



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 8

8 December 2023

The season has begun!

With carols around the tree (twice!) and two nativity performances under our belt, Christmas has truly begun!

Thank you to all who turned out for the Carols around the tree at school last Friday and then later on that evening on the High Street – both were record turnouts for us and the singing of the children (and adults!) was brilliant. We made it onto the Andover Advertiser's website with the light switch on and several of Stockbridge's shops Instagram feeds too.

The nativity this year, Jesus' Christmas party, was a triumph! Children managed to remember all of their lines, when to come on and off the stage and no one fell of it or had any accidents! There is a serious amount of effort that goes into putting these on and I know many of you will have supported your child/ren with 'on the night' nerves as well as queuing outside in the rain – thank you for this continuous support.

Massive thank you also to the staff who give up many additional hours to ensure these things are well supported and go without a hitch not to mention the miles they must walk up and down the high street!

We are not there yet though! Monday evening's carol concert will see the upper school celebrate Christmas in their own version of the Nine Lessons as well as Christmas lunch, parties and other events.

Only 5 more get ups until the end of term!
Kind regards,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Be bright be seen!

Brilliant effort on the bright dressing scene two Fridays ago. The entries were carefully judged by the JRSOs, James and Freddie who delivered a great assembly to all in school about the dangers of not being bright and being seen as well as the differences between fluorescent and reflective.



Winners of the brightest poster were:

- Sprat & Winkle: Josie
- Redbridge: Charlotte
- Horsebridge: Billy
- Mottisfont: Max B-H
- Clatford: Rose

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Thanks to Miss Lawler for the tip!

The food pantry is still on each Friday and next week will have Christmassy items to boost your store cupboards and fridges for over the festive period. It's in our car park each Friday from 9.30am – 11.30am. All for £5!

Apologies...

for parking on zig zags this morning to safely offload minibus children – we couldn't get into the car park and another member of staff was needed to safely see them off the bus. Mrs J x

Achievements

Arthur in Year 3 was awarded a Team Player trophy at football recently for his excellent play during his team's friendly against Overton. Both Arthur and his brother play for Broughton Under 8s and love being part of the team. Well done Arthur!



Charlie, Thomas and Freddie have got their sights set on stardom and are actively pursuing it by notching up their second 'gig' as guitarists and singers last week. They supported Kev's actual band 'NOKANDO' at one of his gigs. They played to a packed audience and, despite some pre-show jitters, settled into brilliant songs and played like pros! Well done boys!



Chalk & Cheese

On Tuesday last week, Year 3 went back in time and participated in a Victorian School day in a real Victorian school which, unlike Stockbridge, hasn't been modernized.

All of the children experienced writing on a slate with chalk and on paper with an ink nib pen. The girls made lavender bags and explored how to clean and wash the Victorian way. The boys investigated the science behind an oil lamp, Victorian tools and made candles.

All of the children were interested in the Victorian methods of correction. The children said they would not want to go to school in Victorian times! Miss Squire and her sister (Victorian Teachers) complimented the children on their impeccable behavior and attitude to learning. Thank you to parents and carers for supplying Victorian outfits and traditional lunches. It helped to create an authentic experience.



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UPDATES

500 word story

Mr Taylor and his class have been talking about the 500 word story challenge that you might have heard about on Radio 2. Freddie in Year 6 entered the competition with this entry - we have everything crossed for you Freddie - we think it's excellent!

I was staying with my grandma in France, when I saw an advertisement for Le Labyrinthe de Maïs (the corn maze), in the town of Castéra-Verduzan. I almost immediately thought it would be an exciting French adventure. When my grandmother returned from yet another vintage wine tasting experience, I requested of her a night trip to the maze. She considered for a few moments, before finally agreeing to go tomorrow night, but on one condition... that I stay in sight the whole time.

Finally, on the night of the adventure we set off, armed with only red jackets, a pink flowery 'peace' umbrella, a red glow torch that I had got last Halloween, and a pair of walking sticks we had bought at Éauze market. On the drive there, I passed the time reading the Ancient Greek Myth, 'Theseus and the Minotaur'.

We arrived at 11:53pm. We cautiously entered the maze. Within minutes, we were lost within the corn plants. Grandma constantly complained about the darkness and there not being enough coffee (she'd spotted a café near the maze entrance). I got the feeling after a while that we were nearing the centre of the maze, so I raced on ahead. When I stopped to wait for grandma, I could not see her anywhere. All I could hear was snorting. I knew from stories that wild, hairy, dangerous boar live in France, and can attack if they feel threatened. Suddenly, it started to rain. Could a boar have dragged my grandma through the corn as a snack for its children? Instantly, rage swirled around in my stomach. I opened my cousin's pink 'peace' umbrella and held it up as a shield. I then swirled my walking stick above my head and marched off to war, or at least that is what I wanted it to be like. I actually stumbled over corn plants and tripped over my shoelaces! What I wanted to happen was that I track the boar down, but the boar got to me first. It looked at me and seemingly angered by my red coat and my aggression (and probably my 'peace' umbrella) it charged at me. I dived out the way, but my umbrella got snapped by the beast's teeth. "Hey that cost my cousin 20€, pig!" I sprinted off, sliding through the mud, in the direction of the café. I had dropped my torch so couldn't see very well but amazingly I stumbled through the corn plants onto the edge of the main road. I threw my walking stick at the boar, stunning it and sprinted across the road. When I turned around, I saw a McDonald's truck ram into the wild boar. How ironic I thought. I saw the Maïs café in the distance. As I got closer, there was Grandma drinking a latte. "Where have you been?" Grandma said, grinning cheekily. I told her what had happened. We heard police sirens blaring. "We had best get home, it's Civet de Sanglier for dinner!"

Diary Dates Spring 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
Mon 11 th	Years 3-6	6pm	Carol concert @ St Peter's Church
Tues 12 th	All	12pm-1pm	Christmas Lunch – Children can wear Christmas jumpers over school uniform
Wed 13 th	Guitar	9.30am-10.30am	Guitar Christmas Concert
Thurs 14 th	Pre-School	10am-11am	Pre-School Christmas Party
Fri 15 th	All	1pm	Finish for Christmas Holidays!
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY			
Tues 2 nd January	All	08:50	School begins again for the Spring term – we know, we know, it's very early!!

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

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