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Primary and Pre-school



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Fiver challenge fun

I cannot adequately describe the atmosphere on the playground on Thursday lunchtime when the Year 6 children laid out their wares and began their experience as entrepreneurs. The enthusiasm and engagement from all of the other children was phenomenal and they helped buoy up the Year 6 morale! The photos on this page show just what fun they had, dare I say, it felt like old times.

We have talked this week with a lot of the children about respect and without asking, even the youngest children queued politely, asked for things with great manners and supported each other – the water balloon target game was particularly great for this, as was the penalty shoot out and darts.

Children had made target games, advertising (all on Google classroom in a bid to be eco-friendly and cross the bubble divide) and had made ice cream, cordial, candles, earrings and various other things at home.

We realise that this doesn't come without a great deal of support from you at home so thank you massively to the parents who supported their Year 6 child and also to those who provided pennies and pounds to be spent.

I am always reminded of the value of this exercise when children tell me they've made 'loads of money' and then quickly discover that they have only covered costs! A life lesson indeed.

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Coming Up!

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

NEXT WEEK		
Mon 28 th	All week	Mrs Jefferies DEST screening (basically playing games with Year R children!)
	19:00	Year 5 parents meeting for Calshot (online)
Tues 29 th	15:30	Parent's evening 1
Wed 30 th	15:30	Parent's evening 2
	All day	SING UP day! We will be singing all day
Friday 2 nd	15:15	FOSS Pop up café – Year 6 I think!
WEEK AFTER		
All week	09:00 Mon	Year 6 to Foxlease for residential
Wed 7 th	10:00	Year 5 at Calshot residential
Thurs 8 th	16:00	Year 5 collected from Calshot residential
Fri 9 th	15:15	FOSS Pop up café – for Redbridge
	18:00	Year 3 Campout at school

Class photos

Class photos have come home this week with a small, postcard sized slip with log on details for ordering them online. All monies are handled by the photographer and we receive a generous percentage towards school fundraising. This will help to pay towards Fudge's costs this year. Photos were taken in Year group bubbles.

Year R DEST test

As we have done every year for the past 10 years, we will be undertaking the Dyslexia Early Screening Test with all of our Year R children. This is a series of games we play to check children's memory, phonological knowledge, auditory discrimination and numerical recall. It helps us plan support for next year and flag up anything to you as parents. Results will be shared with parents if your child comes up as any risk category.

Fudge news

Fudge was back in school this week after a 3 week break following her annual injections and her first 'season'. It was like she'd never been away from her point of view but all of the children were very excited to see her again.

Fudge is moving up a step in her training as she's learning to 'settle', as she beautifully demonstrates here working with Kyra and James in the THRIVE room.

A walk on the wildside

Redbridge and Horsebridge have had a fantastic minibeast, river dipping week! Many thanks to Mrs Williamson, our Chair of Governors, for allowing over 60 children to trample her beautiful garden and access the River Test in a safe way. The children learned about the flow of the river and direction it travels in as well as the range of living things in and around the river. They met an otter, followed its tracks and discovered many tiny minibeasts along the way. They discovered minnows and caddis fly larvae and damselflies too.

Ticks

It's that time of year when ticks are rife and they pose a significant danger to both adults and children. We are encouraging children to check themselves when they come in from playtime and lunchtime. As part of our duty of care, we act as any reasonable adult would do and remove them with a special remover. If we have to do this with your child, we will send home a red slip and your child will have a red bracelet and an advice leaflet on what to watch out for. Please be vigilant outside of school times too.

Attachments with the newsletter this week:

- BRAND NEW Cricket club for Year 1 upwards
- BRAND NEW Andover Netball Club for children
- BRAND NEW Andover Youth choir
- Special Diets for children at lunchtimes.
- Skoolkit uniform information – get your order in early to avoid waiting around in the holidays!

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 28th	All week 19:00	Mrs Jefferies DEST screening (basically playing games with Year R children!) Year 5 parents meeting for Calshot (online)
Tues 29th	15:30	Parent's evening 1
Wed 30th	15:30	Parent's evening 2
	All day	SING UP day! We will be singing all day
Friday 2nd	15:15	FOSS Pop up café – Clatford
All week	09:00 Mon	Year 6 to Foxlease for residential
Wed 7 th & Thurs 8 th	Overnight	Year 5 at Calshot for missed residential
Fri 9th	15:15 6pm	Redbridge pop up café after school Year 3 campout
Fri 16th	15:15	Horsebridge pop up café after school
Mon 19th	9am 14:00	Sports day morning only Moving on – transition with new teacher
Tues 20th	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Wed 23rd	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Fri 23rd	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-21 11am 1pm	Leaver's service End of Year for all
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		



Holidays

With the pandemic greatly affecting children's time in school and recovery needed, I am afraid that I will be unable to authorise any holidays. A quarter of the school year is holidays so please ensure, if going away, that they are booked during this time.

Sing up day

We will all be singing on 30th June for the annual Sing UP day. We have never taken part in this before so are throwing all our energies into singing lots of songs and learning some new ones too! Ask the children to sing you some of their sing up song "We are unstoppable" they sound great (when all singing together!!) More next week!

Class transition day

Due to the limiting of restrictions for a further 4 weeks, we need to maintain our class bubbles for a little while longer without mixing. We are still aware of cases of bubble closures and positive COVID results in nearby schools and want to be careful to limit this in our school. We will therefore NOT be visiting classes on our planned date of Tues 6th July.

Instead, we will make class transitions in the last week of term on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st all outside and with your child's new teacher. The letter about which class your child will be in will be sent home on Monday 5th July.

Year R meet Miss Garrett

Miss Garrett is the new teacher who will be joining our team from September to teach Year 1/2. She was in last Friday and met some of her new class – the Year R children who will be Year 1. She was bowled over by their zest for life and enthusiasm!

We are still finalising classes for next year for all other children so she'll be back in on 7th July to meet the Year 1 children who'll be with her for Year 2.

Sunflower competition

Way back before Easter, FOSS started their sunflower competition. My gardening club were talking about how big theirs had grown and we wondered how yours were getting on at home? Perhaps you could post a picture on dojo so that we can see them. We'll put photos in the newsletter next week if don't mind.



Relationships education

For upper school, the intensity of the sex and relationships part of Science and RPSHE is now concluded.

We promised that we'd let you know what we were doing by Dojo and we're interested to know how that has been for you.

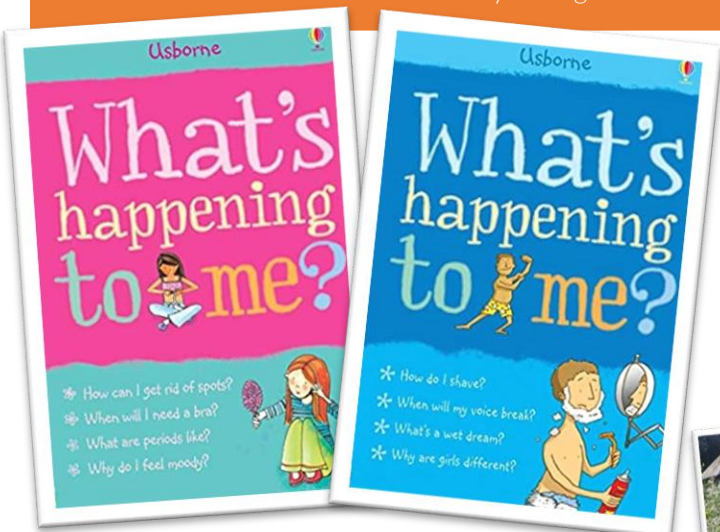
If you have any feedback about the communication or what your child has come home and asked about, we'd love to hear from you. Please email Mrs Le Fevre directly: s.lefevre3@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

Lower school will be looking at naming body parts next week and the differences between boys and girls.

Year 1 phonics check

Because of the pandemic, the Government have delayed the official phonics check test for our current Year 1 children until the end of the Autumn term 2021 so we will do this with the children in December as we did with our current Year 2s this academic year.

Plenty of time to perfect those tricky split digraphs!



These Usborne books are brilliant to support the Upper school after their RPSHE conversations. If you click the pictures above, they'll take you straight to the respective amazon pages.

We also have copies you can borrow from school.





summer at Stockbridge

Date	Event	Year group involved	Information
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 6th 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 Henry Beaufort Induction day	Year 5 Year 6	Parents to drop children at Calshot by 10am on Wednesday & collect at 4pm Thursday
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 13th July	Test Valley School induction day	Year 6	Year 6 parents will receive information from Test Valley School directly.
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) School Summer Play – PETER PAN	Whole School Upper School	This will be a children only event again this year. Photos posted on the school website Due to Government restrictions, we will be filming the play and putting it on Google classroom for a 'premiere' on Monday 19 th July.
	Transition to new class teacher	Whole school	During school time 2pm – 3.15pm, the whole school will spend time with their new class outside.
Tuesday 20 th July	Transition to new class teacher	Whole school	During school time 2pm – 3.15pm, the whole school will spend time with their new class outside.
Wednesday 21 st July	Transition to new class teacher	Whole school	During school time 2pm – 3.15pm, the whole school will spend time with their new class outside.
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.

FOR YEAR 5 & 6 PARENTS:

During the week beginning 5th July, staffing will be as follows – it's complicated!

	Year 6	Year 5 in Clatford
Monday	Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Holdich & Miss Caws at Foxlease	Mrs Burnand will teach at school
Tuesday	Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Holdich & Miss Caws at Foxlease	Mrs Burnand & Mrs McClue will teach at school
Wednesday	Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Holdich & Miss Palk at Foxlease	Miss Caws & Mrs Burnand at Calshot
Thursday	Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Holdich & Miss Palk at Foxlease	Miss Caws & Mrs Burnand at Calshot
Friday	Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Holdich, Miss Palk & Miss Caws at Foxlease	Mrs Burnand will teach at school