



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 5

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Survival!

Dark nights and mornings have definitely arrived haven't they? We've weathered Storm Cieran this week – thank you for bearing with us as breakfast club arrangements changed, I know that this is challenging for those who use it but I felt an early decision was better than a late one just as you were leaving the house!

The first week back in school always feels like a bit of a survival challenge getting back into routine and getting new learning going but the children have settled back in really well and this term has lots to look forwards to.

I will be supporting another school, Smannell & Enham, in the north of Andover for this term whilst their headteacher is off ill. This means I'll still be at Stockbridge every day but will also be spending some of each day there. Staff here confidently tell me that I'm not missed which is a good thing (I think!). Mrs Cooper is your point of contact if I'm not in and you need to speak to a senior member of staff. She will contact me if urgent.

Please do take time to read through the curriculum maps for your child/ren today – this is what we'll be learning from now until Christmas. Year 4 parents, our postponed meeting from this week has a new date – please check out the diary dates.

Kind regards,

Emma Jeffries
Headteacher

Sharing morning

Next week we are opening our doors to you all as we began to last year.

We'd love you to come and see what your child is learning, take part in some of the learning with them and have more of an insight into their day in school.

Lower School & Year R – Wed 8th 9am – 9.45am

Upper School – Fri 10th 9am – 9.45am

These were really well attended last term and we loved welcoming parents and/or grandparents for each child.

When you arrive, you'll be asked to sign in on a clipboard (*I know, so old fashioned!*) to speed things up - the ipad sign in system is too slow in situations like this!

Year 4 info session

The postponed Year 4 parent briefing will now happen at 7pm on Wednesday 15th November.

Year R maths session

The 'mop up' maths session for those who couldn't make the first one, will be after drop off at 9am, Friday 17th November.

Stockbridge Saver

The food pantry is still happening EVERY FRIDAY 9AM – 11AM in the staff car park. It's only £5 and you get more than your money's worth of goods. Please do try it again if you tried it before – they've changed their offer and if we don't use it, we'll lose it.

Tesco Christmas delivery slots are available to book from 7 Nov if you have a delivery pass otherwise, be on the mark for 21 Nov when they open to everyone else. Plan your Christmas shop ahead of time by bagging a slot early.

Onlin delivery passes from supermarkets can save you a fortune in wasted money. If you sign up for 3 months with Tesco, it's only £3.99 a month whereas their delivery slots can individually be £4+.



Trolley.co.uk

Trolley is an online supermarket cost comparison site – easy peasy to make sure you're getting the best deal.

INSET Day #2 is looming!

Please ensure you have plans in place for our next INSET day which is, unusually, in the middle of the term – Monday 13th November.

Sports

Our conker competition was hotly contested this year and bronze ambassadors really stepped up and refereed all matches with much patience, professionalism and fairness.



Thank you all at home for helping your child get their conker set up and deal with the inevitable disappointments and challenges that competitions like this bring. It is still an important part of life knowing how to win and lose and that taking part and being part of something also matters.

Many congratulations to Zac in Year 4 who is the overall winner and to who was a very worthy runner up.



I love this photo of 5 very happy boys who all now do Judo – we know that this has featured in many newsletters and if you'd like your child to take part, the boys all attend 'Scorpion Judo Club' at Picket Twenty, Andover – search scorpionjudo.co.uk – they have classes for boys and girls on various nights of the week.

Music

We are well into the swing of rehearsing for Young Voices now in Upper School. We LOVE this event and this year we have some great medleys to sing.

You can access the playlist for it through Spotify if you search for 'Young Voices UK Music Pack 2024'. They are quite long so will need a lot of rehearsing and there's actions too!

You do not need to pay for Spotify if you don't have it, just access the free version which has occasional adverts which you can ignore!

Our musician of the half term is

ARETHA FRANKLIN

Barack Obama said of her after her death *"in her voice we could feel our history, all of it and in every shade – our power and our pain, our darkness and our light, our quest for redemption and our hard-won respect."* What a lady!

REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Wider personal development



SCHOOL COUNCIL
Voted in by peers, this group of children help to convey children's ideas and thinking about the future of school to me and undertake many responsible jobs around school.



BRONZE AMBASSADORS
Specifically trained, this group come up with fun and active ways to keep us all engaged at lunchtimes. They oversee the daily mile and huff and puff shed equipment too.



PEER MENTORS
Chosen for their caring and kindness, this group support children on the playground with friendship games, finding buddies and forming new friendships.



GARDEN GANG
Often found in the polytunnel, this great group are active and keep pots and baskets, beds and borders and other areas up together. They learn how to bring things on from seed too.



LIBRARIANS
Mrs Natt works with librarians to open the library 3 lunchtimes per week and maintain high standards of display. They also visit the central Hampshire library with requests from classes.



TECH TEAM
Known for their love of detail, diligence and dedication, this group make sure we have all the tech we need and charged too!

Diary Dates Autumn term 2023-24

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates so if you're looking ahead, this is where you can find the most important dates. Those dates in bold are new this fortnight.

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
NOVEMBER			
Tues 7 th	Upper School	9am	Trip to Romsey Plaza
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.
Sun 12 th	9.20am	Year 6	Remembrance Day service in St Peter's Church
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
Fri 17th	All	All day	Children in need day – wear yellow & bring £1!
w/b 20.11.23	All	All week	Sausage week! Menu changes this week are coming your way next Friday.
Sat 25 th	All	9am – 11am	Grounds working party – let's put the grounds to bed for winter!
Thurs 30 th	All	During the day	1 st day of the '12 days of Christmas'
DECEMBER			
Fri 1 st	All	3.15pm	Carols around the tree at School Followed by...
	All but esp. Y3&4	5.30pm	Carols around the tree outside St Peter's Church Year 3 & 4 are the choir!
Sat 2 nd	All	Am	FOSS Christmas tree sale at St Peter's Church
Mon 4 th	All	3.15pm	Last week of clubs
Thurs 7 th	Lower School	2pm 6pm	Nativity Matinee Nativity
Mon 11 th	Upper School	6pm	Carol Service
Tues 12 th	All	12noon	Christmas lunch
Wed 13 th	Musicians	9.30am	Guitar concert
Fri 15 th	All	1pm	End of the Autumn term

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



Children in Need - Fri 17th Nov

It's happening this year again and we're joining in by wearing yellow - let's bring a lot of sunshine to a murky November day!

Bring £1 in and come in something yellow somewhere on your non-school uniform.