



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 18

19 April 2024

A welcome return

Thank goodness! The return to school has brought the sun with it and we've been enjoying breaks and lunches running around in the sunshine. I hope you all had a lovely Easter and managed some good family time in amongst the real juggle of having children at home.

We have returned keen as beans for the summer term and in today's celebration assembly, we all celebrated our very first PLATINUM badge award of the year – the earliest we've ever awarded one! It went to a very deserving Grace Scragg from Year 1 who always goes above and beyond in her learning and in friendships. Mrs Cooper is a tough one to get success points from too so this is very very deserved – well done Grace!



We'll be back on the field next week if the sun stays out. It's still chilly on the mornings and many are coming to school in jumpers and cardigans. When these get shed at play and lunch, it's hard to pair them back to your child – please make sure you label all clothing really clearly so that we can promptly get them back to your child!

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Let's smarten up!

I don't know what you've been feeding your children over Easter but many have shot up!

On a glance around the playground at break today, we noticed many uniforms are outgrown or looking very scruffy and stained and trainers have crept in. If jumpers have been chewed or got holes in, please replace them.

Please use this weekend to ensure uniform is all smart and if your child has outgrown shoes over Easter, please ensure we have black school shoes for Monday. Thanks!

www.grownoutfit.co.uk

Also, please ensure PE kits are in for Monday. In some classes a third of children didn't have the right kit this week.

REMINDER! THIS SUNDAY

We have a grounds working party planned for Sunday this weekend from 10am – 12noon. Bring bikes and scooters and your children can play on the field and playground if you can help us keep our grounds tidy please!

Jobs on the list for this time are:

- Cementing in the wobbly steps in our entrance
- Painting on the lines that are now faded for all external steps
- Putting up a few noticeboards
- Weeding the beds and borders and planting up some spring and summer plants
- Clearing the pond – please bring waders!
- Forest School path creating
- Strimming nettles in forest school
- Move welly racks to the back of the building and secure to the wall then reorganise wellies so it's a usable resource.

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

Thea in Year 4 is a secret ninja! Although she makes no fuss about it, Thea is seriously good at JuJitsu and has achieved her grey belt in this sport. Well done Thea on your resilience and commitment to this sport and for achieving such a high grade.

We are readying ourselves for our next cluster tournament which will be held next Thursday evening at Broughton and it's Tri-golf.

Through the cluster events, we have a real commitment to giving children the opportunity to try lots of different sports, not just the traditional school based ones.

We will be taking 8 Year 2s to this event which is a lovely change from just being sports for the older children too.

We'll let you know how we get on next week!

Music

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

ELLA

FITZGERALD

Otherwise known as the 'Queen of Jazz', Ella Fitzgerald is an American legend and we just know that the children are going to love the soothing sound of her velvety voice and the more upbeat numbers too

We'll add some of her songs to the school playlist over the weekend so if you haven't made a link to it on Spotify, a reminder that if you search on Amazon Music for 23-24 Musician of the month, you can listen to all of our musicians of the month in your own home or in the car and sing along to your heart's content!

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Who to go to?

My shared headship post to Smannell & Enham Primary School ends at the end of the summer term. I am on site at Stockbridge:

- Monday morning
- Tuesday all day
- Wednesday afternoon
- Friday morning

If you are unable to catch me, we have ensured that we have clear lines of delegation for issues to help it be clear for all stakeholders:

Mrs Dodman is your first port of call should you have any pastoral issues. This includes queries about your child's care

Mrs Natt is taking a lead on curriculum and assessment to support me and ensure we are forging ahead with children's learning.

Mrs Cooper is overseeing well-being and mental health but is also the one to make the final decision for anything in the rare event of me being uncontactable.

Mrs Cooper & Mrs Evans are safeguarding leads also.

Mrs Spayes remains the font of all knowledge for all admin things.

Can you help drive?

Year R are off to Windsor Castle to see a real, live castle in action BUT the bus is over £500. We can do this much cheaper using the school minibus and a car or two.

Would you like to come with us and be able to drive some children there please?

We'd need to get DBS clearance and check insurance and MOT documents but clearly, if we can reduce the cost from £26 per child to about £6-7 that would be brilliant all around! Please speak to the office if you can help out.

Thanks in advance.





Home-Start Winchester

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Could you support a local family going through challenging times?

Our 5 week training course for volunteers begins on Thursday 2nd May 9.30-2.30 and then 9th, 16th and 23rd May and 6th June.

If you have parenting experience and can offer a local family in need of support 2 hours a week please give us a call or an email. Home-Start volunteers change lives.

01962 851177

Info@home-startwinchester.org.uk



Job opportunity

The Winchester Basics Bank is looking for a new Warehouse and Distribution Manager to help us keep the wheels turning, especially as the number of people who are contacting us is on the rise.

The position is part-time (18 hours) and the person selected will be working alongside the Trustees, myself, the Operations Support Assistant and around 70 volunteers who help us ensure that Winchester and District residents have access to the basics when they need them: food, hygiene products, nappies, cleaning supplies, clothing and some household goods such as cooking utensils and bedding/towels.

If you think this could be you, please visit their website:

<https://winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/winchester-basics-bank-seeks-warehouse-and-distribution-manager/>

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Nappies

Reusable Nappy Week, from the 22nd-28th April 2024, is an international campaign raising awareness and advocating all things reusable nappies.

It is estimated that each child will go through as many as 4,000 nappies by the age of two and a half, and as a result, disposable nappies make up around 6% of the average family rubbish bin in Hampshire homes. Just one reusable nappy can make a difference!

Hampshire County Council recognises that the upfront cost of reusable nappies can be a barrier for some families. This is why we have partnered with several online retailers to secure Hampshire residents a 15% discount on reusable nappy products. Register online today to receive your discount code: [Reusable nappies | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/reusable-nappies)

Not sure where to start? Nappy libraries are a great way to 'try before you buy' by renting a reusable nappy kit to suit your needs. Nappy libraries often run advice sessions or groups so you can talk to other parents trying reusables. Contact your local nappy library today!

Active nappy libraries in Hampshire:

[Andover nappy library](#)

[Basingstoke and Overton nappy library](#)

[New Forest nappy library](#)

[Southampton Real Nappy Network](#)

[Winchester NCT nappy library](#)

Psst! Myth alert! Modern reusable nappies do not require soaking and can be safely washed in the washing machine at home for hygienic, daily use. Some designs even have a removable lining, so you won't need to wash the whole nappy every time!

Give us your junk!

Sprat & Winkle class would LOVE to have any of the following please:

- Cereal boxes
- Wood – pine, balsa, off cuts of soft wood
- Bottle tops (the type on the top of a tonic bottle for example)
- Can pulls
- Ribbons
- Scraps of material
- Screws (not rusty)
- Old (clean and not rusty) pans, utensils etc for our mud kitchen

We are also very happy to receive in the main school:

- Plant cuttings, especially perennials
- Compost

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

