



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 16

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Happy holidays!

As the term draws to a close, we have been busy capturing progress from term to term this week through end of unit assessments and testing. Children have a lot to be proud of and we have a huge range of work that they have been successful at this term. Some examples are below.

Thanks to all who came and supported the jumble sale last weekend. We were pleased with the outcome given that this is our first one and we already have a tonne of things we'd do differently next time. We raised almost £400 on the day and we're not done yet either with several bits still for sale online.

On page 3 of this newsletter, there's 10 fun things that are super cheap to do with your family this holiday but, in case you have the opportunity to go on days out or to the library, this is what we're learning about next term:

Sprat & Winkle	Castles
Redbridge	Titanic
Horsebridge	Titanic
Mottisfont	A line through Time
Clatford	A line through Time

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are still on sale from the office at £1 each for some fantastic Easter Prizes!
Be quick as the draw is taking place on the last day of term.

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.

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 Tuesday Set on Mon, in for Fri – 3 spelling activities – DONE WELL!! TTRS – do at least 4 Garage & 3 Soundcheck this week. **ONLY 9 HAVE USED IT THIS WEEK** All due in on Monday!



The food pantry's hours are changing. They'll be on site, in our car park, every Friday from 11.15am – 12.30pm with fresh and tinned produce every week.

Stockbridge saver

We've noticed a lot of trousers are now half way up ankles and jumpers and looking a bit small and tight as children have grown so much over winter.

Don't forget to use our school pre-loved shop for summer uniform – there's loads on there: shoes, dresses, shorts, lightweight coats, jumpers, cardigans and more!

<https://www.grownoutofit.co.uk/>

Get that sharpie out!

With the warmer weather on the way (hopefully!) please do take a moment over the Easter holidays to label up all jumpers and coats, especially new ones you may have ready for summer.

Children are very good at wearing their coats out to play but they are quickly stripped off with a little bit of sunshine. Finding the owners of 100+ jumpers and coats every lunchtime isn't fun!

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.

Sport

Monday morning brought exciting news after hockey matches at the weekend had been played and success found! Maddie is proudly wearing her silver medal after her Romsey team came second in Hampshire and the boys team did well too!



Grace in Year 1 has been doing an amazing job in her gymnastics coming 1st on floor, 2nd for vault and 1st overall in her group – what an amazing powerhouse she is!

Well done!

Netball

This week our Netball team competed at the local cluster competition! They played incredibly well and came away with an excellent 3rd place in difficult conditions! It was fantastic to see their team work and the sacrifices they made to get the victories for themselves and the school. I would like to give a special shout out to the Y4 girls who played brilliantly as the youngest people at the competition! In school we are really looking forward to the competitions coming in the summer term.



Holiday activities

We know that holidays can be expensive times for families so we hope that our saver from last week plus the ideas contained in this newsletter help ease the burden a little – we've got everything crossed that the weather will be bright, dry and a little warmer but even if not, there's still things to do!

Click the picture link below for some ideas locally of clubs and events and the top 10 fun things to do over Easter on page 3 of this newsletter should also give you a few pointers. Happy holidays!



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UPDATES

Holiday requests

We are having an inordinate number of requests for holiday during term time.

Unless circumstances are absolutely exceptional, these will not be approved. We have 14 weeks holiday a year and have allocated INSET days onto the beginning or end of holidays to support you in coming back when prices have dropped a little.

Should you decide to take holiday in term time, you should be aware that the Government have just increased the penalty amount. It is now £80 per child, per parent so if you have 2 children in a 2 parent family, the fine will be £320. The fine doubles if it is not paid in the time allocated.

The school does not keep any of this money although we are directed by Government to administer the penalty notices. This is not a comfortable situation to be in between school and home but then neither is it comfortable for your child to come back into a learning journey which has begun in their absence and they have no idea what's going on.

Outstanding monies

Please ensure all monies outstanding are settled by Thursday, the last day of this term. There should be NO residential money outstanding either for deposits for Wales or Calshot next year or for residential taken this year as there have been payment plans in place.

All dinner money needs to be settled please too as we are at our year end and need to reconcile the accounts for the end of year.

Guitar next term

Guitar with Kev will begin again on 24th April and runs for 12 weeks with the last session being on 17th July. Kev has committed to a guitar concert on this date so that we can celebrate the amazing playing by our rising stars!

10 fun things to do as a family this Spring



Picnic in the Park:

Pack a delicious picnic and head to a nearby park. Enjoy the fresh spring air, play some outdoor games like frisbee or badminton, and relax on a blanket surrounded by nature.

Nature Scavenger Hunt:

Create a list of items to find in nature, such as specific flowers, leaves, or even certain types of insects. Go on a scavenger hunt as a family and see who can find everything on the list first.



Bike Ride Adventure:

Explore local bike trails or ride through your neighbourhood together. Spring is the perfect time to enjoy the budding flowers and greenery while getting some exercise as a family.

DIY Bird Feeders:

Make simple bird feeders using pinecones, peanut butter, and birdseed. Hang them in your back garden or a nearby park, and watch as birds come to enjoy the tasty treats.



Outdoor Movie Night:

Set up a makeshift outdoor cinema in your back garden. Use a projector and a white sheet, and enjoy a family movie night under the stars. Don't forget the popcorn!



Go on a Nature Walk:

Take a leisurely stroll through a nature reserve or on a hiking trail. Bring a guidebook to identify different plants and animals and take the time to appreciate the beauty of the changing season. Spring is such a lovely time to be outdoors so make the most of it!

Plant a Family Garden:

Start a small garden together with flowers, herbs or vegetables. It's a great way to teach children about nature and responsibility while enjoying the process of watching plants blossom and grow.



Pavement Chalk Art:

Head to your driveway or a local park with colourful pavement chalk. Encourage creativity and create vibrant spring-themed artwork on the pavement. Make sure you take a selfie before a spring rain shower washes your creation away!

Fly a Kite:

Take advantage of the spring winds and fly a kite in an open field. It's a simple yet enjoyable activity for the whole family. It's still one of those things that makes us stare in wonder!



Outdoor Yoga or Exercise Session:

Find a peaceful spot in a park or your back garden and practice yoga as a family. Alternatively, engage in a fun and energetic outdoor exercise session, such as a family friendly workout or a game of ultimate frisbee.



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
Wed 27 th March	Year 4		Wednesday 27 th – Thursday 28 th March – Tile Barn
Thurs 28 th March	Year 1,2 & 3	9.00am-3.00pm	Trip to Butser Farm – letters have gone out.
EASTER HOLIDAYS			
Tues 16 th Apr & Thurs 18 th	Upper School	All day	Trip to Romsey Signal Station – Payment due
22 nd April			Clubs start – Payment due

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

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

