



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 5

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The end of our first half term

I can hardly believe that we're already at October half term and we've had 7 weeks of school already! We've been getting our heads down and really getting learning on track this term and children have worked very hard in all areas of the school alongside having a lot of fun!

We've had 2 residentials, a visiting artist, a school trip, 20 new children join the main school and 12 new faces in pre-school, welcomed you as parents back into school and pre-school for information events and parent teacher meetings as well as finally hosting our face to face FOSS event for such a long time.

Thank you to one and all for helping us do this safely and sensibly – we have had only 1 positive COVID case in school this term and this week is the 'anniversary' of our COVID closure last year (not one I'd care to repeat!!).

Staff will be testing using LFT tests over half term to keep our testing regime up and ensure we are all safe to come back in November. If you or anyone in your household tests positive over the half term for COVID, please do drop me an email so that I'm aware of where COVID is at in our school population.

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Overleaf, I've outlined a few limited COVID precautions we're asking our whole school community to take after half term to keep us all in school and safe over winter. Please take time to read these through – we look forward to seeing you all in a week's time!

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher



Perfect Pumpkin Party

What a great event to kick off the OFSS calendar last night – thank you hugely to all involved for the planning, resourcing and manning! Over 85% of the school & pre-school children attended and it was lovely to end with a spooky story at the end too! Pumpkin carving was the most popular I've ever seen it this year – I hope you enjoy some of the photos here.



Coming Up!

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

OCTOBER HALF TERM		
NOVEMBER!		
Mon 1 st Nov	All day	INSET day – no school for children
Sat 6 th	10-12	Pre-School open morning
Fri 12 th	All day	Children in Need
Sat 13 th	From 09:00	Family photo shoot
Sun 14 th	09:45	Remembrance service in Church (Y6)
Tues 16 th	18:00	Pre-School open evening
Thurs 18 th	All day	Milestones trip for Horsebridge
Fri 19 th	All day	Milestones trip for Redbridge
Fri 26 th	14:45	Listen 2 Me concert – Y5 parents only
Tues 30 th	All day	Whole school nasal flu vaccination
DECEMBER		
Fri 3 rd	All day	Xmas jumper day

COVID safety after half term

The chill in the air this morning certainly heralds Autumn having fully arrived which will make ventilation in school trickier.

- Please ensure your child has plenty of layers – vest, poloshirt, jumper/cardigan when we return
- Please wear a mask if coming on site and at pick up and drop off unless medically exempt.
- Please use the hand sanitiser at the front door if coming into the office.
- Please use the electronic communications as much as possible rather than coming into school.

With your help, we can keep COVID at bay in our school but it really will take a big effort from all of us.

Pre-Schoolers & Year R ...

Mums and Dads, please **do** add things you get up to with your child/ren over the half term as this is useful for us to then design play and learning off the back of their interests and experiences.

Simply add it to dojo and we'll pick it up when we return on 1st November.

Mrs Evans has added a rhyming and memory game for you to play with your children which will really help them.

Dojo communications

Please note that staff will not be checking dojo or emails over half term but we do always check it on the first day back so please update us with any special learning moments regardless of your child's year.

Absence communications should **NEVER** be on dojo but should go via the school office only:

01264 810550 or adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

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UPDATES

The Majestic Plastic Bottle

As shared by our Year 5 & 6 children in Clatford's sharing assembly this morning. This mockumentary should be read in the style of David Attenborough and try to watch it alongside ['The majestic plastic bag'](#) video (on silent!). By Luca (para 1.), William (para 2.), Christian (para 3.) and Jack (para 4.).

Every plastic bottle has an important journey to make and this one here is one of many to enter the unknown. This majestic, glorious animal is first released into the wild with the help of a spider looking hand. At first the plastic bottle is unsure of itself; it has a moment before it makes its first move then, it starts rolling. Rolling at incredible speed that none of its fearsome foes could catch. And this. This is the moment where its perilous story starts.

With a halt, he bounces from one side of the vehicle to the other and lands on the rock hard mud that is full of little bugs and insects that started to crawl all over him. As he lays on the ground, out of the door comes the most vicious animal known to all time – the teacup Yorkie! The vicious animal sprints for the helpless bottle and with a leap, he launches into the air and pierces the stranded bottle with his razor sharp teeth. You may think that his little journey would end here but no, using his superior size and speed, he manages to break free.

He knows that there are hungry beasts lurking everywhere in the ocean, just looking for plastic to feed on, so he has to be on high alert through this treacherous journey ahead. After 3 days he finally makes it; all of his previous experience paid off and he could be safe from any and all dangers to come.

From city to city and sea to sea, finally the end of the migration was in sight but to get there, he still needed to keep driving on until that final destination of home. Then he interested the small street corner where his brothers and sisters were thriving with joy.

WOULD YOU LIKE A FAMILY PHOTO FOR CHRISTMAS?

Our photographer Judy is running a family photo shoot day on Sat 13th November from 9am.

Email Mrs Spayes to book a half hour slot and come dressed in your finest!

Online viewing of images and photo packages to suit all budgets.