



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### What a week!

3 residential.....in a week? I'm not owning up to that idea although I know I'm to blame!! I have to begin this newsletter with a massive thank you to all of my team who have been absolutely phenomenal in all they have given to the school this week – many of them have left their own families to come and stay overnight for 1, 2 or 4 nights so that we can get back on track with our residential programme.

It was crystal clear to me this week why we do these residential and how important they are in setting children up for independence, practical resilience and developing friendships and understanding of those who may do things differently.

Our Year 6 residential at Foxlease in the New Forest was quite simply epic! The children will write more for the newsletter next week but suffice to say with an England Semi-final game half way through the week, 3hrs laser tag, 3hrs in a canoe, walks in the forest, a visit to Beaulieu as well as zipwire, high ropes, archery and team building plus bowling, we are all cream crackered!

Not to be left out, Year 5 had a brilliant overnight stay at Calshot; kayaking, ringos, archery and more were all highlights as well as spending time with friends and their new teacher for next year as they will all move into Miss Caw's class as Year 6.

Year 3 residential tonight is still to come – we are prepped and ready to go for a night under canvas on our school field – let's hope the weather holds!

Thanks to parents too for packing, ferrying and carrying children here there and everywhere, I promise it's all worth it, I hope they've regaled you with all their tales of a wonderful time away, including the cold showers in the girl's bathroom!

**Emma Jefferies**  
Headteacher

### COVID

The Government's announcement on Monday evening gave us more idea of what school might be like in September and with changes afoot, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July too.

I write in this letter to confirm that we will be making **NO** changes to our arrangements for the last week of term, despite the easing of restrictions in wider society. My aim is to get us all to the end of term with no further isolations or lockdowns of bubbles and keeping things as they are is all we can do to help make this happen.

*I will write in the next newsletter with further updates for September.*

#### Current control measures to limit spread of COVID are:

- Facemasks for all parents on attending the school
- Bubbles leaving via different entrances
- Year R, Year 1/2, Year 2/3 and Year 4/5/6 bubbles remain
- No extra things brought in from home
- Staff LFT testing twice weekly and over 50% have 2<sup>nd</sup> jab
- Card and Scopay payments where possible
- Parents and visitors not attending communal events
- Sanitising & washing hands regularly.

### Football

School will happen as normal on Monday morning despite the football game on Sunday evening. We have swimming planned and play to rehearse!

### Coming Up!

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

NEXT WEEK		
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm	Horsebridge pop up café after school
WEEK AFTER		
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Am	Sports Day – please send your child in their family colour t-shirt.
	2pm	Transition #1 with new class
	6pm	Play is released onto Google Classroom
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Transition #2 with new class
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	2pm	Transition #3 with new class
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.15pm	Mottisfont Pop-Up Cafe
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11am	Leavers Service
	1pm	End of Year – see you on Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept

### Pop up cafe

Thanks to all parents engaging with FOSS' pop up café. Next Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) it's the turn of Horsebridge at 3.15pm.

## Swimming

Next week, children in Years 4/5 who returned their slips for swimming will be visiting Farleigh's lovely pool Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Children should COME TO SCHOOL wearing their school uniform with their swimming stuff ALREADY ON please. We have a finite time to get in and out of the pool and want to spend every minute possible in the water. Pants and towels should be packed and children must have a swimming hat.

Farleigh School are very kindly providing the transport for us each day and the children will be accompanied by Mrs Burnand and Mrs Jefferies. We love taking the children swimming and are so proud of the progress they make over the week.

## Settling bills

With only 10 school days left until the end of term, please could I urge you to settle any outstanding dinner monies and trip money.

For Year 6 parents, refunds have been processed of any overpayment for Foxlease so please check it's hit your bank account.

## Sports day – coloured t-shirts

Please send your child in with their colour family t-shirt on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July ready for sports day and dressed in their PE shorts and trainers. A big water bottle will also help.

## 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
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	15:15	Horsebridge pop up café after school
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Sports day morning only
	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-21	
	11am	Leaver's service
	1pm	End of Year for all

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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

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

## Jam jars

Mrs Holliday has been making the most of the bountiful produce around us at the moment by making delicious jams. If you have any jam jars with or without lids, please leave them in the school office and we'll pass the stash on! Mrs Holliday sells her jams and they are, I can attest, delicious!

## Second hand uniform sale

Please have a sort through your child's clothes and if you have any good quality (but grown out of!) jumpers, trousers, dresses etc, please bring them into school – we will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the last week of term to help ease financial pressures in September – get ahead of the game!



### Attachments with the newsletter this week:

- Year 6 are bringing home an updated kit list (with less stuff)
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