



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 15

21 January 2022

### Back in class

In the last few weeks, a few of our team have been hit with COVID and general illnesses and it's in these times that you see whether a team comes together or not.

I am so proud of our staff and want to say a huge thankyou for all they've done to make what would otherwise be a tricky time go smoothly so that children are kept at the heart of all we do and school can continue as much as normal as possible. From cleaning toilets, mopping floors, working in settings or classes they don't normally work with and everything in between, the team have been simply amazing!

I have also had much cause to be very proud of our children since returning in January. They have shown great manners by holding doors, working with peripatetic staff and volunteers who are not usually part of school life and meeting visitors who've come to share their experiences and which add to the children's learning.

In addition, there are huge efforts being put in by almost all to make steps forward in their learning. There is a definite sense of purpose and effort as you walk the corridors and pop your heads into each classroom.

Brook, in Year R, was the very first person in school this academic year to reach her silver award. We celebrated this huge achievement in assembly this morning and I've no doubt we will have many children to follow in the coming weeks. Well done Brook!



Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher



### Allergies in school

We have a number of children with allergies in school to:

- Chocolate
- Tomatoes
- Strawberries
- Raspberries
- Coconut
- Peanuts
- Walnuts
- Pistachios
- Sesame
- Raw milk
- Raw egg

Whilst most of these are allergens only through ingestion, **chocolate, tomatoes & peanuts** on people's breath after they've eaten them can cause some of our children to have an anaphylactic shock.

Please DO NOT send in these things in lunchboxes or for snack. Snack time is a particularly tricky time as children eat snack whilst at playtime when they are roaming the playground.

Thanks for your help on this one. We know it may prove a challenge finding things for lunchboxes and snacks but fruit or veg are always good items to send.

# Traffic and parking update

Last night, Governors, parents & Old London Road residents joined me at the Parish Council meeting to represent the school & our neighbours during the public questions/comments section in order to, yet again, raise the issues of safety on the way to school with the focus being on making Old London Road a one way road.

The Council have secured a £95k grant from Test Valley Borough Council for works to be done but had to find £10.5k to undertake a HCC feasibility study who will explore and propose measures to make Old London Road safer.

The meeting last night was to secure the funding for this feasibility study and I am delighted that the Parish Council voted in favour of this. It does NOT mean a one way street is agreed but it is one step closer to there being a solution. There were others at the meeting who have lived here & been involved with the school for over 30 years and they said they were talking about it even then!!

I also had a very productive meeting with our new Hampshire County Councillor, David Drew, yesterday who has promised to follow up on the other safety measures which were promised pre-COVID.

# The learning pit

In assemblies this term, we are continuing our discovery about the learning pit – if you talk to your child about it, they should be able to explain that the pit is the place you can end up when learning is tricky or when you're learning something new.

Before Christmas, we talked about how it can be exciting to learn something new but you can feel overwhelmed and like it's too hard.

We learnt about how to start getting out of the pit by using all our collaboration skills. We are now focusing being resourceful and how this will help us get out of the pit.

We can be resourceful by:

- Using what we already know
- Picturing it in your head
- Using physical resources around you
- Looking for patterns and links

## REGULAR



## UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

## Music in school

After speaking with Kev this week, we would like to **postpone** the Guitar concert for a few weeks so that children can master their new pieces alongside some of the more Christmassy tunes they had planned to play.

The new date will be  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at 9.15am**

### Other letters that should have come to you this week:

- Y5 & 6 parents: O2 change of date
- Cooking club: date change
- Volunteers: email with briefing dates
- Panto refund (deadline for details was Wed)

## Phonics

Children in our school learn to spell initially by learning phonics; this means teaching them that each of the 44 sound in the English language has a way of being written ( did you know there are over 120 ways to spell the 44 sounds from the 26 letters of the alphabet – no wonder it's confusing!!).

To help children make the correct sound and remember them, we teach them actions to go with the sounds. We use actions based on speech and language therapy called 'cued articulation'. It teaches children where the sound is produced in their mouth.

You might think this sounds strange but, in a recent test with some of our Year 3 & 4 children, every single child spelt 'think' incorrectly. They put 'f' instead of 'th'!! This error comes from incorrect speech.

To help parents, especially those with children in years R, 1 & 2 with the actions, we have published some videos of the sound and the action together. The videos are organized into the 'sets' that children learn in school, in the order they learn them.

You can check them out here:

[\*\*NEW PHONICS VIDEOS FOR PARENTS\*\*](#)



## Diary Dates for the next fortnight

Date	Who does it apply to?	Notes
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cooking club	<b>Club cancelled</b> Moved to next week – email sent to parents 20.01.22
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Guitar parents  Mottisfont & Clatford	<b>Concert postponed</b> Please put the new date of 9 <sup>th</sup> March @ 9.15am in your diaries  <b>Antarctica hook</b> Meeting 'Shackleton' virtually; getting into role in lesson time.
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Redbridge & Horsebridge	<b>Gilbert White trip</b> Please see newsletter for clothing & what to take.  Mrs Revelle-Scully's last day in the office
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	All	<b>No Mrs Spayes in the office</b>
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>		
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb		
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole school	<b>9.15am – Church assembly</b> Permission has already been given by you for walks within the local area.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>		

## In other news...

### Gilbert White trip

Getting school trips going again was a real bonus of last term and we're pleased that Redbridge and Horsebridge will be going to Gilbert White's House next week.

Please send your child to school with:

- o A packed lunch (if you haven't ordered a school one) **PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THE ALLERGY GUIDANCE ON P.1 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**
- o A water bottle – preferably 2 drinks including 1 for lunch
- o Their school jumper on
- o Non-uniform; this is so you can layer them up to be warm. At least 3 layers on the top and thick socks!
- o Hat
- o Gloves
- o Scarf

### Parent teacher consultations

We will be holding our mid-year parent teacher consultations after half term as follows:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – face to face (day)**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – virtual (evening)**

Please book a consultation via this link from 4pm today. ALL consultations will need to be booked online, even the face to face ones.

**Book at:**

<https://stockbridge.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

A helpsheet is attached to this newsletter by way of a reminder of what to do to log onto this system.

### Farewell

We want to wish Mrs Revelle-Scully all the very best for her new adventures and say a huge thank you for her efficiency and skills in the office. She's kept the website up to date, seen us through COVID safely by checking visitor testing and tracing, managed dinners, sorted money, booked parent's evenings, notified you of clubs and organised waiting lists and so much more.

Her last day with us will be next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan.

THANKYOU MRS R-S!