must have been so hard.



and also to....

Beau from Year 2 who won 3 out of his 4 BMX races at the weekend and Van, Year R who won all four – what an achievement! Watch out if you see them up and down the High Street on their bikes!

Car parking

We are gradually getting back to normal with drop offs and pick-ups and the parking is getting busier. I appreciate it's not easy to get a car parking space and the White Hart have been so kind in letting us use their car parking however, now they are open and their business is subject to the strict national guidelines for pubs to be open, please DO NOT cross their beer garden when parking in the back car park. As a publican myself, I can't tell you how tricky it is to walk the fine line between having a business that works and keeping all government guidelines in place so I urge you all please, to do all we can to help the White Hart be a healthy, thriving business – not walking through the beer garden is a small but completely feasible request I think.

Trips are resuming...car drivers please!

As the world opens up, it's become clear that we've got out of the habit of having our drivers list and volunteers all up together and although visits won't be imminent because of health and safety, we're keen to get things up together so that when we feel it's safe again, we are ready and raring to go. If you feel that you would be happy to drive a car full of children to a venue for a school trip, we'd really, really appreciate you making contact with the office to understand more: adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk THANKYOU!