



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### What's necessary?

We have turned our attentions in the last few months to what your children will be learning between now and summer holidays and have found ourselves trying to answer this question?

What, of their current year group objectives, is necessary for them to have well embedded to make a good start in their new year group in September?

Having closely analysed what they have learnt so far this year, including during lockdown, and what the core skills are for their year group, we have been able to carefully craft ourselves a 'necessity curriculum'.

Class teachers, subject leaders and support staff have all had a hand in accurately analysing what children need in each lesson. We don't want to 'drown' children with too much learning – this becomes only surface deep.

We have therefore chosen key learning objectives to focus on for this summer term. We have chosen texts and topics that will engage all learners; children in upper school for example are really enjoying the local history unit all about the railway in Stockbridge whilst children in lower school are absolutely fascinated (& quite indignant about social class separation!) in their Titanic learning.

As is part of our normal routines, we have been moderating our judgements on children's writing this week with other local schools and were really pleased with the results. This is an opportunity for others to sense check our judgements about children's outcomes and we were really pleased with the quality of writing our children were producing and that other schools felt we were on track for the end of the year.

**Emma Jefferies**  
Headteacher

### Staffing news

We regularly host students from Winchester University as a good way of helping to develop the next generation of teachers. We are delighted to be hosting 2 student teachers who will be working with us for the next 6 weeks.



Miss Bolton will be working with Clatford class and learning her craft with Miss Caws. Miss Bolton has always wanted to work with children and as a young girl had dreams of being a pediatrician but has found her feet in schools and is embracing the challenge of Year 5 & 6.

Miss Stevens will be working with Horsebridge class and learning her craft with Miss Tregunna. Miss Stevens loves working with children and volunteers with Saturday club for deaf children in her spare time. Miss Stevens is profoundly deaf herself so when speaking to her, please remove your mask.



In addition to this, Miss Palk will now divide her time between Year 1 and Year 3 each day which is reflective of school need currently.

Miss Tregunna and I also spent yesterday, along with Mrs White, one of our parent governors and Mrs Kidd, one of our community governors, interviewing candidates to be our new Year 1/2 teacher for September. We had a huge number of applicants, shortlisted 5, interviewed 4 and appointed 1! The offer of employment is subject to references and safeguarding checks so I will update you further as soon as these are completed.

### Coming Up!

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

NEXT WEEK		
SAT 8 <sup>TH</sup>	10-12	GROUNDS WORKING PARTY – ALL HELP VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! POSTPONED
WEEK AFTER		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Bikeability fix for Year 5/6

## Fudge update

Fudge has been reading this week in classes – she began with Horsebridge and is working her way down the corridor!

Last weekend, I was bowled over by the dedication and inspiration of 2 members of our pupil body when parents sent me photos of Olivia and Jack setting up a cake stand.

Villagers in Crawley were being tempted to a home-made cake stall, instigated entirely by Olivia and supported by Jack. They designed posters, wrote a small leaflet and sold £42.58 of cakes in just 1 rain soaked hour on Saturday!

They presented it to me proudly in an envelope decorated with stars and to help pay for Fudge. What an inspirational pair! Thank you both.



## Grounds working party

The weather looks absolutely appalling for tomorrow on every forecast I look at – it's like it's set to thwart us. We are therefore postponing until the next Saturday.

## DIARY DATES

Please note: Dates for the summer term are in the diary but may be subject to change due to Government easing of restrictions.

Date	Time	Event
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>SAT 8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>GROUNDWORKING PARTY – ALL HELP VERY MUCH APPRECIATED! POSTPONED</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Bikeability FIX for Years 5 & 6 in Mft & Cfd
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>		

## Parent consultation group

Thanks to those who have already said they'd join us. It's open for ALL year groups! The Relationships and PSHE education will be something we use for the next few years at least so we'd love your views.

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

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Do you know anyone from a generation or two (or three) above you that attended our school or lived in Stockbridge when the railway line was here?

Would they be happy to talk to some of our older children please?

We really want to make their topic 'alive' – it's local history but still within living memory and there must be people around who remember the railway line. Please get in touch with Mrs Natt [k.natt@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk](mailto:k.natt@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk) or Miss Caws [l.caws@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk](mailto:l.caws@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk)

Thanks!

## Pre-School places

We have started to book children in for September sessions and will be taking 2 year olds after May half term on Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons from 12.30pm – 3pm. If you or someone you know has a 2 year old who would benefit from sessions in pre-school for socialisation, talk or just to give you a break, please be in touch with the school office.