



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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New beginnings

Whilst out on nature learning last week, Horsebridge showed that they've developed beady eyes as they made a very exciting discovery! Nestled in the 'Y' of two tree branches and just at Year 3 eye height, a blackbird had laid her eggs.

Things have been at fever pitch in Horsebridge as we returned to school on Monday morning to find that 4 of the 5 eggs had hatched and we are now proud parents of 4 baby blackbirds.

Of course, this has been exciting in itself but what has been just brilliant is how involved the children have become and how they've led the learning; it's spawned photo diaries, detailed writing and drawings.

I realise that we are a little unique as a school in devoting so much regular time in the curriculum to learning outside but this is testament to what this brings to children's all round learning and development. Even when children are in the forest school or undertaking their half termly nature learning mornings, they are investigating scientific longitudinal questions and taking time to notice the changes in the world around them.

A bit more sunshine is a change we all notice – long may the sunny days remain! Well, at least for half term!

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Random Acts of Kindness (RAK)

I have been sent, over the last few months, lots of communication from families where children have spontaneously done something kind for someone else with no motivation or 'gain' in it for themselves. This builds on the back of the RAK initiative we put in place just before lockdown 1 and is a great opportunity for us to celebrate children demonstrating our school values outside of the school boundary.

To this end, I'd like to establish a RAK 'box' in each weekly newsletter where we can celebrate these lovely things. Please post anything you think makes a RAK on Dojo or Tapestry or via email to me and I'll add it each week!

The smarties challenge proved a popular way to kickstart this. These were some of the chores children did to earn their 20p! Now, I'm wondering if they can do these as RAK without being asked in future weeks!

<i>Hoovering</i>	<i>Made breakfast</i>	<i>Fed the pet</i>	<i>Read with sibling</i>
<i>Tidied the porch</i>	<i>Got a drink for nanny</i>	<i>Took bottles to bottlebank</i>	<i>Helped with food shop</i>
<i>Set up for daddy's birthday</i>	<i>Helped bath baby sister</i>	<i>Emptied the dishwasher</i>	<i>Let chickens out</i>
<i>Held Daddy's hand when out</i>	<i>Helped in the garden</i>	<i>Helped the football coach put goals away</i>	<i>Helped set the table</i>

Coming Up!

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

NEXT WEEK		
HALF TERM!!	We will be painting and restocking our library during half term as Kimbridge merges with Redbridge and Horsebridge. We'll also have a new scooterpod installed outside Sprat & Winkle	
WEEK AFTER		

Many hands make light work!

An amazing 58 people turned up to our grounds working party on Saturday a fortnight ago and, despite the rain they transformed our beds, borders, baskets and pots in readiness for late spring and summer. Nettles in forest school were strimmed, the hen house levelled out and area stripped back ready for chicks and willow was rewoven. MASSIVE thanks to all who helped, it's much appreciated.

Piano & guitar lessons

Piano and guitar lessons will restart after May half term.

Sarah Seymour will once again be in school on Wednesday and Friday mornings for lessons. They are open to Years 2-6 and are 1:1 on our new school piano. They are £15 per half hour, payable to her half termly in advance. There is the opportunity for a 'pay on the day' taster session in the first week after the half term.

Kev Rees will be back with guitar and ukulele too. His lessons are £7 per half hour for a small group lesson. We had over a third of the school learning an instrument in the Autumn term 2020. Let's get back to it!

Book/register interest by emailing:
adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

Are you an army family?

You may already be aware of the work of a charity called 'Little Troopers' who support children whose parent or parents are serving in the armed forces.

We have 26 children, almost 20% of our school population that this applies to.

In June, Little Troopers are running a virtual roadshow which we'll be taking part in with our service children. It'll explore what similarities children across our county have when they have a serving member of their family.

Unloved bears

Last year, each of our children coming into Year R were given a bear by us to help them transition into school. We had Mrs Hutchinson's super sleuth skills at car boots and ebay then but this year, we're asking for your help.

Have you got a friendly looking but unloved bear at home that's in great condition and might like a new home. If so, please could you drop Mrs Cooper an email or catch her on a morning or at pick up to talk about it with her?

c.cooper@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

Thanks!

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
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
Mon 14 th	All week	Scoot to school week
Thurs 17 th & Fri 18 th	In day	Fiver challenge market – all goods for sale
Thurs 17 th	8pm	FOSS meeting on zoom.
Mon 21 st – Thurs 24 th		WALES RESIDENTIAL YEAR 6
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	pm	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		

Thank you Mrs West!

Today is Mrs West's last day with us. She joined us very late in the summer term last year and has done a great job in teaching Year 1 children since September, funded through the 'catch up' fund from Government.

This has helped not only Year 1s, but all of lower school in creating 3 smaller classes for two thirds of the year. Her impact on Years 2 and 3 might not be obvious because she hasn't been teaching them directly but it's definitely there. Thank you Mrs West!

Changes after half term

There are a number of changes after half term to bubbles, arrival and drop off times and more – please read the attached letter carefully before the last weekend of half term.

Musician of the week

We might not have been publishing this in the last few newsletters but our musician of the week is still going strong. It's a great way for us to broaden the musical 'diet' of our children. In the last term, we've covered

THIS WEEK IT'S ABBA!

Attachments with the newsletter this week:

- Letter with arrangements for classes and beginning/end of day after half term
- Annual report for your child
- Summer plan



summer at Stockbridge

Date	Event	Year group involved	Information
w/b 7 June	Multiplication tables check	Year 4	Children will be 'rehearsing' the check online Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and then undertaking the check either Thursday or Friday. All done in school.
	Fiver challenge making	Year 6	Planning and designing their fiver challenge projects.
Fri 11 th June	LSA training	All	All our LSAs will be out of school on this day undertaking maths training.
w/b 14 th June	Scoot to school challenge	All	Please see post attached with newsletter 32.
Thurs 17 th June	Fiver Challenge market day	All	Year 6 will be selling their wares at lunchtime. All children can purchase – please send in with no more than £5.
	FOSS meeting	8pm	Virtual meeting to sort fundraising for this term and plan out next year's FOSS calendar. All welcome.
Fri 18 th June	Fiver Challenge market day	All	Year 6 will be selling their wares at lunchtime. All children can purchase – please send in with no more than £5.
	Miss Bolton & Miss Stevens last day	Clatford & Horsebridge	Time to say bye and wish our student teachers well!
w/b 21 st June	Wales residential	Year 6	Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Holdich, Miss Caws and Mrs Cooper will be off to Wales – Mrs McClue will cover Sprat & Winkle
Tues 22 nd June	Taster day at Test Valley School	Year 5	Mrs Burnand and Mrs Lee will escort Year 5 to Test Valley School for an exciting taster day
w/b 28 th June	DEST testing	Year R	Mrs Jefferies and Miss Palk will work with each Year R child to undertake an early literacy screen – more details to follow to Year R parents after half term.
Tues 29 th June	Parent's Evening	All	Please book your slot. If you don't receive email confirmation after booking, let Mrs R-S know in the office and she'll check your slot is booked.
Wed 30 th June	King's School induction day	Year 6	Year 6 parents will receive information from King's School directly.
	Parent's Evening	All	Please book your slot. If you don't receive email confirmation after booking, let Mrs R-S know in the office and she'll check your slot is booked.
	Sing Up day!	All	In recognition of our growing music curriculum, we will be singing all day! Watch out!
Monday 5 th July	LSA training	All	All our LSAs will be out of school on this day undertaking maths training.
Tues 6 th July	Moving on morning	All	For the morning, children will transition into their new classes with their new teachers. Letters home at 3.15pm with child's class for next year.
Wed 7 th & Thurs 8 th	Calshot residential	Year 5	Details to follow on the first day back after half term.
	Henry Beaufort Induction day	Year 6	Year 6 parents will receive information from Henry Beaufort School directly.
Fri 9 th July	Camp out residential	Year 3	Details to follow on the first day back after half term.
Monday 12 th July	Test Valley School evening	Year 6 parents	If your child is heading off to Test Valley in September, this evening's details should have come to you already.
Tuesday 13 th July	Test Valley School induction day	Year 6	Year 6 parents will receive information from Test Valley School directly.
Thursday 15 th July	School Summer Play – PETER PAN	Upper School	This year our play will be 'live' and outside from 6.30pm. It'll be a socially distanced play with a difference!
Fri 16 th July	Year 6 afternoon out	Year 6	Our annual 'celebration' of Year 6 – cycle to Chilbolton and afternoon tea with rounders
Mon 19 th July	Sports day (morning only)	Whole School	This will be a children only event again this year. Photos posted on the school website
Fri 23 rd July	Leaver's assembly	Year 6	Socially distanced assembly to Year 6 parents only outside.
	Leave for end of term	Whole school	School will finish at 1pm on this day for the summer.