



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### Happy holidays!

This half term seems to have vanished rather rapidly and we've only got 7 weeks of school left after half term until the main summer holidays, I bet that will go by in a flash too!

In assembly this morning we have a number of children who are very close to achieving their platinum award which will be the first cohort this year to reach the 100 success point milestone.

Even though they may be the relative few, the children have blown us away this half term with much improved learning behaviours and really getting their heads stuck into work. Year 6 had a great approach to their SATs and have maintained this ever since – fiver challenge will be coming your way after the holidays and they have serious plans afoot!

Year 2 have also completed all of their SATs and we've done it incrementally this week with great success. They've enjoyed showing off what they now know about their maths and reading skills and we've had lots of positive things to celebrate with them.

Year 1 will be tackling phonics check after half term and Year 4 will undertake their Multiplication Check so please ensure these groups are practicing their reading and TTRS so that they enter these check positively and with a lot of confidence.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this half term. Next up is a busy one with lots of opportunities for you to be in school – we look forward to seeing you!

Happy holidays to all!

Mrs Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

### Dementia 'Time for a Cuppa'

When something hits your community, how you respond is really the marker of what you value and this week we had just the BEST afternoon hosting grandparents and family members for the Dementia UK 'Time for a cuppa' afternoon.

We raised £252 and there was a brilliant buzz throughout the school as visitors and children consumed more cake and scones than we thought humanely possible and shared children's work and their classroom with people who wouldn't normally have the chance to come into school.



Mrs Spayes lost her father earlier this year and from her experience, we wouldn't wish this awful disease on anyone's family but so little is known about possible cures that charitable events like this all help to contribute to more research.

We shared a beautiful book called 'I remember' with the children and it helped them to understand the challenges of dementia – we have it to borrow in school if you'd like to share it with them at home.



### STOCKBRIDGE SAVERS

Anyone can access the Community Pantry and we're beautifully placed here in Stockbridge to access either the pantry in Romsey or the one in Andover.

The Community Pantry is like a mini supermarket and is here to give those in need the opportunity to have a helping hand by getting more food for less money. It is NOT a foodbank. You pay a small membership fee and a certain price for a bag of shopping and then choose your food as you would in Tesco or Aldi or wherever. There's fresh, frozen and dry goods.

Andover's pantry is open Mon, Tues, Fri 9.30am – 12noon and Wed 4-6pm.

Romsey's pantry is open Mon & Fri 9.30am – 12noon and Wed 4-6pm.

## SPORT

We've had a great week trying hard to reach our marathon totals for the sponsored event. Children have been running around the field (with the odd walking lap!) to make a marathon happen in each class.



Congratulations to Stanley who achieved a silver medal in the Sussex Open last weekend. The Hams boys are also going great guns in their motocross riding with potential championship entries next academic year.

## MUSIC

Huge congratulations to Joshua White who has been a musical superstar and achieved his Grade 3 in Saxophone recently. This is a tricky instrument to play and Joshua also plays many other instruments so practice is long and intense! He's promised us a performance at the guitar and piano concert in the summer term so I'm sure we'll be wowed!



We have really loved learning about Evelyn Glennie this term as our musician of the term and the children all ask to watch her perform when they enter and leave assemblies. This week, instead of listening to her musical pieces, we listed to her speak about how she feels the vibrations to enable her to play and how we too can see and feel them. What an amazing skill!

# REGULAR



# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

## Behaviour series – episode #3

In our first parent forum, we have discussed how our behavior policy is evolving and parents felt it would be helpful to focus an aspect of our policy in the newsletter so that you as parents understand how things are working. At the most recent forum, we decided on a useful order so here goes....

### **Praise and consequences**

#### **Praise**

It's really important to us to maintain children's self-esteem and confidence and praise is a massive part of this. In school, we use the system of 'success points' to recognise when children have made exceptional effort, achieved something for the first time, made a leap forward in their comprehension or subject learning or gone above and beyond in their manners and care of others.

Children achieve:

25 success points = bronze award

50 success points = silver award

75 success points = gold award

100 success points = platinum

When they achieve 15 or 20 success points on their chart, they also add a 'square' on their family doors which leads to a family reward at the end of term for the family with the most squares.

In addition, children may have their work or learning behaviours recognized in assembly on the 'WOW' wall which has replaced the old star worker system. Each week in assembly, we flag up to the whole school community, children in each class who have achieved something remarkable. This may be individually or as a group and allows us to praise the learning and behaviours without embarrassing a child or making them feel uncomfortable about standing up in front of the whole assembly.

#### **Consequences**

Many of you will remember the days of the ladder – this is long gone! We wanted a system that was more tailored to individual children – those of you with multiple children will know that what works for one, won't always work for the other(s)!

Red and yellow cards are for lunchtimes and playtimes and were explained in part 2 of this series.

Other consequences are tailored to each child and what matters to them. What matters here is fairness and equality so we as staff, regularly 'benchmark' our consequences. We talk at staff meetings about what consequences have been used, for whom and how effective they were. We then all have a shared conversation about what could be done differently to better effect if there's a next time. This way, I can ensure we're all being fair and sharing similar expectations of children.

#### **Bullying**

Bullying is taken very seriously at school and, whilst it does occasionally happen, luckily, it's not very commonplace. Solutions are often long and improve things over time and we work with you as a family to unpick behavior and understand what's motivating it. If your child ever mentions behavior which you'd consider bullying, please speak to a member of staff immediately.

## In other news...

### Scooters & bikes

We have 2 amazing scooter and bike pods on our site and more and more of you are making use of them which is fantastic! Thank you all for your continued efforts for our WOW tracker. Badges will be coming home in the first week of next term for achievements this half term.

Please do make sure though that scooters, bikes and helmets are safely tucked into one of the designated spaces in the pods. You may wish to lock them on there. We have had a few incidents of people tripping over scooters and bikes which have been left lying around.

Thanks!

What's your child engaging with online?

Some of our concerns about safeguarding with children have been around their engagement with and discussion of in school, playing adult rated video games.

In our research to support you, we came across this brilliant resource, free for all parents:



You can enter your child's age and it will bring up family reviewed games relevant for their age with recommendations also on Youtube access and a great FAQ section giving helpful tips on setting up parental controls.

Artificial Intelligence has had a lot of airtime on the news recently and there's a [useful article here](#) all about helping children navigate the world of AI which will surely feature heavily in their lives in the future.

We really truly believe that online media and gaming can bring real benefits but only when used responsibly and whilst our e-safety learning helps children navigate this online world, it's the conversations and interactions they have whilst with you that will determine the success of it all.

### Age appropriateness

It has come to our attention in the last week or so that there are a number of things our children are engaging with presently which are designed for children and adults much older than them.

[Prime energy drinks](#)  
[Video games eg. Fortnite, GTA etc](#)  
[Whatsapp](#)

When your child engages with these things, it has a negative, knock-on impact to what they're doing and saying in school. Please click on the links above to find out more information about each of these areas that have reared their heads in the last fortnight.

### Sharing assemblies

You may have seen in last week's newsletter that we have moved from doing sharing assemblies to instead, choosing a day to invite you into the school to work with your child in class for the first 45 minutes of the day. We thought this would be a better way for you to truly see what your child has been up to in their learning as well as to see their classroom – a place they spend a lot of time but I realise you don't see very often.

This change came from parent forum feedback and ideas staff were already having about making this sharing more purposeful.

Opportunities to do this in the next half term are:

*Upper School & Sprat & Winkle*

**TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9AM – 9.45AM**

*Lower School*

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9AM – 9.45AM**

We are looking forward to seeing you in school!

# Diary Dates Spring term

These are diary dates for parents for the next fortnight until the next newsletter is out.

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates and will now be up to date as we've bravely moved to an online diary for all staff!

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
<b>Whitsun holiday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>			
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	All	All day	INSET – no school Deadline date for changing pre-school hours for September.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	08:50	Back to school for the last term
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	All Selected Yr6 & Yr5 Parent Forum	Am 10am-2pm	Class and whole school photos Cricket Tournament at Broughton Cricket Club
		6.30pm	Parent Forum meeting
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Group of children	9am Am	Church assembly Bookshop visit
w/b 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 All	All day From 2.30pm each day	Phonics check for Year 1 children TALENT SHOW WEEK
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Teams from LSch & USch	Am and pm	Teams attending Athletics day at King's Somborne playing field
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year R	All day	Trip to Bournemouth aquarium
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Upper school	All day	Lepe Beach trip
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	All	2pm	Father's Day shop run by FOSS
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Upper school & Sprat & Winkle	9am	Sharing morning – 45mins to come and be with your child alongside them and for them to share their learning with you. ALL INVITED!
	Year 6	2pm	Virtual road safety workshop in preparation for secondary school
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	SEN	All day	Mrs Whittington in school
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Team	4pm	Rounder tournament
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Lower School	All day 9am	Mrs Whittington in school Sharing morning – 45mins to come and be with your child alongside them and for them to share their learning with you. ALL INVITED!
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	All day	Trip to Roman Baths – on the train!
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	Overnight	Year 3 residential camp out on school field
<b>July 2023</b>			
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Year 5 parents	9am 7pm	Church assembly Brecon Beacons Y6 residential briefing for next year's Year 6
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	New Year R TBC	9am All day	Stay & Play #1 Dance festival at Test Valley School
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Early!	Car boot sale at school
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	3.15pm	Reports home
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Upper School All	2pm & 6pm	Summer performance show day!
		2.30pm – 4pm	Informal meeting for parents to come and look at children's work or talk to their child's class teacher after reports
w/b 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 All + new Year R	All week 2pm each day	Swimming at Farleigh Transition days with new teachers
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	Am	Sports Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6	11am	Leaver's assembly