



The search is on!

We are in the throes of recruitment for our teacher posts ready for September and I've been out and about across Hampshire and today off to Suffolk to observe applicants teaching in their own schools. This was our typical practice prior to COVID and it's great to go and see different schools and different teachers. Our search for our next Stockbridge superstar teachers is most definitely on!

There is a lot of exciting events on this term – SATs, Bikeability, Young Voices, Sports events getting back on track and much much more. It feels great to be getting back to the school that we had prior to COVID. It's also really lovely to have the gathering of parents on the playground – thanks for trusting in us.

Kind regards,
Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Other comms this week

- Year 6 last term letter to Year 6 parents with bikeability reminder
- Young Voices letter to Year 5/6 parents
- Book week letter for all
- S&W had a letter about their trip to Windsor Castle

Book week reminders!

Thanks to those who have signed up to read – I'll confirm by email on Friday evening – there's still time to sign up if you haven't yet.

Please don't forget your book exchange books – root around this weekend and wrap up ones your children are done with, we need 168!

Church and community

It's been great to resume our monthly assemblies in the Church at St Peter's on the High Street. We have been learning about Easter and its meaning to Christians and this week, we learnt about the significance of the stained glass windows in telling stories from the bible. Last month, Rev. Phil and Mr Melville talked to us about Jesus as a superhero. It's good to broaden the children's idea of community and know more people in their locality.



Singing success

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic afternoon last week thanks to Farleigh School's music department. Organised by the singing lead, Mrs Henderson, our Year 5s joined Farleigh and Vigo children to learn some new songs and make some new friends too. Although initially reluctant to sing with others, they all came back beaming having enjoyed the collaborative event. Huge thanks to Farleigh and Mrs Holdich and Mrs Hughes who both got stuck in too!



A polite plea

I take it as the biggest compliment that families want to stay and play after school in comfortable surroundings and don't want to lose this special element of our week however, I am concerned about the behavior and safety of our children.

Please ensure you supervise your child/ren on the field or trim trail. During the day, we supervise them closely because we are aware of the risks but their behaviour and safety after school does not meet the standards we expect and therefore I am concerned that they are at risk of injury and more.

Children playing on the field or trim trail should be supervised by their adult please at all times.

This week I had to speak to a child who had climbed up and over the top of the climbing frame part of our trim trail – this has NEVER been allowed during school time. I will be speaking to all children each day next week to remind them of our expectations of their behavior – I am sure they will rise to this.

Thanks for your support!

FANTASTIC FOSS!



What a fantastic and busy Easter period it has been for all things FOSS! We hope you all enjoyed the Easter gift from FOSS before the break and so many of you completed the Easter Trail during the holidays. We had 45 entries to be precise across all age groups in school and from the local community. **Our winners were;** *Bee Horder and Maisy Thompson, with the following runners up; Thomas Brown, Charlie Griffiths, Bea Bagnall, Charlotte McCombe and Abigail Craggs.* **Well done to all of you who entered!!!**

The **Spring disco** was a spectacular success with over 75 of you attending, raising £435. This event absolutely could not have gone ahead without the amazing volunteers who stepped forward to help out, so a big THANK YOU to the fantastic event team of; James Griffiths; Maddie Marple; Caro Holiday; Rachael McMaster; Summer Windebank; Rich Harding; Kat Brown; Stella; Ella Yeates; Kate White; Manf; Sophie Lyne; Kate Johnson; Kathryn Campling; Kate Scragg and all the staff who gave their time after school



This event saw some superb dance moves in the hall - we definitely have some talent within Stockbridge!! There were some new games launched as well which the children enjoyed; Spotty Dotty with Eden Phillips, Henry McCombe and Maxi Hayward picking winning numbered dots! We also had two eagle eyed students with Sam Scragg and Joe Battey guessing the number of sweets in the jars!

Our **Friday Pop Up Cafe** made an amazing £101.75 from the Year 5 Friday before the Easter break - a RECORD taking! Last week saw Year 4 running with some incredible treats on offer, taking a very respectable £59.25! Every week sees another year group support it by running the stall and providing the treats. If you are able to give an hour after school to help man the stall, please do let your class rep know, and if you are a star baker, or just a baker...please do not hold back with donating treats!

Looking to the future we have some exciting events on the horizon...Jubilee celebrations, launch of second hand school uniform shop, story writing competition, family fitness session, wildlife photography, quiz night, summer sizzler.....keep an eye out for notices nearer the time!

A huge thank you from FOSS to each and every one of you who has shown support so far this year, but a special mention to one volunteer who is always happy to help in whatever way she can, whether it be baking cakes, manning stalls or setting up/breaking down events.....MADDIE MARPLE!! Thanks!

