



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### Planning ahead

Thank you for the super response to the parent surveys this week. If you haven't completed yours yet, today is the last day – link is here:

<https://forms.gle/DBSJ1C5iAHjxUZVJ7>

Pupils have also been completing theirs – upper school independently and school councilors have been helping the younger children so that they understand how to answer and can have the questions read to them if they're not sure.

We will be considering responses on Monday at the last full governing body meeting of the year. We have much to celebrate and also clear areas to develop

We have heard the message loud and clear about the field gates and have to apply for planning permission to change them which may delay them being put up ready for our September term but hopefully it won't be for too long and they'll be up before we know it. I am exceptionally good at nagging a county department!

We have been busy getting to know our new Year R children over the last few weeks with home visits and pre-school visits and this morning, welcomed them in for their first stay and play. What a great group they're going to be!

Mrs Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

### Sports Day

Sports Day is looming on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and the weather is looking, well, very British!! We might need raincoats and suncream according to current forecasts.

Please assume it's going ahead unless the weather is exceptionally hot or persistently wet. If we need to cancel, we'll wait until Sunday night and then make a decision.

Your child will need:

- To come to school in their school uniform please
- Have their full PE kit and a family colour t-shirt – yellow, red, green or blue depending on their family group.
- They must have trainers please.
- A water bottle that's full of water, not juice please; it simply doesn't do the same job as water in rehydrating them.

Parents, grandparents and family members are welcome to come along too. The morning will begin by 9.15am and end just before lunch. Please do bring a picnic blanket, camping chairs etc.

FOSS will be selling early morning and break time teas and coffees and a range of pastries. Children will have a break mid-morning and FOSS are kindly providing fresh fruit as a snack.

#### Organisation

To help things run smoothly, the morning is divided into 2 parts;

PART 1 – Family groups (mixed ages) will compete at stations around the field in a 'round robin' – they will record their personal best times/distances/counts. Parents etc are encouraged to support their children at each event. Siblings are in family groups together making it easy for you to follow your children's progress.

BREAK – during the break, pre-school children will run their races so please be there to cheer them on. This should be about 10.30am

PART 2 – Competitive element on the race track. Parents etc will be on one side, children on the other. Children are supported and managed by staff. Please refrain from calling your child to you. Parents & family members are not allowed to cross the track to their child. There will be parent races so be prepared to be harangued!!

We will end the morning under the beech trees and hand out the family trophy – it was won by the green family last year – I wonder who will receive it this year?

# Transition

Next week, we have transition afternoons and today, we have held our first stay and play session for our new year R children.

You will receive your child's report next Wednesday and then the first transition with their new class will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm – 3pm. You will all receive a letter, confirming which class your child will be in next year on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm so that you are aware of this before meeting your child at the end of the day.

We will return to the usual arrangement of classes in upper school in September so Mrs Natt will teach Year 4/5 and Mr Taylor Year 5/6. Mrs McClue, as you will be aware from previous newsletters, will cover all PPA and release time as well as have dedicated SENDCo time on Thursdays.

We will be positively bursting at the seams in September in all classes despite having to say farewell to our current Year 6 and a few other friends across the school. Lucy, Harper and Grace, all in Year 2, have exciting new adventures to head to and Eden (Y4) and Isaac (Y1) are off to Wales and will be visiting their new school on Monday. We therefore have 5 new children to join our school who will hopefully make it in for our transition afternoons.

# Music

This week we held the summer term piano recital led ably by Mr Seymour. He has the patience of a saint and has inspired and encouraged lots of new pianists to make excellent progress.



Despite admitting to nerves ahead of their first performance 6 children in Years 2 & 3 took centre stage and played brilliantly for the first time to a live audience of 120 people! They were joined by Jack, Charlie, Thomas, Joshua and Poppy from Upper School who gave great examples of what can be achieved if you practice and are resilient at learning the tricky skill.

If you would like your child to play piano next year, we will be issuing sign up forms in the first week back after the summer holidays. It will be important to get it returned quickly as places with Mr Seymour are popular. The same will apply to guitar lessons with Kev. **A guitar concert has been arranged for 2.30pm on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

# REGULAR



# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

# Reports

School reports will be coming home with your child on Wednesday next week.

We are just finalizing testing in school so all results will come home on Friday next week. This will include:

- Standardised scores for all children in Years 1 to 6
- Early Years outcomes for Year R
- Phonics check results for Year 1
- If your Year 2 child didn't pass phonics last year, you will also receive an updated phonics check score.
- Year 2 SATs outcomes
- Year 4 Multiplication Check results
- Year 6 SATs outcomes

Our reporting format is drastically different to previous years and I'd like to thank all participants of the parent forum for their advice and guidance in what parents find useful and what they would like to read.

There will be a reply slip with the reports which we'd appreciate back by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and this will help us know whether the new format meets all of your needs.



As part of our commitment to your child's wider personal development, we took Year 3 on an exciting trip to the Roman Baths last week – by train! This was a first for many and they experienced the true sense of the Roman Baths as well as lots of games, a taste of Bath with street performers and ice creams and a wait on the train station platform too!

## In other news...

### Last day of term

I'm in denial that it's only 2 weeks until the last day of term! There's so much to do in that time. Year 6 will be hosting parents and family members as well as the whole school for their leaving assembly at 11am on the last day of term. They will receive special leavers bags, paid for by FOSS and a year branded hoodie. These are special gifts and I know are treasured by those who have left us in the past.

On the last day of term, school will finish for all at 1.15pm. It has become a tradition that parents across the school come and join us for a picnic on the field if you are able to. You'd be most welcome.

### Swimming for Year 4

In the last week of school, we have organised for our Year 4 children to go swimming each morning so that they have the necessary skills and water confidence ahead of our Calshot residential in September.

Please ensure they come to school with their swimming costumes ON under their uniform and pants, towel and hairbrush in a separate bag.

They will undertake their lessons at Farleigh School's beautiful heated indoor pool and be transported there by Farleigh's minibus and parent drivers – many thanks to those who have cleared diaries to help out, it's much appreciated.

### Non Uniform day - Monday

You might have seen some flyers come home yesterday about the Rainbow non-uniform day. There appeared to be many questions at the end of the day so, for clarity's sake, here goes:

**Do we wear clothes in the colour of our year group?**

No. You can wear whatever clothes you like – it's non-uniform day.

**What's the colour for?**

It's for you to bring in an item (suitable for adults or children) in the colour of your child's year group.

**What happens to the items?**

They'll be beautifully arranged into hampers and raffled off on the summer sizzler night.

Last year, we had some really interesting and fun prizes so do raid your cupboards, think outside of the box and send your child to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> in non-school uniform clothes and a little something in the colour of their year group. The children have great ideas!

### and finally...

There is a plethora of summer camps and activities available up and down the Test Valley this summer and I know many of you are ahead of the game and have them booked already. For those of you who don't, please do have a browse through the attachments Miss Lawler has added onto this newsletter email and get them booked asap as places fill fast.

Happy hunting.

### Summer sizzler

I'm sure there'll be comms in the WhatsApp groups but summer sizzler will run after school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July until 6pm. Ticket info will be in the WhatsApp group but we will have all manner of exciting events, food and drinks for you all that evening as a chance to celebrate the end of the academic year together. All of our school community are welcome.



### Year 3 camp shenanigans!

We beat drizzle and damp and had an excellent Year 3 camp out last Friday – the tents are still up as we're waiting to have one full dry day to take them down – it looks like today might be it! Children pitched the tents well though as they're all still standing! S'mores, fires, games and songs were enjoyed before bedtime and the obligatory very early morning call, awoken to the sound of birdsong and children's chatting followed by bacon buns and cereal topped off Year 3's first residential experience. Massive thanks to all staff involved too!

# Diary Dates Summer 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
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	3.30pm	Calshot meeting – for all Year 4 parents in preparation for Calshot trip in the first week back of September
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	3.15pm	Reports home
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 <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

Reminder of INSET dates for next year so you can book holidays around these:

Day 1	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Day 2	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Day 3	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Day 4	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Day 5	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July