Stockbridge Primary and Pre-school

Newsletter 20

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Positively blooming!

We have had a really successful fortnight all around since I last wrote; Year 1 children have undertaken the phonics check and all Year 2 children who needed to resit from last year have done so. We haven't yet got the passmark – this is always issued a few weeks afterwards but it's really clear that Little Wandle phonics scheme has improved the phonics fluency and decodability for our youngest children and will make a real difference to their ease of reading and hopefully help us ensure we have lots of children who read for pleasure in the future because they have solid skills at a young age.

Year 4 have also taken their online multiplication tables check. This is a statutory check to ensure Year 4 have mastered all of the times tables ready for them to be successful in upper school. Again, the passmark isn't out there yet but they have done well and their confidence has grown hugely since the start of the year.

We have had major sporting successes in the last fortnight also and there's more on this on page 2 of this newsletter but suffice to say, our trophy shelves are heaving!

Mrs Thomson, our new Year R teacher has been undertaking home visits to meet our new families who'll be joining us in September and Mrs Dodman, our new Year 2/3 teacher is in school today and for the next 3 Fridays to work with the children who will be our Year 3 and 2 next year.

It's also been lovely to see all the talent show entries, both those done at home and those done in school. Thank you for supporting your child in all of this.

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.

Stay in the sun for less

Suncream is shockingly expensive given how much families must use to keep children safe. The most important thing to look for is SPF factors AND UVA protection. Most cheap suncream brands don't compromise on either.



SPORT

Our intrepid Cricket team set of to the Ageas Bowl with high hopes and a little text from Mr Taylor at lunchtime confirmed we'd made it through to the semi-finals. The team played brilliantly up against a team from Abbotswood who have 150 Year 6 children!

They were placed third in the overall competition which took in schools from Salisbury as well as all over Hampshire. When you think that each of the schools represented at the Ageas Bowl had, like us, beaten other schools off to win a place there, it represents a huge victory for our team. I am so proud of the compliments we've had of their sportsmanship approach to the competition too as well as their excellent results – well done!





Last night, a team of 11 set off for our cluster rounders tournament and, as winners of last year's trophy, there were high hopes! They played brilliantly as a team and brought home the shield again as triumphant winners. MASSIVE well done. Again though, their play and teamwork was commented on by many and they represented the school brilliantly. They proudly shared their gold medal and the shield in WOW assembly this morning.

With all of this success, it's great that there's an opportunity for children to go further with cricket through a new team at Broughton Cricket Club. They're learning bowling & batting skills and last Sunday, the team won their match against Trojan's Cricket Club. It's great to see younger players coming up through the ranks. If interested in joining, call Alex Venables on 07872 971052.



REGULAR



Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Behaviour series #5

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....

Teasing and bullying

We have to accept that these happen. They shouldn't and it's not what we want but children are growing up and testing boundaries, trying out things they hear and seeing how they impact on others as well as how much power they can accumulate when saying things to other people.

NO teasing, rudeness or bullying is OK. Your child should also know that it's never about them but about the person who's doing it. How we respond to this as adults will determine how well our children deal with this and what actions they take. We can break it down into 3 'stages'. At each stage, a rational, reasoned conversation with your child will be had and an adult in school will talk to the person who has been rude, bullied or teased them.

Accidental rudeness	Rudeness on purpose	Bullying	
It happens out of ignorance and usually isn't intended to hurt someone's feelings.	When someone wants to hurt us with their words. It may even repeat after we ask them to stop.	Frequent and systematic. Its purpose is to take away our personal power and make us feel hurt.	
What can I tell my child to do?	What can I tell my child to do?	What can I tell my child to do?	
Establish a boundary (ask not to be spoken to like this).	Ask for it to stop and if it continues, get help from a grown up	Remove themselves from this situation and report it immediately to a grown up	

We are always here to help with situations above but we also all, home & school, should work to empower children to resolve conflicts themselves so that they regain some control.

In other news...

Trading Tuesdays

Trading Tuesdays have definitely helped with card swaps but they are now at an end.

We have informed the children that there will be no more trading Tuesdays for the remainder of the term so please ensure no cards come into school for any reason.

Trading can still of course, happen at home and over the holidays.

School uniform

Even if your child's shoes have worn through, we still have 4 more weeks at school and they will need a new pair before the holidays please.

I'm sure many of you are planning uniform purchases over the holiday. Skoolkit, our uniform suppliers are offering FREE postage on any orders from 22-29 July using the code: SUMMER2023.

Kate Johnson is also the lady to speak to about pre-loved uniform either to get you through to summer or for September. If you can, catch her on the playground or order online:

> www.grownoutofit.co.uk There's even school shoes on there!

Behavior support at home

We have worked in the past with a great parenting guide called Lorraine Lee and we're delighted to be able to offer 2 sessions for families to engage with. They are both virtual and run from 8pm. Each session is £10 and are open to all parents.

I would HIGHLY recommend Lorraine's courses to anyone even if you're not struggling with behavior at the moment.

Foundations For Positive Behaviour (Primary & Secondary)Tuesday 20th June 2023<u>https://foundpositivebehaviour.eventbrite.co.uk?af</u>f=oddtdtcreator

Creating Positive Behaviour - PrimaryWednesday 5th July<u>https://primarybehaviour23.eventbrite.co.uk?aff=o</u> ddtdtcreator

Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for up-todate news on any changes to

workshops.<u>https://www.facebook.com/LorraineLeeTrai</u> <u>ning/</u>If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Lee: lorraine@lorrainelee.org

and finally...

Sophie in Year 6 has danced her way with her Streetdance crew from Integr8 all the way to the National Championships which will run in July in London. She has also qualified as a soloist in her age category for the National Championships – way to go Sophie – well done



We love sharing your child's outside of school successes. Please drop us a note via the <u>adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk</u> email

FOSS meeting

Sports day and summer sizzler events are just around the corner and we need all hands on deck please to make these a smashing end to the term. We know that so many of you are working so the meeting to pull both of these together is at 8pm, virtually on Tues 27th Jun. Link to be sent via Whatsapp.

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	
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	All Year 5 parents	9am 7pm	Church assembly Brecon Beacons Y6 residential briefing for next year's Year 6	
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	