



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 9

8 January 2024

### Welcome Back!

It feels like so long ago that we last had a newsletter and so much has happened in the few weeks since before Christmas – the fact we’re already in the second full week of term baffles me!

In school we have begun as we mean to continue and children are already settled into learning and teachers and I have been meeting to discuss pupil progress and ensure that interventions and support are in place for the term to meet need.

I am continuing to divide time between Stockbridge and Smannell & Enham School through until Easter. I have fairly set slots for being at each school this term though as I feel this brings a level of consistency and continuity. I am, of course, available by email if absolutely urgent but I thought it would be helpful for you to see when I’m in and out:

- Monday – am at Stockbridge
- Tuesday – all day at Stockbridge
- Wednesday – pm at Stockbridge
- Thursday – not here
- Friday – am at Stockbridge

I am still getting into classes and see many of you on the gate on the mornings I’m here. In my absence, if you urgently need a leader, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Spayes will be able to answer most questions but as I’m in each day apart from Thursday, I can probably do most of these myself!

School council, bronze ambassadors and peer mentors are planning to meet this week and kick off their plans for the new year so we’ll update you on these next week. Keep your eyes peeled for a newsletter then.

In the meantime, welcome to 2024! I haven’t incorrectly written the date yet but I’m sure it’ll come!

Mrs Jefferies

### Curry week!

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January is Curry week at school and National Curry Week too!

We feel it gives the children opportunity to try new foods with their friends. Jacket potatoes will still be available daily with the usual daily toppings OR, your child could choose a curry to top their ‘tato with!

The menu for next week is:

- Monday – Normal menu
- Tuesday – (m) Katsu chicken curry  
(v) Tomato pasta
- Wednesday - (m) Chicken korma  
(v) Pizza
- Thursday - (v) Vegetable curry  
(m) Roast Beef
- Friday - (v) Sweet potato curry  
(m) Fish fingers

### Stroppy children? Tantrums, tears, dysregulation?

We have secured Lorraine Lee, a child psychologist and positive parenting support to come and talk to parents following comments made by many of you back in October parent’s evenings. She is a busy and very popular lady so it’s taken a while to get a slot in her diary.

THESE SESSIONS ARE FREE!  
Pre-School & Year 1: THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JAN @ 7pm  
Laying strong foundations for helping children manage their behavior

Years 2-6:  
Helping children to thrive and behave well  
Part 1: preventative techniques – MON 29<sup>TH</sup> JAN @ 7pm  
Part 2: intervening techniques – THURS 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB @7pm

## Sports

We've had a quiet autumn term in the latter half before Christmas but it's all going on now.

### GYM FESTIVAL

We are fielding 2 teams at the gym festival this month; 1 x 8 KS1 children and 1 x 8 KS2 children who will have a go at lots of gymnastic games as well as perform a learned routine.

### TAG RUGBY

We have traditionally performed well at this tournament but never won it – can we beat last year's second place? Ed has started team practice with the children already and we're going for it on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### NETBALL

We have this tournament, which we've won twice and had a good third place last year. Mr Taylor is running netball club after school this term so we're getting practice in early here too!

## Music

Broadening our horizons once again, Mrs Cooper has chosen a brilliant musician for the half term;

# CHRIS STAPLETON



He's won so many Country Music Awards and sings many of the tunes in the Country Music top 50. We're particularly focusing on TEMPO when listening to his music. He's on my playlist A LOT and Mrs Cooper loves him too!

We were treated to a superb guitar concert at the end of the Autumn term with Kev and all of his 30+ guitar players – there were superb – a clear example of our school values of Pride and Responsibility!

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# UPDATES

## Year R applications

The deadline for applying for a place for your child to start Year R in September 2024 is midnight on Monday 15 January 2024.

If you are still undecided, please contact the school office to arrange a visit or chat to help you decide.

You can apply online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) or by requesting a paper application form from any Hampshire school or the Admissions Team on 0300 555 1377.

**It is important that you submit your application by the deadline.** Late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications have been processed which could significantly reduce your chances of gaining a place at your preferred school(s).

We are already looking like we'll have a full intake in September which is great news for the future of the school. Long may it continue!

## Deposits; Residential & Trips

As you already aware the residential deadline for deposits is 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### Year 4

Tile Barn, Brockenhurst  
27/03-28/03  
£36  
(Cost of whole trip)

### Current Year 5

Brecon Beacons  
30/09-04/10  
£68.40

### Current Year 4

Calshot, Southampton  
04/09-06/09  
£71.25

For the bigger cost trips payment cards were issued to help parents keep on track. We expect EVERY child to go on every trip – money shouldn't be a barrier! Please speak to us to see if you are able to access any of our funding streams if money is an issue.

# 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 8 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1-6		Clubs start this week!
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>			Guitar lessons start
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6	9am-midnight	Young Voices – London O2
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school	12-1pm	Curry Week!
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Years 2 & 3	10am –12pm 1.30pm-3pm	Horsebridge & Redbridge school trip to Lemon & Jinja
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS1 & KS2	10am-12pm 1pm-3pm	Gymnastics Festival – Mr Taylor will be choosing pupils and letters will be sent home shortly.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	9am-3.30pm	Parents evening – more details to follow soon.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	3.30pm- 6.30pm	Parents evening - more details to follow soon.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school		HALF TERM - INSET DAY MONDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> FEB

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