



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### COVID rears it's head again

This week we've talked COVID more than we've talked about it for months. Cases are on the rise and I know that's not new news.

It is such a fine line; we know that children have missed so much of their childhood during lockdown (although there's also been many lovely things about it too) and we don't want to stifle their enjoyment of great things like residential, cub and beaver activities, swimming and football clubs but we do want to protect our little school community the best we can.

This newsletter is short and sweet – we wanted to reiterate guidance that's already out there and ask you to be extra vigilant, taking extra precautions to keep us all safe. We are hearing more and more about double vaccinated people then contracting COVID and we don't want that either!

On the plus side, the arrangements to split lower school back into small bubbles have gone well and we've received great support from you, thank you!

We've had a lot of fun this week in school rehearsing the play in unusual places and following the football result too which gave us all cause for celebration! Let's have everything crossed that Saturday brings equally great results and a patriotism which brings us all together.

Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

### COVID testing & keeping us all safe

We are lucky to have a number of families in the medical profession amongst our school community. They have spoken with me about the changing symptoms of COVID in children so that we can all be vigilant and keep our wider community safe.

If your child is displaying any typical COVID symptoms or hayfever symptoms, cold, sickness or diarrhea or headaches, that are not normal for them in their day to day life, please keep them at home and seek a PCR test immediately. I realise that this is an extra hassle as it's the one you have to book and attend but LFT tests do not have the same detection rate.

We ask that you keep them at home whilst waiting for a PCR test result before sending them back into school.

If you are a close contact of someone with a +ve PCR test, the new PHE guidance is for you also to take a PCR test immediately rather than wait until the 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> day as previously advised. This is regardless of whether you have any symptoms.

A useful website for COVID and young children is  
<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/popular-topics/coronavirus>

### Fabulous Fiver challenge!

MASSIVE well done to Y6 who turned £90 into over £468 on their fiver challenge week – budding entrepreneurs all of them!

### Coming Up!

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

NEXT WEEK		
All week	09:00 Mon	Year 6 to Foxlease for residential
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Year 5 at Calshot residential
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Year 5 collected from Calshot residential
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	15:15	FOSS Pop up café – for Redbridge
	18:00	Year 3 Campout at school
WEEK AFTER		
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	15:15	Horsebridge pop up café after school

### Safeguarding – what to do if you're concerned about a child's safety

If you are at all concerned about a child's safety, please contact our Designated Safeguarding team; Mrs Jefferies, Miss Tregunna or Mrs Evans who will be able to give you advice or provide you with support, contacts or explain how we would deal with things in school. One of us (if not all of us!) is in school every day.

## Fudge news

Fudge met our youngest children in pre-school this week as well as having playtime with Sprat & Winkle children.

We have been really impressed with the children approaching her and waiting to say hello. She is occasionally still barking from excitement and being in school is an important way to get her used to the busy-ness and impulses of young children!



Sit & stay training on the beach with lots of distractions

## Preparing for school

Even though transition isn't happening until the end of term, our newest incoming Year R children have been receiving their school bears this week and last. The bears are a great way to have something from school into the home and come with the request to be read to a lot!

They also have a 'big school' role play and jumpers and things from the schools they will be going to in pre-school to start imaginative play. In addition, the children coming into our school are becoming increasingly confident by bring the register up to us, taking things back to me or coming to photocopy resources.



Charlotte role playing as Mrs Cooper!!



## Attachments with the newsletter this week:

- Year 6 are bringing home an updated kit list (with less stuff)
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## 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>WHITSUN HALF TERM</b>		
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>15:15</b>	<b>FOSS Pop up café – Clatford</b>
<b>All week</b>	<b>09:00 Mon</b>	<b>Year 6 to Foxlease for residential</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Overnight	Year 5 at Calshot for missed residential
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15:15</b>	<b>Redbridge pop up café after school</b>
	6pm	Year 3 campout
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15:15</b>	<b>Horsebridge pop up café after school</b>
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Sports day morning only</b>
	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Moving on – transition with new teacher</b>
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Moving on – transition with new teacher</b>
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Moving on – transition with new teacher</b>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-21</b>	
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Leaver's service</b>
	<b>1pm</b>	<b>End of Year for all</b>
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>		

**We will be back to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

**INSET days are being agreed at the next FGB**

## 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.

## Bike safety – Year 6 children

PBED who deliver our bikeability training have informed us that they have free bikeability LEVEL 3 training for children in Year 6 in the last week of the summer holidays.

These will take place during the Summer Holidays at The Mountbatten School, Romsey. All courses will be half a day. The only requirement is that your child has attended and passed a Level 2 course. For more information and to make a booking please follow the following link

<https://pb.schoolactivity.co.uk/> and choose the icon for Bikeability. You then need to choose the drop down icon for Level 3 Bikeability courses. If you have any questions please contact [Glenn.vincent@personalbesteducation.com](mailto:Glenn.vincent@personalbesteducation.com).

