



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 4

20 October 2023

What a success!

Phew! The end of a very successful 7 week term has arrived and I honestly couldn't tell you where the term has gone!

Lots of new faces both staff and children have settled into the routines here so brilliantly and our returning staff and children have paved the way brilliantly for them.

Buddy relationships have been a particular highlight this term with Year 4/5 children proudly showing their topic homework to their buddies at breaktimes this week.

Our OfSTED inspection as well as two residentials have gone without a hitch and parent's evenings were overwhelmingly positive too. The minibus has been a revelation and we've already got plans for later events next term and beyond because of it.

Have a very happy holiday! See you back in school on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards,

Emma Jeffries
Headteacher

Responsibilities

What a great response to the school council call – we had so many brilliant posters and the older children spoke eloquently about why they wanted to be a school councillor to their year group. A photo will follow (when we're all in uniform!)

Year 1 – Jessie

Year 2 – Joshua LB & Noah

Year 3 – Billy

Year 4 – Theo

Year 5 – Morris & Joshua

Year 6 – Danny

Grounds thank you

I'd like to offer a huge thank you on behalf of all of us in the community to the 18 adults and many, many children who turned out to support our grounds working party. Within 10 mins of starting, a team had trimmed back all of the shrubs along OLR, a new outdoor learning table was being built in Sprat & Winkle's area, felled trees were being turned into seats in forest school and the willow structures were having a drastic 'hair cut' not to mention borders and the pond area being weeded for winter. 40 man hours in just 2 actual hours meant an epic job got completed.

THANKYOU!

Ramshaws – McCombes – Maples – Kings – Booths –
Sjogrens – Hewitts – Coopmans - Mrs Dodman's step son –
Mrs Cooper – Mrs Thomson & family – all the children!

Conkertition

We almost have a winner! After a brilliant set of quarter final matches, the semifinals proved a step too far in terms of time to play them before the half term ended so, we'll be playing them in the first week back after half term and we WILL have a winner!



Sports

We take part in a number of inter-school tournaments throughout the year and had some great successes at the first one back at the end of September.

Cross country was strong for us this year – Max & Thomas Howard were first and second in Year 3, Ella Ward first in Year 4 girls, Morris Campling first in Year 5 boys, Eva Haskell third in Year 5 girls, Charlie Griffiths second in Year 6.

Our Girl's football team from Year 4-6 played brilliantly this week to come 2nd amongst their peers. The team, who have played together only a handful of times, really gelled and worked well together to achieve this strong result.



Outside of school, sporting success continues and this week, Freddie in Year 2 played a blinding set of rugby matches, scoring 9 tries and played an instrumental part in helping his team win every match they played.

Well done Freddie!

Music

We will be working closely with Mr Seymour, our piano teacher after half term as we get ready for Christmas and our bi-annual visit to the O2.

As Director of Music of Romsey Abbey, Mr Seymour has all the skills we need to make us tuneful and help us match the music!

Years 3 and 4 will have choir with Mr Seymour after lunch each Monday afternoon and we will be opening the Christmas light switch on, on the High Street on Friday 1st December at 5.30pm.

We will also be singing carols around the tree on Friday 1st December BEFORE going down to the High Street – that way, we can all join in for our school and those who have to dash off can. Our own carols around the tree is for all who'd like to join, not just Year 3 & 4 so do get that date in your diary!

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UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Wider personal development

Upper school were visited by Jonathan Rickard, an architect as part of their Ancient Greek topic. No, he's not from Ancient Greece but he does know a thing or two about buildings!

He explained to the children about how the process of buildings evolved and specifically the column model which is iconic with the Ancient Greek civilization and still used today in many buildings. Next time, you are out and about take a look around, you'll be amazed at how many different columns you'll spot!



Sprat & Winkle have not been left out of all these exciting experiences and had their very first trip this week...all the way to the end of the road! Massive thanks to Henry Foord who showed the children the real outcome of harvest on our most local farm. The children were enthralled by huge pile of wheat, sitting in the tractor and Circles, the blind calf!



Budget planning

We know that this time of year you're all planning for Christmas and saving hard where you can whilst heating gets switched on and the cost of everything seems to rise. We wanted be as honest as we can with you about anticipated costs to help you budget and sort family finances so this is our rough guide to costs for the next half term. We've worked with FOSS to try to capture all that the term will include – how much you join in with the extra events is down to you as a family of course.

Whole School	Pre-School/Sprat & Winkle	Lower School	Upper School
Pumpkin Party £3ea+ pocket money games To incl. hot dog & squash 12 days of Christmas £4 per entry Christmas trees £25-£50 Christmas wreath making workshop £35 Children in need - £1	In pre-school all the extra treats planned are covered in your consumables fee!	Y3 – Sevington £13.50	Y6 parents – pay instalments of Brecon if due Y5 parents – pay instalments of Calshot if due Romsey Plaza theatre £8 Young voices – deadline has passed but it may still be on your scopay if you've ordered tickets.

Diary Dates Autumn term 2023-24

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
OCTOBER HALF TERM			
Mon 30 th	All	8.50am	Return to school and pre-school
Sun 5 th	All welcome	9am	Family photo shoot – get images ready for Christmas!
Wed 8 th	Year 1, 2 & 3 parents	9am	Sharing morning – will end at 9.45am – parents welcome to come in and see their child's work and do a bit of learning alongside them!
Fri 10 th	Year 4, 5 & 6 parents All	9am morning	Sharing morning as above Flu immunisations for all children – you have received a separate letter about this from the school nursing service.
Mon 13 th	All	All day	INSET day – no pre-school or school
Wed 15 th	Upper school	1pm	INFilm event in the town hall

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

Day 2	Monday 13 th November
Day 3	Monday 19 th February
Day 4	Monday 22 nd July
Day 5	Tuesday 23 rd July

CHRISTMAS DATES WILL BE OUT SOON BUT PLEASE NOTE; IT'S LIKELY OUR KS1 AND YEAR R NATIVITY IN THE CHURCH WILL BE ON **THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER** THIS YEAR.