



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 25

16 May 2022

### Better late than never!

This week's newsletter (well, last week's newsletter) comes on a Tuesday instead of last Friday as we were in the middle of recruiting 2 new teachers for September and I am delighted to tell you that we have found 2 brilliant new members of teaching staff to join our team.

We are just finalizing paperwork and security checks as well as liaising with their schools so that we release details all at the same time so over the next fortnight, I should be able to send you more information. Both candidates were superb and I went out to see each of our 9 long listed candidates teach too so I know what they're like in the classroom!

There is a lot of important information in this week's newsletter so please do read through it carefully and make a note of dates and events – a lot is happening this term!

Kind regards,  
Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

Longstock have sent us the attached flyer so that you can find out what's going on in our catchment villages too for the actual Jubilee weekend.



### Jubilee party

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon, we will be holding a school street party along Old London Road. The road will be closed off, bunting strung up, tables decorated and all manner of celebrations will occur. We are also inviting our Old London Road residents and some of the Parish Council too so it promises to be very exciting.

We've tried to ensure in our planning of the event, that it is reflecting the things children have been learning about in class relating to the Royal Family and the Queen's jubilee.

#### 12noon:

Pre-School will start us off by all being soldiers and singing 'The Grand Old Duke of York'

#### 12.05pm:

Whole school singing the National Anthem as 'the Queen', her ladies in waiting and footmen arrive and process along the street – obligatory flag waving too!

#### 12.15pm:

Lunch at our tables on the street! **ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BRING A PACKED PARTY LUNCH OF THEIR OWN**

#### 12.45/12.50pm:

Games and dancing including the maypole, our country dances and games that the children have learned about from previous street parties they've been researching.

#### 2pm:

Cake & treats – children have been designing their own versions of classics in DT. Year R, 1, 2 & 3 have been designing their own flavours and decorations of fairy cakes. Year 4 are making their own flavor crumbles. Year 5 are making fruit tarts. Year 6 are more ambitious still and making their own flavor quiches.

#### 2.15pm:

Children presented with a commemorative cup from the Parish Council. End of street party, children return to school, adults clear up!

#### 2.45pm:

Old London Road reopens ready for the end of the day

*Please note: all cars will be dispersed from our stretch of OLR on that day – please don't park there and wander off shopping!*

All children are invited to wear red, white and blue party clothes on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May for our street party. They may also have face paint Union Jack flags on their cheeks.

# Attendance

I rarely write about attendance to the whole school, preferring to speak to you individually or write to specific families however, today in my post folder, there were 8 holiday request forms for a total of 12 children to be away.

Our attendance to date is the lowest it's ever been with just 90% of children in school today and over 25% of children being 'persistently absent'. This means those children have missed more than 10% of their school year this year (equivalent to a day off a week every week so far).

Just a reminder, holidays and time off will only be granted in exceptional circumstances – affordability, availability or someone booking a holiday on your behalf does not, I'm afraid, constitute exceptional!

# Vaccinations

Healthy 5-11 year olds are now being offered vaccinations for COVID-19 from vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres.

The DfE have asked schools to pass on where you can book a vaccination or where to find a walk-in centre where you don't have to have an appointment.

Parents should have also received a letter from the NHS with more information about how to get their child vaccinated.

[Book a vaccination here](#)

Find your [nearest walk-in centre here](#).

## REGULAR UPDATES



Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

## Scarlet Fever

We have been notified by Hampshire Public Health that they are seeing an increase in Scarlet Fever and chickenpox cases across the County.

### Signs & symptoms

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS).

The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

### Infection control

Prompt treatment with antibiotics is recommended to limit the spread and reduce the risk of possible complications. Infection is spread through direct physical contact between people but also on surfaces eg. Tables, taps, toys

Children and adults suffering with scarlet fever should be excluded from the setting for 24hrs after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment.

Scarlet fever is using a mild illness however, affected children can develop complications especially when they or others they meet have chickenpox.

**Please be vigilant and, if in doubt, seek medical advice and get antibiotic treatment.**

## Dates for your diary

MAY		
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Year R to Windsor Castle
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Y5 & 6 to O2 for Young Voices
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Jubilee Street party
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Y5 & 6 girls to 'Girls on track' day, Thruxton
MAY HALF TERM		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45am	Back to school
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Church assembly
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm	Reports out to parents
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Am pm	KS1 athletics competition KS2 athletics competition
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All day	Y4 & 5 at Hampshire Games
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Y3 @ Dance festival
JULY		
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pm	Sponsored skipathon
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Am	Car boot sale @ school
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Church assembly
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Y3 Camp out on school field
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	All week	Swimming at Farleigh Year 4
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm & 6pm	Summer play Upper School
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Y2 Tri-Golf tournament
	All day	Y6 leavers day out TBC
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Sports Day
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm	Summer sizzler
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	11am 1pm	Leaver's assembly End of term for all children

We return to school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

Our INSET days have been agreed as:

- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022
- 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- We have one more left to confirm.



## THANKYOU!

Massive thanks to all those volunteers who took part in book week with our children last week. From a slow start, we ended up being inundated with volunteers who brought in props, presents and all kinds of books from chapter books to picture books, non-fiction for children and some for adults and we all really enjoyed listening to them reading to the children of all ages.

Thanks also to all who brought in books for the book exchange. Every child managed to go home with a new book to share and read and all for free too!

The book fair from P&G Wells was a success and we will have credit to spend with them for some books for our library later on in the term.



## Big Sew Off

Last Thursday we acted as the Hampshire hub for @sewoveritlondon's 'Big Sew Off' to raise money for the mental health charity MIND. Aly Warner from Bobbin's sewing school on Stockbridge High Street brought multiple sewing machines and children from Mottisfont helped me to sew 50m of bunting read for our Jubilee party. We raised £140 just by selling teas, coffees and cakes!! This was our first ever event of this kind and we'll be running it again in the autumn term hopefully – now we know it works, we can draft more people in.



### Year 3 camp out

There is a meeting at school for all Y3 parents about the campout, organization and costing at 3pm on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Year 5 trip to Calshot in September

All current Year 4 parents are invited to a meeting about the upcoming Calshot residential and other Year 5 matters at 3pm (face to face) or 7pm (virtually) on Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Year 6 trip to Wales in September

All current Year 5 parents are invited to a meeting about the Brecon Beacons trip on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 3pm (face to face) or 7pm (virtually)



## The last word (for this week!)

I cannot end this week's newsletter without a last word to this magnificent bunch of Year 6s who undertook their SATs tests last week with calmness and determination to show all that they know. They blew our socks off!

Every test was invigilated by a team of 3 governors and, to top it all off, we were monitored by Hampshire County Council in their 10% of schools selection to check that the process had been administered correctly.

Massive well done to all the teachers who have played a part in the children's journey thus far and to Miss Caws and the lately departed Mrs Burnand who have worked tirelessly to catch up from COVID. Thank you!