



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 29

24 June 2022

All change!

It's been a very quiet response to the letter last week around staff changes – we had a Full Governing Body meeting on Monday and there was great surprise at how quiet it's all been! We're delighted to welcome Mr Taylor to school today. He'll be with me on the gate at the beginning of the day and we'll be around at the end of school too. He'll meet all of next year's Year 6 today in small groups and then all of Year 5 as we haven't yet finalized class splits for next year.

You'll have noticed the new play equipment going up on the field area. It's so lovely to have something good to look at rather than the tired dilapidated adventure playground and the buzz of excitement amongst the children about it is infectious!

We have more works to go this term. We'll be emptying the sheds on the field in the next couple of days too to make way for new ones with roofs that don't leak! We are also having the beautiful but broken hurdle fencing replaced along the field path so that our Kingfisher children in pre-school can play safely in the meadow area.

Sawscapes, the company who have been erecting the new playground equipment will be back later in the year to revamp the Early Years area and we are launching an exciting consultation today about developing this area further to include a space for baby and toddler groups and hopefully, holidays clubs for the children also. More on p.2 of the newsletter.

We have been really impressed by the quality of the work by Sawscapes and their willingness to engage with the children and involve them at each stage.

There are still 4 weeks left of the term and an awful lot to do in that time so the newsletters are an important read as we get closer to the holidays.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,
Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

MAY HALF TERM		
Fri – Sun 24 th – 26 th		Flower festival in the Church with children's work displayed
Mon 27 th	6pm	Test Valley School Parent info evening for Y6 parents going onto Y7
Tues 28 th	All day	Lower School at Hurst Castle
Wed 29 th	9.30am	Guitar & Piano concert
JULY		
Fri 1 st	Pm	Sponsored skipathon
Sat 2 nd	Am	Car boot sale @ school
Wed 6 th	Pm	Year 3 @ Commonwealth games event
Thurs 7 th	9am 4pm	Church assembly Rounders tournament @ Broughton
Fri 8 th	6pm	Y3 Camp out on school field
Mon 11 th	All week	Swimming at Farleigh Year 4
Wed 13 th	2pm & 6pm	**CHANGE OF DATE** Summer play Upper School
Thurs 14 th	2.30pm 4pm	Parents welcome to look at books Tri-Golf tournament @ Broughton
Fri 15 th	All day	Y6 leavers day out TBC
Mon 18 th	9am	Sports Day
Wed 20 th	3.15pm	Summer sizzler
Thurs 21 st	11am 1pm	Leaver's assembly End of term for all children

LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term is Thursday 21st July.

You are welcome to come and join us for a picnic lunch from 12noon – 1pm after the leaver's service. We will be closing at 1pm on that day for all children.

THERE WILL BE NO HOT DINNERS THAT DAY

Classes for September

We have had many requests through the office to find out what classes your child/ren will be in from September if they are going into Year 2 or Year 5.

We will announce these in a letter to you on Monday 18th July which will be issued before the end of the school day.

Transition sessions for children into their new classes will be on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th July from 2pm each day.

2022-23 RESIDENTIALS

We had a really great turnout to this week's briefings for Calshot and Brecon with next year's Year 5 & 6 parents.

If you couldn't make it but would like to ask some questions or hear more about either event, please speak to or email Mrs Jefferies who led both briefings.

Zig Zags

Parking or stopping on zig zags anywhere is ILLEGAL.

This week I have witnessed traffic jams of up to 6 cars, a narrow miss accident and literally countless cars stopping on zig zags to drop children off.

Every time you stop on zig zags, you are putting our children at risk. I would rather children be late to school than you stop on the zig zags to drop them off as it puts all pedestrians at risk and creates annoyances for other drivers.

Zig zags are marked on roads to keep entrances to schools and other important areas CLEAR OF TRAFFIC, not to indicate a drop off zone. Because of our location, we cannot provide a drop off zone unfortunately (this is something we've explored with HCC) so please park up and walk in.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Consultation

We have a huge space at the back of our building and, on chatting with parents over the last year, they've reported challenges in finding adequate baby and toddler groups in our local area. We feel that there's a huge need for this and would like to apply for a grant to help us create a space for this. As Stockbridge is the central village in the Mid-Test area and we used to have the Children's Centre on site, we would like to create an enclosed, warm, functional but very special space to hold classes with direct access onto the new safe surface in the Early Years area for babies and toddlers to play and mum and dads to mingle.

We need your help!

Even if you don't have little ones anymore, please could you take some time to complete the [survey linked here](#). If you have babies or toddlers or pre-schoolers, please complete it too – we need as many responses as possible. Any statements of support would also strengthen our grant application please.



SPORT

10 intrepid Year 4 & 5 children headed off to Winchester's new leisure centre on Thursday this week to represent our school in the Hampshire Games festival.

This festival is to encourage children into sport by showing them a range of activities that are usually outside the scope of school PE so they engaged with squash (couldn't believe that the walls kept moving!), orienteering, swimming (we can't do enough of this to build water confidence) and much more.

Max & Alfie L said "We had to be really collaborative and learnt lots of new strategies for the games we played that we'd never played. Squash was kind of hard at the start as we hadn't played it before but we were resilient and it was easier by the end.

We played water polo in swimming and the water was so warm, like a hot tub! It wasn't that deep so even if you couldn't swim, it felt safe. In the water we played lots of little games that lasted 5 minutes.

At the end of the day we also got to play on a surfboard and a bucking bronco! None of us fell off!

We'd recommend this Winchester leisure centre and this activity to everyone as you learn lots of new fun games!"

Flower festival this weekend

St Peter's church are holding their annual flower festival this weekend with the theme of 'Happy and Glorious' linked to the Queen's Jubilee. The displays are really stunning and we have contributed our own to this event with the children's Commonwealth flags hanging proudly and some of the art work from their sketch books displayed too.

Do visit if you can.



We had to test them out!

Safety inspection next week and children allowed on equipment after this.





**Touch Typing
Summer Course
Dates 2022**

ONLINE
One Week Intensive Course
9am-11am August 8th -12th £210
Booking link:
<https://form.jotform.com/220461047333345>

FLEXI
3 Week Course Over the Summer
Learn to type at a time that suits you!
18th July - 5th August or 1st - 19th August
Individualised 3 week typing plan monitored
by 2 Qualified Teachers. £195
Booking link:
<https://form.jotform.com/220125513434342>
www.qwertykids.org touchtype@qwertykids.org

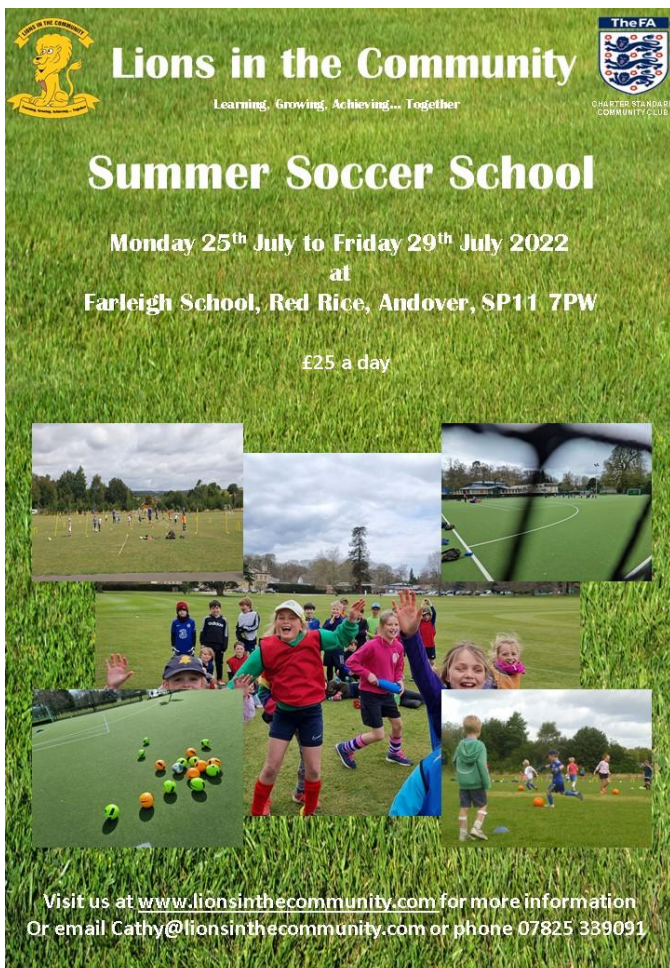
ROAD SAFETY

Road accidents are the single biggest cause of accidental death in 12-16 year old children. Most of these happen on the way to and from school as they listen to music or chat with friends.

Surely we can avoid our children becoming victims of this?

Attached is an information leaflet for parents to share with their children on road safety issues and, although it's designed for Year 6 parents with children transitioning to Year 7 where they may walk to school on their own or in groups, it's useful advice for all parents so we're sending it to you all.

We do teach road safety will all children and even pre-school are learning about it this week and next but it's always useful to reinforce at home in your local context.



Lions in the Community
Learning, Growing, Achieving... Together

Summer Soccer School

Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July 2022
at
Farleigh School, Red Rice, Andover, SP11 7PW

£25 a day

Visit us at www.lionsinthecommunity.com for more information
Or email Cathy@lionsinthecommunity.com or phone 07825 339091

FOSS EVENTS

FOSS meeting this
Wednesday 29th June
@ 8pm

Please do come along, there's lots to talk about and to celebrate seeing as FOSS have funded the new adventure playground!

We've got summer sizzler to chat about!