



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 7

17 November 2023

### It's ramping up!

This term is disappearing fast and there's so much going on – this newsletter is packed with information that you'll need to know about so please do read through it carefully.

In school, children's learning is progressing well. We had an extra visit from our Leadership and Learning Partner, Sian Smith, from Hampshire this week. She was looking at how we support our vulnerable children and those with special educational needs to make good progress. In line with the OfSTED inspector's views, she found our approaches to be rigorous and children having their needs met universally. I am very proud of this aspect of our provision.

I have now shown around a significant number of families looking for Year R places but the deadline isn't until January so please do keep recommending us to any family you know who may have a child due to start in September 2024 – we only have places for 20 children and we are always oversubscribed but, as most you know, choice is really important and we want people to know all about the brilliant things that we have going on here.

On a special note – many of you have noticed the banners and balloons around school today and we'd like to wish Mrs Dodman a very special 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Sunday – happy birthday!



Kind regards,

Emma Jeffries  
Headteacher

### Pick up times

In the last fortnight, we have noticed later and later pick up times and still had children uncollected at the end of the day through until 3.45pm.

**School finishes at 3.15pm.** Please be prompt at pick up – even if the class is 5 mins late out, it's important for your child that you are there to pick them up or, if it's not you that they know who will be there.

**Clubs conclude at 4.15pm.** We do do our best to get children out on time – this week we still had children here 20 mins after club finished.

For those that use the THRIVE door on a morning, it is only open from 8.30am – 8.45am – please be there within these times.

### Safeguarding

We keep the theme of safeguarding rolling every week in our staff meetings and we are really focusing throughout this term and next on safeguarding with the children too.

At register time, we've been asking children a 50/50 question linked to safeguarding. You'll be surprised at their responses and it confirms to us that we have some work to do!

We wanted to share their thoughts with you at home so that you too can back up our messages of 'Clever never goes!' (the new phrase for 'stranger danger'):

#### HORSEBRIDGE

"Would you go and look at puppies in the back of someone's car if they asked (even if you didn't know them)?"

Yes = 54% No = 46%

#### REDBRIDGE

Would you go and play on someone's trampoline, if you didn't know them?"

YES = 4/29 No 25/29

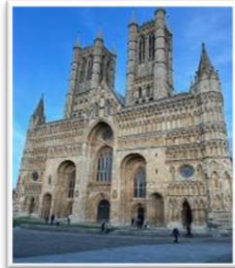
#### CLATFORD

Would you meet up with someone you've only met online?"

YES = 2 No= 26

# Achievements

Many of you may already know that Mr Seymour runs a very successful choir through Romsey Abbey called 'Quartets' and through this, Thomas in Year 5 has had opportunities you may only otherwise dream of. A few weeks ago, he accompanied Romsey Abbey Boys' choir to Lincoln Cathedral. He sang in three services across a 4 day tour. They even stayed in (what Thomas describes) as a haunted boarding house and sang in an evensong, a Eucharist and another evensong.



Charlie in Year 4 has also been super successful in a big event recently. He has achieved a distinction in his 'Speech & Drama Solo Introductory stage 3' from LAMDA in London – what a massive achievement. His poem, which he knows off by heart, is standout brilliant! Well done both of you!



# Music for wellbeing

This week we have challenge from Mrs Cooper with her combined Music and Wellbeing hats on. **Can you find a piece of music that helps you to feel calm?** Perhaps there is a recent pop song you like to listen to, something classical or something completely different altogether. It is quite likely we will all have something different and that is the brilliance of this! Write the name of the piece of music down and bring it in on Monday. We are going to use these to create class playlists to use during our learning. If you're not sure where to start, listen to *Weightless* by *Marconi Union*. Redbridge have had this on lots in the last few weeks and it is working wonders.

# REGULAR



# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

# Wider personal development

## Anti-bullying week

This week is National Anti-bullying week and we have been taking 4 aspects of bullying and really unpicking not only what bullying means (**S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose) but what these four types of bullying might be and how we can work together to stop them.

**We have introduced a 'chatometer'** so that we can begin to collect as a school, examples of things that are teasing which might be kind and those which might not be. By unpicking where they sit on the chatometer, we can delve into why they sit in these places and how important context and friendship is in each case.



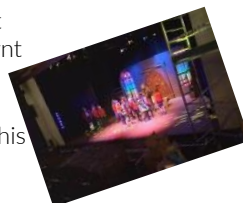
## Romsey Plaza

Last week Clatford and Mottisfont visited Romsey Plaza to learn all about theatre lighting in line with our topic of Lights, Camera, Action!



We all thoroughly enjoyed learning about how the different theatre lights can be used to create different effects on the stage. We will be bringing what we learnt at the plaza back into our learning in school!

We would like to thank Neil at the plaza for giving us his time and making sure the visit was educational and enjoyable for all children!



# INTO FILM

# 10 YEARS

Upper School were invited to take part in the national INFilm festival thanks to Stockbridge Community Cinema. We took part in a national event that saw 400,000 other children watching a movie on a movie sized screen – bigger than any we might have at home! We chose the film *Matilda* as Years 5 & 6 are learning some of the songs as part of their O2 medley and now they're keen to do it on stage for their end of year performance.

# Winter uniform

From 1<sup>st</sup> December, our shorts can have a couple of months off as can summer dresses.

ALL children will need to wear trousers please. Summer dresses can be replaced with the traditional grey pinafores or dresses with tights or long socks.

Winter PE kits will also need to be in school as the weather is getting progressively colder and early Monday morning PE isn't fun if you're cold! A reminder of winter PE kit is here. If your child really loves wearing shorts, as I know many older children do particularly, please provide them with a pair of skins for under their shorts so that their whole legs are covered.

## Winter kit

November – end February

- Black or navy jogging bottoms – plain
- Red logo t-shirt
- An unlabelled t-shirt in their family colour
- Spare logo red jumper
- Gloves, hat, scarf – we are out in all weathers and temperatures!
- Socks + a spare pair
- Trainers – no plimsolls please



# Stockbridge Saver

Black Friday is here! Stock up on Christmas presents now whilst prices are low!

Some good advice from the [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com) website though:

**Warning – Black Friday and Cyber Monday can be addictive.** Before spending, ask yourself, do I need it? Can I afford it? If the answer is no to any of those, **DON'T** buy it. Remember, it's not a saving if you weren't going to buy it anyway.

## Be bright, be seen!

The JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers), Freddie Hayward & James White) are organizing an event called 'Be Bright, be seen' day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

They would like all students to come in wearing their brightest clothes and to design a poster to encourage others to 'be bright, be seen'.

The winners in early years (Year R), Lower school and Upper School, will each get a prize and their poster displayed around the school and in the newsletter over the winter.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the JRSOs will be hosting an assembly on road safety. They would like the school to really understand that safety near the roads is of utter importance and will host the assembly separately with Lower school and upper school.

As well as be bright, be seen, there is a Year 2 workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> November which the JRSOs will join them in taking part.

## DECORATE A BAUBLE

Tonight, your child is bringing home an individual bauble so that they can take part in Prego Deli's community tree event.

Prego, the Italian deli on the High Street is inviting children from all of our cluster schools to decorate a bauble, write a Christmas wish on the reverse and hang it on their Christmas tree so that Santa can see. Children should bring their bauble down to the tree on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3.30pm. The following day, a winner will be picked which is why the information on the reverse of the bauble is critical (see below). Prego will also have a brass band, street food and a generally great atmosphere on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Year 3 & 4 children will join us outside Church as our school choir, to help get us in the festive spirit before Elsa and Anna from Frozen switch on the lights.

The bauble should be decorated on ONE SIDE with waterproof materials as the tree will be outside.



On the other side, it needs the following information:

SCHOOL NAME

CHILD'S CLASS

Their Christmas wish

CHILD'S FIRST NAME



# Diary Dates Autumn term 2023-24

These are diary dates for parents until Christmas.

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
<b>OCTOBER HALF TERM</b>			
Tues 21st	4x Y2 students	4pm-5.30pm	New Age Kurling – Test Valley School
Fri 24th	All	All day	<b>BE BRIGHT BE SEEN – Come to school in non-uniform as bright and colourful as you can!</b>
Mon 27th	Year R & 6	9am-10.45am	Height & Weight measurements by School Nurse Team
Mon 27th	Year R	9am –10.45am	Year R Vision Screening by School Nurse Team
Tues 28th	Year 3	10am – 2pm	Sevington Victorian School. Year 3 to come to school in Victorian clothes and to bring authentic lunch as per letter sent out.
Tues 28th	Years 1 & 2	All day	Victorian day – come to school in Victorian clothes – Letter to follow
Wed 29th	Parents	7pm-9pm	FOSS Wreath making workshop
Thurs 30th	All	AM	1st day of 12 days of Christmas draw
Fri 1st	All	3.30pm-4.30pm	Carols around the Christmas Tree
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 & 4	5pm-6pm	Choir & Tree light switch on – High Street
Sat 2nd		9am-1pm	FOSS Christmas tree sale – St Peters Church
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	All		Last week of clubs
Thurs 7th	Years R, 1 & 2	2pm-3pm	KS1 Nativity – Matinee
Thurs 7th	Years R, 1 & 2	6pm-7pm	KS1 Nativity – Evening Performance
Tues 12th	All	12pm-1pm	<b>Christmas Lunch – Children to wear Christmas jumpers over school uniform</b>
Wed 13th	Guitar	9.30am-10.30am	Guitar Christmas Concert
Thurs 14th	Pre-School	10am-11am	Pre-School Christmas Party
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	1pm	Finish for Christmas Holidays!

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

Day 3	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Day 4	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Day 5	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July