



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 1

3 September 2021

Welcome back!

I don't really remember a summer holiday ever flying by quite so fast with quite so much to do but we made it through and it feels great to get back into the rhythm of school again this week.

The children (and staff!) have settled back in super quickly and are finding their feet in the old routines and customs of a fairly 'normal' school. We are still maintaining 4 separate bubbles until 13th September:

- 1) Kingfisher's Pre-School
- 2) Year R – Sprat & Winkle
- 3) Lower School – Redbridge & Horsebridge
- 4) Upper School – Mottisfont & Clatford

Lower and Upper School will gather in their bubbles on the playground on a morning whilst the younger children in Sprat & Winkle and Kingfisher's will go straight into their rooms and get used to the morning routines with peace and quiet!

Staff are still LFT testing until the end of September and will continue to wear masks when meeting parents and visitors each morning and afternoon until at least the end of September. We ask that you too wear masks to collect and drop off your child/ren please unless exempt.

This newsletter contains a lot of important information for the rest of this half term so please do find 10 quiet minutes to read through thoroughly.

If I haven't caught up with you already, I look forward to doing so in the coming weeks, it really is so good to be back.

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Book bags and bears – this was the day, back in the summer term when our new Year R children received their new book bags and their bears of course!



New faces!

We'd like to welcome all of our new children in Year R and Harper in Year 1 to our Stockbridge family. We have yet another full year group in Year R and are positively bursting at the seams elsewhere.

When I first joined the school we had 62 on roll – we now have 142 in the main school and 22 pre-schoolers in Kingfisher's. I have the school records dating back to before the school was built and this is the most children we've ever had in the school. This bodes well for a healthy financial future for the school as well as a good number of children to find friends amongst whilst not being swamped with too many!

Coming Up!

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

SEPTEMBER		
6 th – 8 th	9-12	Year R in for mornings only
9 th – 15 th	9am – 1pm	Year R in for lunch too
Thurs 16 th	All day	Year R do all day
Wed 8 th – Fri 10 th	All day	Year 5 @ Calshot (Mrs Burnand & Mrs Jefferies covering Year 4 & 6)
Mon 13 th	3.15pm	Clubs begin
Tues 14 th	9am & 6pm	Parent info sessions – face to face!
Thurs 16 th	9am	Year R parents info session on phonics
Mon 20 th	9am	School council quest launched
Tues 21 st	10.30am	Test Valley Headteacher to meet Y6
Wed 29 th	Am	1:1 School photos for all children (& staff!)
Thurs 30 th	3.15pm	Learning targets for all children sent home
OCTOBER		
Fri 1 st	All day	INSET – no school
4 th – 8 th	All week	Year 6 @ Brecon Beacons
5 th – 6 th	TBC	Pre-School Parent evenings
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th	Various	Main school Parent evenings (virtual)
Wed 13 th	All day	Pre-School sponsored trike/bike ride
Tues 19 th	6pm – 8pm	Pre-School Open evening
Thurs 21 st	TBC	FOSS Pumpkin Party
Fri 22 nd	9am	Clatford sharing assembly & last day!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club begins on the first day of school – Thursday 2nd Sept at 7.45am. Please drop off at the hall door. It's £4 per child per day, payable weekly please. There's no need to book – just turn up!

Help your child learn and get back on track after COVID

Parent information sessions

Come and find out what your child will be learning
between now and Christmas in:

English

Handwriting

Spelling

Maths

Times tables

Topic

And how you can help at home



Tuesday 14th September

FACE TO FACE!

(on the playground!)

9am & 6pm

UNIFORM

Thank you so much for making a great effort with the uniforms and labelling – the white polo shirts are bright white and the jumpers look super smart not to mention new shoes and haircuts. Let's keep us Stockbridge smart all year!

Parking

We have a number of places for you to park safely for both drop off and collection. Our main aim is to do these both safely and at no inconvenience to our neighbours who are in and out of their driveways throughout the day.

Old London Road

There are plenty of places along here to park, albeit some a fair stretch from the school but it helps get your steps in! There should be NO PARKING:

- On zig zags outside school (or casual drop offs on or either side of these please)
- Where there are dropped kerbs – these are illegal to block and cause great inconvenience for others
- In front of driveways or front doors
- In front of The Hub hairdressers.

White Hart

If parking here, please remember that this is a pub open all day and you will need to walk around the Trafalgar Road way (not through the beer garden) as they are endeavouring to keep things COVID safe.

A30 layby

If crossing here, please do so safely at the marked island near the roundabout where you can be seen by cars in all directions. Use the path along the fence-line of school to keep you safe.

High Street

Great for scoot to school or ride and stride – why not add a few steps to your daily count by parking on the High Street and walking in.

From 13th Sept, you'll be able to use both the gate at The White Hart AND the Old London Road gate but for now, please all use the Old London Road.

Up to date Information

VERY VERY IMPORTANT!

We are sending home tonight with your child their individual profile – this is a print out of all the critical information we hold for them in school; emergency contact numbers, addresses etc.

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK, MAKE ANY AMENDMENTS IN PEN AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

If your child has any medical needs, we will be sending home their individual medical plans on Friday next week for you to complete.

Clubs

Clubs begin on Monday 13th September. They are £1 per session with the exception of Boxercise (£4) and cooking (£3.50).

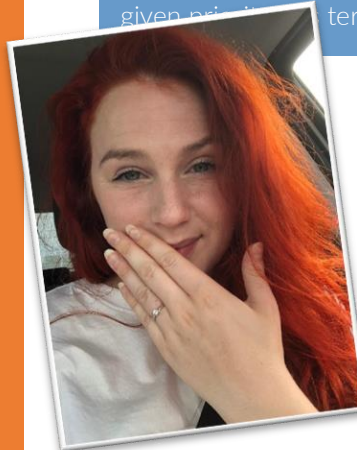
The clubs term lasts for 12 weeks. Dates in green on the schedule are when the club will not be able to run due to other commitments so please do deduct the number of weeks from any monies sent in.

All forms need to be back in by Wed 8th when clubs will be randomly assigned to children who have signed up for them (ie. We won't be picking it on a first come, first served basis). We have a waiting list for Art from last term and children on that list will be given priority this term as promised.

Congratulations!

We had some very exciting news in the holidays – Miss Palk got engaged to Mr Hughes so we'll have a new 'Mrs Hughes' to replace our much loved Mrs Hughes of old!

She has managed to secure an amazing wedding venue for this October – wedding celebrations to come!



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The children who were on the list for art club last term, but didn't get a space, will be given priority this term as promised.

One of our school values is responsibility. We encourage children to take responsibility and be resilient so once signed up to a club, we expect them to attend each week.

Water bottles

We are keen for children to drink lots of water when they are at school to keep hydrated – please send your child to school with their own water bottle – we will not be providing bottles or cups for them this term as it's a mammoth job each night to get 142 through the dishwasher!

Thanks for your help in this.

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.