



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 13

23 February 2024

Comic relief!

We are going to be raising money for Comic Relief in a bit of a different way this year! We're going to be breaking the rules! For each rule you decide to break on Fri 15th March, you will be required to pay a 50p fine. We thought we'd publish this list of rules now so you can get planning!

The rules are:

1. NO crazy hair
2. NO temporary tattoos
3. NO nail varnish
4. NO hats
5. NO make up or face paint
6. NO odd socks or crazy tights
7. NO superheroes or fancy dress
8. NO football, rugby or other sports shirts
9. NO odd shoes
10. You MUST wear school uniform

The more rules you break, the more we'll raise. If you can manage to break all 10 rules, you'll owe £5!

We have 100 red noses coming and they'll be on sale from Wed 13th

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Homework

To avoid confusion (and your child telling you there is no homework, each week!), we'll post here what your child should be completing at home in line with our homework policy.

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| Sprat & Winkle | Reading: Spelling: | read at home every day practice tricky words which were passed to you at parent's evening. |
| Lower School | Reading: Spelling: Maths: | Read at home to an adult x4/wk Y3 read & respond Complete spelling activities linked to focus 5. Y1 phonics sheet to go through with words too please! TTRS - do at least 4 Garage sessions a week. |
| Upper School | Reading: Spelling: Maths: Topic: | Read at least x4/wk. Read & respond - in for Wednesday Set on Mon, in for Fri - 3 spelling activities - DONE WELL!! TTRS - do at least 4 Garage & 3 soundcheck at this week. Time to start! New topic h/wk booklet has gone home this week Y6 have separate SPAG & Maths homework. |

Stockbridge Saver

Replacing technology when it fails or is out of date is NEVER cheap but did you know about Money Saving Expert's brilliant money saving tool?

Amazon Warehouse

Sells hundreds of items that have been returned or are mildly damaged with good savings.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE SITE](#)

Bedding - computers - TV screens - Workout gear - kitchen gadgets - storage

Parent Questionnaire

We caught many of you for this as you came through the door for parent's evening. If you missed this opportunity, please could you take a moment to complete it over half term?

[Bit.ly/pg23-24](https://bit.ly/pg23-24)

It's a bit different this year because you've already completed the OfSTED one so this asks new and different questions!

Signposting

Please note that from time to time, we signpost families to local activities, clubs or events. Whilst we are selective in what we send out, this should not be seen as a recommendation or endorsement. We do not carry out the same checks for signposted activities as we would for those activities hosted within or by the school and parents should therefore satisfy themselves that they are happy with the organisation and their activity.

Follow our playlist!

We have heard from many of you how our musician of the month is being played in your cars and kitchens and how you yourselves have discovered new artists and revisited loved ones.

We collate our artists on a playlist on Amazon Music and we've made this year's playlist public. You can find it for yourself by searching in the app for:

23-24 Musician of the month

Mrs Cooper came under growing pressure from Year 6 to have this month's musician and I wholeheartedly agree with their choice! It's a change from Country & Western music Chris Stapleton to dance DJ

AVICII

I'm thinking Friday night kitchen disco with tunes up loud!



Music

On Wednesday this week, Year 3 & 4 were treated to a mini concert from Test Valley Brass Band.

After listening to them and finding out about the different instruments, we were lucky enough to get to try 4 different instruments: cornet, trombone, tenor horn and a baritone.

We found out it can be trickier than it looks and it is not about blowing but making a "raspberry" sound.

If your child is interested in learning to play a brass instrument there is a free open event at John Hanson school (flyer sent home to all Year 3 & 4) children next Thursday where they will tell you more about group lessons at John Hanson and individual lessons here at Stockbridge.

The brass band were very impressed by the natural talents of many of our children.

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UPDATES

Reading

Last newsletter we highlighted some alternatives if your child has got stuck on traditional authors.

But traditional books are not the only reading material! Children enjoy magazines, annuals, comics and much more and this all counts. In fact, it can be the thing that gets children really interested in reading.

If you've got an older child from Year 3 upwards and they're not loving reading, you could just share a comic or an annual – it's small, dipable and doesn't overface them like a story book does. I used to LOVE reading the Guinness Book of world records and you learn all sorts of interesting things along the way.

- DO change it up and encourage them to read something different every now and again.
- DO still hear them read aloud – there won't be quite the same careful matching of vocabulary to need so they might be reading but not having a clue what it's about!
- DO count this and value it as reading
- DO model this – if you are reading it, they're likely to read it too!



End of Financial Year Debt inc residentials

The end of March is creeping closer and we have various balances that need to be settled. These are as follows:

Brecon 2023 - £479

Calshot 2023 - £297

Brecon 2024 Deposit - £615.60

Calshot 2024 Deposit - £501

Tile Barn 2024 - £126

National Portrait Gallery - £255

Payment cards were issued to help to spread the cost, your permission given was your guarantee to pay.

Despite Government assurances to the contrary, schools are not flush with money and do not have 'spare' money to settle debts. If you are unable to pay any outstanding monies in full, please speak to Mrs Spayes or Mrs Jefferies who will arrange payment plans with you.



JUMBLE SALE

At
Stockbridge Primary & Pre-School
Saturday 9th March 12pm - 2:30pm

All donations of jumble clothes, bric-a-brac, children's books and cakes gratefully received.
Please bring donations to school from
Wednesday 6th March onwards.

The poster features various colorful clothing items like skirts, shirts, and trousers arranged around the central text.



LorraineLee Training

Improving Family Communication

This workshop covers avoiding shouting and arguments, giving instructions, guiding behaviour and sibling communication

March 4th 8-9pm online - Search Lorraine Lee Training Eventbrite - £10 plus booking fee

The advertisement shows a family of four (father, mother, and two children) sitting at a table in a kitchen, engaged in a meal or activity together.

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 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| Tues 27 th Feb | Years 4-6 | 7.30am-4.00pm | *PLEASE NOTE REVISED DEPARTURE TIME OF 7.30AM* School trip to London Portrait Gallery – Please return permission slips asap |
| Wed 28 th Feb | Lower Sch | 09.00am-10.00am | Sharing day – pop in to see your child's work. |
| Thurs 29 th Feb | Upper Sch | 09.00am-10.00am | Sharing day – pop in to see your child's work. |
| Thurs 29 th Feb | | 6.30pm-7.30pm | Brass Open Evening – QR code to book. |
| Mon 4 th March | Whole School | 12.00pm-1.00pm | Pie Week – email to follow with menu |
| Mon 4 th March | Upper Sch | 10.00am-12.00pm | Tag Rugby – letters have gone out |
| Thurs 7 th March | Whole school | | World Book Day – No dressing up, we will celebrate this in May. |
| Sat 9 th March | Whole School & Public | 12.00pm – 2.30pm | Jumble Sale – being held in the school hall. All donations to be brought in from Wed 6 th March onwards. Please see attached poster. |
| Tues 12 th March | Year R | 9.30am-2.30pm | Trip to Hillier Gardens – letter to follow. |
| Fri 15 th March | Whole School | 8.50am-3.15pm | Comic Relief – Break the Rules! Red Noses will be on sale from Wed 13 th . |
| Mon 18 th March | Clubs | | Last week of clubs before Easter. |
| Wed 27 th March | Year 4 | | Wednesday 27 th – Thursday 28 th March – Tile Barn |

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

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| Day 4 | Monday 22 nd July |
| Day 5 | Tuesday 23 rd July |