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Primary and Pre-school



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The end.

This is the last newsletter of the academic year, we have made it through another year where COVID has certainly played its part in changing things for our children and for you as families.

I would like to offer my thanks to you all for your continued support and patience as we've moved class bubbles, had to shut back in October, reorganise entrances and exits, drop offs and pick ups but moreover, the support you've given your children this year has been simply superb. Thank you for supporting them and us in making things as normal as we possibly can.

Thank you to our Year R parents for bearing with us in what must have been the oddest year to start your child at school, I hope from September you can have more of a sense of community than we've had this year and you can finally experience what Stockbridge is all about – family & opportunity.

After 3 different sets of dates, refunds and changes, I'd also like to say a massive thanks to Year 6 parents who have ridden the wave of COVID cancellations with us and supported children in their last year. There are so many rites of passage anticipated by the children in Year 6 as they've watched older children go through them and I know you've hugely helped in managing their expectations this year...just in case!

I cannot but end with (and I know you'll agree) the biggest thanks to staff. Mrs Gilligan & Mrs Tanner have kept our school clean and tidy and germ free since October – no small feat. Shawn and Kelly have cooked for us throughout and made sure we have enough food to keep us going. Mrs Spayes and Mrs R-S in the office have kept COVID at bay by checking visitors and ensuring all protocols are in place as well as running a very busy office. All of the teachers and classroom support staff and our pre-school team have been nothing short of brilliant this year and have always kept children at the heart of all they do. Thank you just isn't enough. You're superstars, the lot of you!

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Whittington back after her maternity leave. She's spent the days this week getting to grips and having a handover with Mrs Cooper as she will be taking on the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator) role in September. Albie is now 1!



Farewell

Summer always tugs at the heart strings and I think I'm yet to make it through a leaver's assembly without crying!

Mrs Le Fevre is moving onto all things new with a Year 1/2 class at Sparsholt and Mrs Lee is off to King's Somborne to work 1:1 with a child there.

I would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and dedication to our school even when part of it for a relatively short time. They were both absolute stalwarts during our October closure with Mrs Le Fevre being 1 of only 2 teachers in school but with only about 5 weeks knowledge of our school at that point. Thank you ladies, you're amazing!

We are also saying a sad farewell to Huge & Freddie Storrar as they move to Winchester. Boys, we have LOVED having you in our Stockbridge family and wish you all the very best!

21 in 2021

With 5 and a half long weeks ahead, we thought it might be helpful (and fun) to see how many of our children can complete some or all of our top 21 in 2021 – this year's holiday challenge.

It is designed to be suitable for all ages and abilities and every activity can be done with friends and bigger groups or just within your family if you're keeping COVID safe.

We know that children have had a long time in the last 2 years of not playing with anyone or getting out and about so we hope this will encourage you in a safe way.

You can post photos or snippets of these on Clasdojo in the holidays or, if you're popping them on facebook, why not link to our school page 'stockbridgeprimaryandpreschool'

Have fun!

(P.S, the perforation is so you can tear it off and pop it on your fridge!)

Second hand uniform sale

Really lovely quality second hand uniform that has simply been outgrown is laid out on a table at the bottom of Old London Road steps. Please do take a look – trousers, summer dresses, sweatshirts and PE t-shirts are all available.

Summer play

We hope you've had chance to watch the children's summer production of Peter Pan. The children did a great job of acting and singing and the teachers have done a fantastic job of editing and producing!

DIARY DATES

Please note: These dates are set for September but subject to change depending on COVID restrictions.

Date	Time	Event
Thurs 2 nd Sept	08:35 19:00 19:45	School opens for new year Year 5 parent meeting for Calshot Year 6 parent meeting for Brecon
Wed 8 th – Fri 10 th	All day	Year 5 @ Calshot
Mon 13 th	15:15	Clubs begin
Tues 14 th	09:00 & 19:00	Parent information session for topics and literacy and numeracy learning
Mon 20 th	All day	Launch school council process
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		

Attachments with the newsletter this week:

- Community fun day – this is happening here!
- Cricket club – FREE
- Skoolkit – FREE DELIVERY!!

21 in 2021!

21 things to do in the summer of 2021 – go on, we know you can do them all!

1. Decide on a family anthem for summer
2. Play Frisbee
3. Toss a coin into a fountain or wishing well and make a wish
4. Make a sculpture; sticks, twigs, stones, clay, mud, sand
5. Go on a hike/walk somewhere you've never been before
6. Record yourself reading a poem or story
7. Make an instrument
8. Learn your address, yes, all of you, even the young ones, and even your postcode!
9. Make a memory box from things you collect over the summer
10. Research a new recipe and make it for your family or a neighbour
11. Plant something that will flower or grow right into the autumn
12. Design a family crest
13. Learn a new song off by heart and sing it loudly on a car journey
14. Paint using something other than a paintbrush
15. Learn a card game
16. Play a board game – try to beat your grown up!
17. Learn some sign language –
18. Build a shelter – could be in the woods, in your living room or in a friends garden
19. Join the summer library reading scheme – Wild Woods
20. Undertake a random act of kindness for someone you don't know
21. Send us a postcard from somewhere you've visited

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INSET days

Friday 1st October
Monday 1st November
Tuesday 4th January
Monday 28 February
Tuesday 1st March

**We come back to school on
Thursday 2nd September 2021**





UNIFORM

Uniform is a crucial part of children feeling like they belong and wearing something they are proud of. Please ensure that your child comes to school in our school uniform with the logo above. All supermarkets stock uniform basics for white polo shirts, skirts, dresses, shorts and trousers but every child must have a logo sweatshirt.

Uniform comprises:

- White shirt or polo-shirt (does not need a logo)
- Grey or black uniform shorts
- Grey or black uniform trousers
- Grey or black uniform skirts
- Summer dresses- red and white gingham
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black school shoes **NOT** trainers

Please ensure if buying ones with laces, your child knows how to tie them – this is a life skill!

In addition, children may wear:

- Red school logo hoodie – available from Skoolkit – for PE sessions and outdoor competitions
- Red school logo fleece or rain jacket – again, available from skoolkit. Fleece should NOT be worn in place of a sweatshirt.

PE kit is:

- Red logo t-shirt
- Black shorts
- A spare sweatshirt or hoodie.
- Trainers – plimsolls are only suitable for Year R or 1.

Learning next year

I have had a few parents ask what topics children will be learning next year so that if they're planning any museum or city visits or activities in the holidays, they could link it to these. This kind of 'pre-learning' is so invaluable for your child and gives them the best chance of success next year.

LOWER SCHOOL

Lower school topics for the first 2 terms (to December) are:

WHAT UNITES US? Learning about the United Kingdom – the countries that it comprises, capital cities, important landmarks and cities.

TOY STORY – toys of the past, ones you or your parents or grandparents might have played with.

UPPER SCHOOL

Upper school topics for the first 2 terms (to December) are:

LET'S GO GREEN Learning about being more environmentally friendly, the 3Rs, technological innovation to help us better protect our planet.

DIVIDE & RULE – Invasion and settlement, Anglo Saxons, Vikings and refugees now and in the past.