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Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 8

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Governor's role in school

We are very, very lucky at Stockbridge to have a superb board of Governors who support and challenge the school in equal measure. Each Governor brings a different skill set but as one body, they are hugely effective.

We have:

- 2 staff Governors (myself & Mrs Natt),
- 6 Governors from the community
- 4 Governors who are parents (only 2 of these are in official 'parent governor' positions)

We have no available posts.

I write this because I think the role of Governor is hugely underrated and unknown to our parent community but they are so fundamental to what we do in school day to day.

Each Governor uses their skill set to enhance, monitor and challenge both myself and Miss T as Senior Leaders but also the teachers in their role of Subject Leaders, the admin team as they oversee the statutory financial, personnel and safeguarding functions of the school through monitoring and checks.

Each half term, they come into school and meet with children, staff and look through documentation to ensure the school is performing at its very best.

They have been in school over the last few weeks and have been talking to children and staff and monitoring the progress of our school development plan that sets the priorities for the year ahead. My challenge to them is always 'how can you believe what I tell you' and only by being in school and talking and looking can they really answer this honestly.

Emma Jefferies

Watch out!

Dates are normally in this section but in this issue, we've dedicated the back page to all of the dates you'll need for December.

Please do be vigilant; we've been notified that there are several cases of threadworm at the moment. This annoying, itchy condition can be easily treated without having to see your GP. [More information is available here.](#)

Handwashing is critical to eradicate threadworm and we are constantly sending children back to the toilets to wash hands!

Clatford parents....the school nurses have kindly agreed to come early and vaccinate Clatford class for flu at 8.30AM ON TUESDAY before they leave for Ufton Court

Please bring your child in for 8.30am that day

We're celebrating *National Breakfast Day* on 2nd Dec.

Meat option: Sausage, bacon, hash brown & baked beans, omelette

Veggie option: veggie sausages, hash brown & baked beans, omelette

Cold weather clothing

The temperature has dropped this week and we do not want children to get cold – this isn't fun for anyone!

Shorts for general school are now out - trousers are in.

If children come to school in their shorts, we will be asking them to change into their jogging bottoms from their PE kit.

We are sending PE kits home today for them to be edited and replenished for Monday.

Please ensure PE kits contain:

- ☐ Dark shorts
- ☐ Dark jogging bottoms
- ☐ Red PE t-shirt
- ☐ Spare sweater or school red hoodie
- ☐ Spare socks
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Woollen hat

We are outside doing PE in all temperatures – it is an essential and statutory part of the curriculum for all

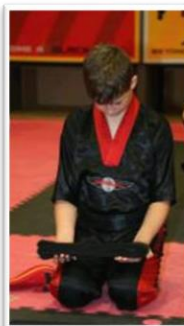
Sporting success!

It has been brilliant to be able to resume inter-school sports events this last fortnight with the girls' football tournament and the football festival, both held at Wallop this week.

Despite the chilly weather and lack of competition in the last two years, the children have outdone themselves and were placed second with silver medals and showed great team spirit, grit and determination – well done all of you!

Thanks to all staff who helped them practice at lunchtimes in the lead up too & cheered from the sidelines on the day!

Also, huge congratulations to Jack Witt in Year 6 for achieving his black belt in Korean Kickboxing and Taekwondo – no small feat for an 11 year old and look at his moves – A-MA-ZING!



REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Music in school

DAVID GUETTA

...is our musician of the week and this week we've been listening to Idina Menzel who is the singer of the famous 'Let it go' tune from Frozen and many musicals in the west end.

Each week we introduce these in assembly and listen to the singer as we enter and leave every day.

Years 3-6 are also singing with Mr Seymour every Tuesday to hone the skills they are practicing daily in readiness for our carol service.

Lower school and Sprat & Winkle are singing daily rehearsing for their nativity.

Years 5 & 6 have a special singing session with Mr Seymour on Fridays to be pitch perfect for their 'big gig' at the O2 in January – we can't wait!

Year 5 children are also learning the ukulele with Mrs Courcoux on Fridays – it's all go!

Kev continues to teach guitar and ukulele to small groups and Mr & Mrs Seymour teach piano – a third of the school are learning an instrument!

Christmas dates

The back page of this newsletter is CRITICAL! Please do be aware of the various Christmas events we have coming up before the end of term.

Next Friday is Christmas jumper day AND the Santa dash.

You are more than welcome to come along and support (or run!) with the children during the dash – we will be starting at 2pm with pre-school and then running in our family groups so that the older ones can encourage the younger ones around and then have the space to run for themselves too.

Santa hats to all participants and medals too!

Other letters that should have come to you this week:

- Christmas trail around
- 12 days of Christmas – FOSS
- Owed breakfast club & dinner money letters
- Clatford reminders for the trip next week if you haven't returned your permission slip.

REDBRIDGE Years 1&2

By Italia & Laurence

Today we've been doing three spicy challenges in maths. Our maths problems get harder, the spicier we go – we can do a 1 chilli challenge, a 2 chilli challenge or a 3 chilli challenge – the 3 chilli one is tricky! We've been using number lines up to 50 and I'm learning how to do 'hops' along the number line to add numbers onto the number we start with. We love a challenge!

We wrote a story all about the toys in space – just like Mini Grey in her book – our toys were captured by the Hootopize – he was crying because he'd lost Cuddles, his toy so he took ours. Luckily, the Wonderdoll found Cuddles so we could have our toys back!

HORSEBRIDGE Years 2&3

By Logan & Troy

This week we've become Historians! We have been learning about olden toys after our visit to Milestones Museum. We learned that sometimes toys from long ago were mostly metal and some of them were plastic but only as it's gets nearer to our age. We had to ask our nannies and grandads about their favourite toys. My nanny's favourite toy was 'tiny tears' (Logan) and I asked my Dad (Troy) – his favourite toy was action man! We prefer making dens and using torches all playing outside.



SPRAT & WINKLE

By Charlotte & Noah

Yesterday, we went to forest school and lit a fire (we had some marshmallows but don't tell anyone!!). We've been learning about the fire triangle and what a fire needs to keep going. On the fire triangle, there's air, something to burn (wood) and light. We've been watching videos about super wild fires in Australia – they're frightening. The wind was blowing it!



MOTTISFONT Years 4&5

By Abbeygail & Poppy

We've been learning about the history of the Anglo Saxons and some little bits about the Vikings too.

Yesterday we became Vikings ourselves and we looked at how they would have lit their fires, made products and created their homes. We used flint and steel to light fires, carders to pull apart, smooth and comb animal hair which could be woven to create clothing and bed covers. We also had chance to become Vikings, go on a longboat journey and plunder lands. They would have taken goblets, glasses, silk robes and much more. From England, they took animal fur which helped keep them warm. We got to fight to the death with swords and axes!

CLATFORD Years 5&6

By William & Jack

We've spent a lot of time this week on learning about History; specifically Anglo Saxons and rewriting tales from Saxon times such as Beowulf which was a very popular tale. Beowulf is a warrior from Norway to find a beast called Brendle which is terrorizing a kingdom and haunting Mead Hall. Beowulf heroically fought off the bloodhound and ripped off his arm with his bare hands! No sword was able to get through his impenetrable hide. We've been building our knowledge about the Anglo Saxons and considering how they used to live – we're building knowledge so that we can answer fully the 'big question of the term' – Is what's mine, yours? We'll wait & see.

Christmas at Stockbridge Primary

Date	Activity	Extra information
Thurs 2 nd Dec	Year R, 1 & 2 children will begin their rehearsals in the Church.	Parents you have previously given permission for this in forms you filled in but we will be going down to Church for rehearsals each day until we perform the nativity on the 10 th – if you have any concerns about this, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance.
Fri 3 rd Dec	Xmas jumper day – all to come in festive fashion! 2pm – Santa Dash – trainers must be in school.	Please do look outside the immediate family for sponsorship – we know budgets are tight at this time of year.
Sat 4 th Dec	Christmas tree sale @ St Peter's Church	If you have pre-ordered your tree, please collect it from 9am at the Church. If you didn't pre-order but now want a tree, please get there early!
Mon 6 th Dec	12 Days of Christmas begins 3.15pm: Carols around the tree – all welcome	Will be drawn daily and posted on our school facebook page Our annual 'switch on' of the Christmas tree lights outside school with a round of singing, mince pies and mulled wine from FOSS.
Tues 7 th Dec	4pm: Year 1 & 2 team represent the school at Kurling – a traditional winter sport.	Team TBC
Wed 8 th Dec	Year 2 children taking the phonics check	This will be administered in school.
Thurs 9 th Dec	Year 2 children taking the phonics check	
Fri 10 th Dec	9am; Mottisfont sharing assembly – parents welcome 2pm: Nativity in Church 6pm: Nativity in Church Last day for clubs this year.	See below for ticket info for nativity – this will be STRICTLY ADHERED TO.
Mon 13 th Dec	6pm: Years 3-6 Carol Concert in church	See below for ticket info for nativity – this will be STRICTLY ADHERED TO.
Tues 14 th Dec	Xmas lunch in family groups	Orders for this lunch have closed.
Thurs 16 th Dec	Pre-School Christmas party	See Pre-School post for further information
Fri 17 th Dec	Pre-School closed All children and staff at Pantomime School closes at 1pm – please be prompt for pick up.	
Tues 4 th Jan	INSET day – no children in	
Wed 5 th Jan	First day back at school – our whole school topic is Antarctica this term.	

COVID controls at Nativity and Carol concert

This close to Christmas, we want to undertake usual events but do so as safely as possible. We are therefore:

- Ticketing both the 2pm & 6pm Nativity performances and the 6pm Carol Service
- Limiting tickets to 2 per family – where possible, please leave siblings with a family member or babysitter. The tickets apply to adults over 18 only.
- Asking all audience members to wear masks.
- As an added precaution, can we ask you please to think of all of our community and at least LFT test that morning before attending. We realise these aren't 100% accurate but should filter at least some +ve results