



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 11

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### Exciting things to come

I have already spotted the first of the snowdrops and even a group of daffodils in the car park borders and I'm really, really looking forward to a break in the rain and more signs of spring – it's been a very soggy winter hasn't it?



Our wider curriculum has been very full in the last few weeks with the O2 trip, lower school gallivanting about and sprat & winkle learning new skills (more on p.2) but we are already looking forwards to what's coming next.

Parent and teacher meetings and, for those on the SEN register, meetings with Mrs McClue, are an important part of the rhythm of school life. They are an opportunity to find out how your child is doing both academically and socially in school. I know that we only allocate 10 mins per appointment but if you need more, please do arrange with the classteacher another time to catch up with them further.

We will be issuing our annual parent questionnaire on this round of parent teacher meetings and we are specifically interested in your views on reading, homework and what support we as a school can offer you as parents.

Please do try to engage with one of the remaining 2 Lorraine Lee workshops, she really is very practical and sensible with advice but also offers ideas on why children are behaving as they do so that we can better understand them.

Mrs Jefferies  
Headteacher

### Parent forum returns

A quick reminder that this is the opportunity to have your voice heard on the following topics. Please let me or a class rep (on the bottom of the parent forum agenda found here)

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| <b>Updates on issues raised in the past:</b> | <b>Views on (new issues):</b>               |
| a) Sharing mornings                          | a) Head secondment                          |
| b) Music lesson communication                | b) Communications about learning            |
| c) Gate                                      | c) Mixed year groups                        |
| d) Meet the teacher sessions                 | d) Wider personal development on newsletter |
| e) Trips and relative costs                  | e) Lorraine Lee sessions                    |
| f) Sweet treats                              |   |

*We'd love any AOB to Mrs Jefferies by 5pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan please. [e.jefferies@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk](mailto:e.jefferies@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk)*

**Book your parent & teacher meeting slot via school cloud!**

### Lorraine Lee

We had a brilliant session with Lorraine Lee last week focusing on children aged 2-7 years old. Her next session is next week:

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 6PM – 7.15PM**

The focus is 'helping your child thrive' for ages 6-11 (Years 1-6)

### Pre-School

We are already having a lot of requests for spaces in pre-school for the summer term. If you have a little one who would like to come and spend time in pre-school with us, do book early!

Speak to Mrs Spayes in the office who can tell you what's available and how much it will cost and book you in to have a look around.

We want to make sure that every parent with children in the school or pre-school gets first priority on spaces before they go!

## Sports

This week our gymnasts have represented the school incredibly well.

We have been focusing on improving our gymnastic skills across all year groups this half term in PE and the results our teams achieved have shown this to be successful!

Our KS1 gymnasts achieved a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> place and came back with the trophy. Our KS2 team gave it their all and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place missing out by 1 point. All of us at school are very proud of their achievements!



## Music

We have been working closely with Andover Brass Band recently and I'm delighted to announce that we will be introducing children in Year 3 & 4 to the brass band on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February

Children will get to hear a full brass band then make an instrument themselves and then....play each of the 5 brass instruments themselves to see which they prefer. What an opportunity!

We will then signpost you as a family to an introduction evening event where you can find out more and there is then the possibility of your child taking up a brass instrument and learning either in school on a 1:1 basis or as part of the beginners band at John Hanson School.

We haven't offered brass instrument tuition for a long time so this is very exciting!

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# UPDATES

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains our highest priority as ever.

Mrs Jefferies is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and available to speak to about any and all safeguarding matters.

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Evans are the Deputy DSLs and equally knowledgeable so do please use them if there's anything you're concerned about.

### Current work on safeguarding

#### Field gate

Planning permission for raising the height and changing the materials of the gate has been refused. The Conservation Officer felt the solid style was 'too suburban'. We have worked with our surveyor and resubmitted a slightly amended design and wait with baited breath to see what the verdict is.

#### PREVENT - radicalisation

There is a huge national push to ensure we are spotting signs of radicalization and extremism early and that we are creating conditions which mean children don't seek these extreme views through the things we cover in our curriculum, visits we go on and always giving the other side of a viewpoint to ensure it's balanced.

We will be revisiting our prevent training as a staff in the coming weeks and ensuring our curriculum is as robust as possible at ensuring our children spot the signs of radicalisation.

## Wider personal development

### Lemon & Jinja

Lower school had a brilliant trip earlier this week as they travelled to Lemon & Jinja in Romsey to find out what a zero waste shop is all about and to purchase the beeswax needed to make their DT project which is wax based sandwich wraps. This links to the social responsibility element of their learning about being more environmentally friendly.

### Woodwork

Sprat & Winkle have been embracing their new woodwork bench and tools and coming up with all kinds of creative models. This woodwork with real life items helps develop not just creativity but gross and fine motor skills needed for writing and PE as well as capturing the interest of this cohort.

**Does anyone know a carpenter who could come and show the children some of the things they've made that are real life items?**

This always helps inspire our children.



# Diary Dates Spring term 2023-24

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 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Years 1-6	6pm-7pm	Lorraine Lee workshop at School. 'Helping children thrive' ages 6-11
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pre-School	3.30pm-4.30pm	Pre-School parent meetings
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	SEN parents only	8.30am-12.00	Mrs McClue Parent meetings
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	SEN parents only	1.00pm-4.30pm	Mrs McClue Parent meetings
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Years 1-6	9am-3.30pm	Parents evening – Book via School Cloud
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Years R-6	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents evening – Book via School Cloud
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year R	9.00am-11.50am	Parents evening – Book via School Cloud
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school		HALF TERM - INSET DAY MONDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> FEB
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Years 3 & 4	10.45-12.15	Andover Brass taster
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Whole School	2.30pm & 6pm	Parent's information session on what your child's learning & ways to support them at home.
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Years 4-6	9.00am-4.00pm	School trip to London Portrait Gallery

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

Day 4	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Day 5	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July