



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 13

17 December 2021

Merry Christmas!

Thank you so much for your unwavering support in the last few months. It's been fantastic to have a whole term which has felt almost back to 'normal'.

Children have made huge strides in their learning; this term is the first term we've tested them and compared it to their actual year group objectives since just before the pandemic. They are largely where they would have been had there been no pandemic – we are hugely proud of this achievement.

We have much to look forwards to in the new year and I'm excited to get going again.

Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, I hope you all manage to see loved ones and catch up properly.

Festive wishes,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Our plans for January

We hope that you all have a super Christmas and are able to see family members you may not have properly caught up with throughout the year or mixed with last Christmas. Knowing that people are likely to be meeting with others, we are planning the following from our return on Jan 5th through to Friday 14th January to give time for isolations and COVID to sort itself out after Christmas!

We will bubble again in the following groups:

Pre-School – will enter and exit as they are currently doing.

Sprat & Winkle – will enter and exit through sliding door opposite the White Hart gate and have playtimes in the Early Years area.

Lower School (Redbridge & Horsebridge) – will bubble together and enter and exit using the back classroom doors

Upper School (Mottisfont & Clatford) – will bubble together and enter and exit using the main school entrance.

The playground will go back to being split for upper and lower school playtimes and at the start of day.

Adults on site will all be mask wearing – please could parents do the same whenever on school site or when dropping off and picking up.

Please drop off at the gate and go on a morning and, after school, until 14th January, please don't linger and play on the playground or field after school.

Please let me know if you have any +ve household cases in the next 10 days – e.jefferies@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

FOSS – thanks & an update

Massive thanks to you all for either driving forward events or enabling your child to take part in them in the last 4 months. We've raised a huge amount of money and FOSS have written a newsletter (attached) so that you can be as up to date as possible with their efforts.

Well done team!

Thanks also to our musical parents; Miriam, Patrick & Alex for our carols around the tree. What a lovely get together.

New Year R in September?

The deadline for registering for a school place here in September 2022 is fast approaching (15th January).

At the moment, we are still looking like we have a few spaces so please, if you know of or are wanting to sign your child to start school with us in September, do get registered:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR>

Any old maps?

Upper school would very gratefully receive any old paper maps that you may have and not need any more. Please hand them to Mrs Natt or Miss Caws in January – it's for the children's art work.



COVID over the holidays

Staff will continue testing on their twice weekly schedule over the holidays.

Please let Mrs Jefferies know of any +ve COVID cases that occur in children or parents over the holidays so that she can quickly aid track and trace if asked. e.jefferies@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

I realise that the rules around isolation are changing this weekend. Please check the most up to date guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If you are travelling abroad over the holidays, please ensure you know the most up to date guidance on how to safely return to the UK. It can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>

If you have any queries about returning to school in January because of a COVID situation at home, please contact Mrs Jefferies BEFORE Wed 5th January.



Diary Dates for w/b 03.01.21

Date	Who does it apply to?	Notes
Mon 3 rd January 2022	All	New Year's Day bank holiday Applies to all of us! Yay!
Tues 4 th	All	INSET Day No school or pre-school for children – all staff will be on training Please let us know if you or anyone in your household is positive for COVID so that we can make a note of this and confirm any actions/set up home learning.
Wed 5 th	All	Return to school Please make sure your child has: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full school uniform – no shorts at this time of year please!• PE kit• Water bottle School bell will be rung at 8.47am so that learning can begin at 8.50am. All latecomers after this time will need to sign in please.
Thurs 6 th		
Fri 7 th	Years 4-6	Antarctica Visitor coming into school All COVID rules will be adhered to in order to protect all concerned.

Next week:

- Tuesday 11th – Parent Information session – all online at 9.30am and again at 7pm – find out what your child will be learning this term
- Thursday 13th – Mottisfont sharing assembly 9am