



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Summer is finally here!

The sunshine is out and summer uniforms are in full swing thank goodness, it finally feels like the summer term is here for a while.

Term has started well and it's been great to have all children back in and learning this week. New topics this term are as follows:

Sprat & Winkle

I SEE SEASHELLS ON THE SEASHORE

We're all off to the beach to explore this week and that really kicks off our topic in Year R. We'll be exploring all things aquatic at the Oceanarium and also witnessing the power of the sea as well as the sounds it makes and how we feel when we're at the beach. We'll consider our 'big' question – "who does the world belong to?"

Lower School (Years 1-3)

ROMANS

After a healthy and active term last half term, we continue this one as we learn about the Romans and the legacy they left here in the United Kingdom. We'll practically explore their army, their lifestyle and consider the big question "Are the consequences always worth it?"

Upper School (Years 4-6)

SUMMER SEAS

With coastal geographic exploration at the heart of this topic, children will also engage with a heavy Science topic of reversible and irreversible changes, states of matter and the water cycle. Books read will focus on refugees and immigrants and our big question is 'is change always good?'

Mrs McClue will post on dojo this week the learning that we'll be focusing on in Relationships, Personal, Social and Health education so that you know some of the conversations that might get started at home!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Slip, Slap, Slop, Slide & Shade

Whilst we're welcoming the weather with open arms, it does mean that the sunshine brings with it some additional requirements to keep your children safe. We have been issued with a heatwave warning for today all the way through until Monday so please ensure now that the warmer weather seems here to stay that you;

Slip on a t-shirt

Slop on the sun cream (SPF30+)

Slap on a wide brimmed hat

Slide on sunglasses

Shade from the sun whenever possible

What that looks like in practical terms each day for school:

- Supply a sun hat every day for your child
- Suncream up before school
- Send suncream into school in a named bottle and preferably, inside a plastic bag in case of leaks
- Make sure they have a full water bottle each day – we can refill in school as many times as they like.

Children are only able to apply their own suncream and cannot share bottles between friends (between siblings is fine!). We can point out where they haven't rubbed it in well enough!!

We will use the willow structures and gazebos as shade and we will walk the daily mile instead of running it until the temperatures cool a little. We all need to stay safe in the sun.

INSET Days for 2023-24

Feedback from parents through Parent Forum has been that you'd like the INSET day dates for next year a lot earlier and here they are!

- INSET 1: Friday 1st September '23
- INSET 2: Monday 13th November '23
- INSET 3: Monday 19th February '24
- INSET 4: Monday 22nd July '24
- INSET 5: Tuesday 23rd July '24

These 'bookend' holidays to give you extra holiday days with the exception of the November day. May I take this opportunity to remind you that I am unable to authorise holidays outside of defined holiday dates. All of these dates will appear on our school online calendar from next week.

SPORT

I am so proud of our Year 5 & 6 cricket team this week who have won our cluster Cricket tournament and will be playing cricket on the hallowed 'Ageas Bowl' cricket ground on 21st June and representing our cluster of schools. They were commented on from other schools to their brilliant team work and collaboration. Well done!

At parent forum this week, people wanted to know how to let us know of your child's sporting achievements so that they can be added onto the newsletter – we'd love to celebrate all that your children are achieving.

Please email adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk with photos and details and we'll make sure it gets included.

MUSIC

This half term we're focusing on 'PITCH' and, get ready to boogie, our musicians of the term are:

THE JACKSON 5



We've also got our annual Talent Show' and have moved it back a week (to w/b 19th June) to allow a bit more time for rehearsals. We'll keep reminding the children about it but we'd love them to all have something to share. If they'd like to make a little video of something from home that they can't really bring into school, please just send it to the adminoffice email. It should be no more than 2mins long or we'll never get through them all!

REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Behaviour series – episode #4

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....

Expectations for different ages

Whilst we have a school behavior policy and clear values that we live by, we realise that children are all on a journey and they don't always get it right – do we ever always get it right as adults? Our new behavior policy this year is designed to accommodate this non-linear development and recognise that although we may be dealing with, for example, two 10 year olds, their understanding and maturity may not be at the same level as each other.

Power & Identity

This is a stage of THRIVE child development which is generally where children aged 3-7 years old 'sit'. Their skills and understanding will vary depending on age but typically, this is the stage where children;

- Can express their likes and preferences (as well as dislikes) in an age appropriate way
- Like sharing their own ideas with their peers and adults
- Are learning to express feelings in a way that's safe and healthy
- Have strong feelings and can link these to the sensations they feel in their body eg. hot when angry, having a headache when stressed
- Co-operate with others and seek out others for friendship and fun
- Learn that when you upset someone, you need to take responsibility for making amends

Skills & structure

The next stage on from Power & Identity, this is where children aged 7-11 years usually operate. At this stage children;

- Have a growing confidence in themselves and offer ideas and opinions
- Want to learn a special skill and are ready to engage in the structure, expectation and commitment that is part of this
- Know how to keep themselves safe and want to branch out from home
- Respond sensitively to others and like exploring and finding out about values and ideas held by themselves and others
- Recognise that what they believe in and how they behave are linked
- Manage the fallout if disagreeing with friends
- Beginning to recognise social rules within and outside of their own immediate context and why these differ

In other news...

Mobiles and technology

We have heard that, more than ever before, children in Years 5 & 6 are on Whatsapp groups and various other social media platforms. We would like to offer this session to parents of children in the upper school (Years 4-6) to share good practice on helping you and your child navigate social media.

We can help by doing the research for you on;

- how to safeguard your child on their phone
- How to deal with chat group issues
- What's legal and what's illegal
- Safe controls on phones

We will run this on
Monday 26th June at 7pm IN SCHOOL

School meals

Hampshire School Catering have put up their prices once again in response to rising wage and food costs and all school meals will be £3 per child, per day.

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2, they are still entitled to a free meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal programme however, you should be aware that it's not free to us at all! The school have to subsidise this cost by 61p per day per child as the Government do not fund us for £3 per child. This costs the school, at current rates, £5,382 a year.

We are currently investigating alternative meal providers and will report back in due course.

Holiday clubs

I know that many of you will be thinking forwards to the holidays and beginning to think about booking holiday clubs. We are still waiting to hear from Bigfoot Education about their holiday club, which they wanted to run from our school site however, we also know of others that are available and don't want you to miss out.

Some of them have flyers that are being sent home with this newsletter but please be aware, we do not endorse these directly and have not undertaken the safeguarding and health and safety checks for them which we would have done if they were being run by us on our site.

[Embley Rangers](#)

[Norman Court holiday club](#)

Barracuda

[Lions in the Community](#)

Calpol and Piriteze

You may remember signing a form to give permission for us to give your child Calpol or Piriteze in the event of an emergency. We are happy to do this as a one off if a child becomes poorly during the day.

If your child comes to school feeling not 100% and you've given them Calpol at home, please let us have your home bottle so that we can administer more during the day. This ensures that the school, who do not have deep pockets, will have enough medication to go around if and when the need arises. You will need to come into the office and sign medical consent for this.

Similarly, with Piriteze, please administer this on a morning before school if they are suffering with allergies.

Permission slips and money

Please remember to send permission slips back in well ahead of school visits and other events. Not only will it save you receiving a nagging phone call from the school, it will free our office staff up to do other vital jobs. We regret, we are unable to take any child on a school visits further afield from Stockbridge itself if we do not have your written prior permission.

Please use the black box outside of the office on the wall to post all monies and reply slips – we do check it daily!

The children all did so well with the London Marathon challenge and it's time to have all sponsor monies in now please. Parent forum had a lengthy discussion about sponsored events and minutes from our meeting will be out in the next week so please do read them through carefully.

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
w/b 12 th	Year 1 Year 4 All	All day	Phonics check for Year 1 children Multiplication check for Year 4 children
Wed 14 th	Year R	All day	Trip to Bournemouth aquarium
Thurs 15 th	Upper school	All day	Lepe Beach trip
Fri 16 th	All	2pm	Father's Day shop run by FOSS
Mon 19 th	All	From 2.30pm each day	TALENT SHOW WEEK
Tues 20 th	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 st	SEN	All day	Mrs Whittington in school
Thurs 22 nd	Team	4pm	Rounder tournament
Wed 28 th	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 th	Year 3	All day	Trip to Roman Baths – on the train!
Fri 30 th	Year 3	Overnight	Year 3 residential camp out on school field
July 2023			
Thurs 6 th Brecon Parent Briefing 7pm – All Year 5 Parents			
Fri 7 th	New Year R TBC	9am All day	Stay & Play #1 Dance festival at Test Valley School
Sun 9 th	All	Early!	Car boot sale at school
Wed 12 th	All	3.15pm	Reports home
Fri 14 th	Upper School All	2pm & 6pm 2.30pm – 4pm	Summer performance show day! 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 th	Year 4 All + new Year R	All week 2pm each day	Swimming at Farleigh Transition days with new teachers
Mon 17 th	All	Am	Sports Day
Fri 21 st	Year 6	11am	Leaver's assembly