



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Getting ready!

This week has been all about change; getting ready for next year, getting ready for leaving school and moving onto pastures new for our older children and getting ready for changes to be made to the school building over the next few weeks whilst children are on holiday.

I have been so proud of our Year 4, 5, 6 children this week as they've had swimming and play to focus on and had to film the entire play after a busy week last week of residencials. They haven't been dejected or down, they've given their all to their performances and it's almost ready to share with you.

Year 3 bounced back from their rather early morning on the campout and have had a great week getting themselves ready for the end of their rivers topic which they have really enjoyed.

Mrs Cooper and Miss Palk have been getting ready for their new children in September by undertaking home visits, hosted in people's gardens largely so that they can get to know their new class and next week, we will be preparing the children for their new classes with transition afternoons from 2pm – 3.15pm each day. They will leave from the exits as usual though so that there's no further confusion about pick up places!

Mrs Le Fevre has been a super addition to our team throughout this year and I know the children have loved being in her class. She is also getting ready to take over her new class at Sparsholt Primary and has been visiting virtually – we will be saying a sad farewell and sending all our good wishes.

I have also been talking with Mrs Whittington who will be returning next week so we have been preparing for handover as she will take over the SENDCo role from Mrs Cooper and from September, work one day a week, solely in this role.

Phew! There's a lot to get done with just a week to go!

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

COVID

From Monday, schools will officially no longer act as 'track and trace' agents – if you or your child has a +ve PCR test, NHS Test and Trace will deal with notifying close contacts and isolations. That said, Hampshire are sensibly asking us to maintain this function until the end of next week and liaise with our colleagues at Public Health England on any isolations and bubble closures.

It is therefore crucial that you keep us informed as we are more likely to know who your child has been playing with or sat next to in class!

When we return in September, we will have a 2 week settling in period. This means that we will be in smaller bubbles for the first two weeks, still asking you to wear masks and still asking children to play in their class groups for this time period so that any isolations as a result of holidays away etc are limited to as small a number as possible and do not mean large numbers of children having to isolate.

Hopefully then, from Monday 20th September, school will return to our pre-pandemic 'normal' – one can always hope!

Performance premiere

Acts 1 & 2 of the summer production 'Peter Pan' will go live on Google Classroom after 5pm next Monday 19th July.
All children will watch it in school on Thursday 22nd.

Coming Up!

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

NEXT WEEK		
Mon 19 th	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 th	2pm	Transition #2 with new class
Wed 21 st	2pm	Transition #3 with new class
Thurs 22 nd	3.15pm	Mottisfont Pop-Up Cafe
Fri 23 rd	11am	Leavers Service
	1pm	End of Year – see you on Thurs 2 nd Sept

Pop up cafe

It's Horsebridge's Pop Up café today and next week's will BE ON THURSDAY for Mottisfont.

Thanks to FOSS for running these and keeping some semblance of normality going as well as their great fundraising efforts this year.

Swimming

We have had a brilliant week of swimming at Farleigh school and they are running swimming sessions for school children in the holidays too. If your child has been swimming with us this year you should have received a swimming letter about booking on this.

It's been a privilege to see how much the children's confidence and abilities have improved over the week. The swimming teachers have been phenomenal – clear, calm and encouraging and the children have really enjoyed the sessions.

Massive thanks to Mrs Burnand for getting in every day to help our non-swimmers as the instructors are not allowed. She's really helped children make great progress.



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 th	15:15	Horsebridge pop up café after school
Mon 19 th	9am	Sports day morning only
	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Tues 20 th	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Wed 23 rd	14:00	Moving on – transition with new teacher
Fri 23 rd		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 2nd September.

Sports Day

Dust off your Google Classroom skills as next Monday's sports day will have a compilation of photos and videos on Google Classroom from Tuesday onwards.

Children should come to school IN THEIR PE KITS on Monday morning with their colour family t-shirt on. They can stay in this all day so don't need a change of clothes. They do however need a BIG water bottle!

Second hand uniform sale

Second hand uniform sale will be available Monday – Wed at the end of each school day and for those dropping off at breakfast club.

We have some great quality jumpers, dresses, trousers and skirts available and this is a great way to get prepared for September.

LorraineLee
Training

Starting Secondary School

An online workshop for parents and carers of children in year 6

This workshop helps parents prepare children for a GREAT transition to secondary school. It explains how to encourage planning, preparation and prioritisation. It also covers building independence, confidence and problem-solving.

Mon 19th July 2021 8:00-9:30pm

£10 + booking fee

For Tickets Search:

'Lorraine Lee Training Eventbrite'



Encouraging, Supporting & Equipping Parents

Year 6 transport

Letting your child walk or cycle to school on their own is a big step and Hampshire are recommending a new app ROUTE GUARD

Which is available for £2.99 to all parents via the app store on apple or android phones to help you know where your child is and if they leave their agreed route.

INSET days

We have agreed the INSET days for next year. These are days when children will be at home whilst teachers are undertaking training:

Friday 1st October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 4th January

Monday 28 February

Tuesday 1st March

Settling bills

With only 5 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.

Attachments with the newsletter this week:

- Community fun day – this is happening here!
- Special diets information – even if your child has a special diet lodged with HC3S, I'm afraid you need to log into the new portal and register them again.
- Family cooking workshops – these look great!

