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Primary and Pre-school



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Learning in earnest

I absolutely love this term for all kinds of reasons; the warmer sun, beautiful sunrises, driving home in the light but one I am very privileged to be part of is the lightbulb moments we see the children having as all the building blocks from previous terms 'click' into place.

With Mr Taylor off ill at present, Mrs McClue and I have had the absolute pleasure of teaching Clatford class – they really are rather brilliant. They have a great learning and work ethic and support each other in class to ensure they achieve their best. I have also been working with a Year 6 group for maths and it's a joy seeing them make links with earlier learning to solve increasingly complex problems.

All staff and I have sat down in the last fortnight and reviewed results, planned interventions and support and celebrated children who have really made great progress. The overall picture is very positive of the steps children are taking in their learning and teachers have been busy writing reports which will be home with you before the half term.

I look forward to sharing them with you. In the meantime, accompanied with this newsletter, are the topic maps from EYFS, lower and upper school so that you have a better idea of your child's learning this half term.

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Stockbridge Saver

A quick one this week but perhaps it's time for a spring clean?

All of the money saving sites and articles are encouraging us at the moment to have a 'spring clean' of our bank accounts to check for any unwanted subscriptions that have crept in or are long standing old ones.

I recently cancelled almost £100 of charges that I'd just let slide – Apple TV which I'd 'trialled' so I could watch Ted Lasso! Ancestry from when we did our WW1 project years ago, old apps I no longer used and expensive icloud space.

Illness

We have had a number of Scarlet Fever cases in school recently which are notifiable to the Health Protection Team – thank you to those families who kept us in the loop about them

Please ensure, if your child is unwell or doesn't attend school because they are ill or sent home, that they do not then come back onto school grounds until they are well enough to return fully to school and certainly not to play on the adventure playground with their friends at the end of the day, this just risks more children falling ill and we have a number of vulnerable adults within our community who also would be very ill if they caught a bug from our children.

Thank you!

A massive thank you to the 6 families, plus staff that turned out for the grounds working party day a few weekends ago. We got so much done on the playground and many hands make light work!

In addition, Mr King with his 'Mary Poppins van of tools', along with Mr Booth, affixed the welly racks to the wall at the back of school and they look proudly smart and safe.

Thank you to all.



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

Our Tri-golf competition went really well and our Year 2 children represented us brilliantly – well done to them in their first taste of an inter school competition.

They came back very proudly bearing their bronze medals – well done team!

Music

Don't forget that you can join our school playlist on Amazon Music:

search 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!

Don't forget to read!

We have seen a real drop off in the progress of children reading and have noticed that there is very little engagement in reading journals or reading records. When we've talked to children, too many of them have said that they don't read at home or don't have a bedtime stories. Whilst audio books are a great way to access literature, there is nothing that beats a bedtime story!

Here are some suggestions for good ones to enjoy with our various age groups. You can loan these from us and if you click on the picture, you'll find a hyperlink to amazon too.



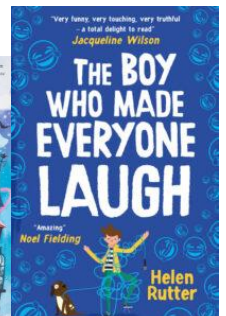
Luna loves...
By Joseph Coelho
To be honest, anything in this series is just lovely and fun and relateable for YR.



Can I build another me
Grandpa's secret giant
Year 1 & 2 are spoilt for choice at the moment but these two are heartwarming and about everyone's uniqueness as well as friendship against the odds.



The Iron Giant by Ted Hughes
Charlotte's web by EH White
Year 3 can access classic 'heritage' texts as their reading becomes fluent and their understanding of the world greater. These two are brill!



YEAR 4: The land of roar
YEAR 5: The house on the edge of magic
YEAR 6: The boy who made everyone laugh
The trick with books at this end of school is ensuring children UNDERSTAND them. Even if they can read complicated things, they don't necessarily understand the content. These 3 new books are age appropriate fiction.

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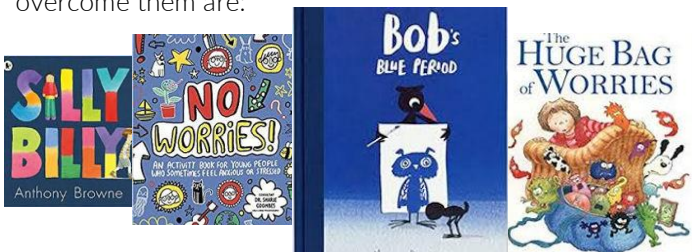
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Wellbeing

Worries are part of life. We cannot eliminate them completely or control everything but sometimes for children they feel insurmountable and all consuming but, with adult help, they can be rationalized and even minimized so that they don't occupy every waking moment.

CAMHS has 8 strategies for adults that would work just as well for children that are [available by clicking here](#).

Some good books to help children understand that worries are a normal part of life and discover ways to overcome them are:



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 Summer 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 7 th	Lower School	All day	Trip to SeaCity Museum, Southampton
Tues 7 th	Year R	Am	School nurse – height & weight
Thurs 9 th	Year R	All day	Trip to Windsor Castle
Fri 10 th	New parents to Year R Sept '24	13:30 – 15:00	School readiness session
w/b 13 th	Year 6	All week	SATS Timetable as follows: Monday – Spelling, punctuation & grammar Tuesday – Reading Wednesday – Arithmetic & Maths reasoning 1 Thursday – Maths reasoning 2
w/b 20 th	All	All	Walk to school week – go the extra mile and walk a bit further to school
Tues 21 st	All	14:00	Dementia Day – Time for a cuppa – invites to follow separately
Fri 24 th	All	14:30	FOSS AGM – new Chair and new Treasurer to be voted in as well as chance to look ahead to summer events
	All	15:15	Last day of the half term
Whitsun holidays			
Wed 5 th June	Year 4	18:30	Online meeting about Calshot trip
Thurs 6 th	All	10:30	War Memorial for 80 th anniversary of D-Day
w/b 10 th June	Year 1 & some Year 2	All week	Phonics check
	Year 4	All week	Multiplication tables check week
Mon 10 th	Teams	All day	Athletics Competition at King's Somborne
Fri 14 th	All	14:30	Father's Day shop
Tues 18 th	Upper School	09:00	Upper School Sharing morning – come and see your child's work
Wed 19 th	Year R & Lower School	09:00	Lower School and Sprat & Winkle Sharing morning – come and see your child's work
Tues 25 th	Team TBC	16:00	Rounders tournament
Fri 28 th	Year 3	18:00 – overnight	Camp out
w/b 1 st July	Year 1-6	All week	Testing week
Fri 5 th July	Years 4-6	14:00 & 18:00	End of year show
Fri 12 th	Team TBC	TBC	Dance festival
Mon 15 th	All	09:00	Sports day (will be finished by 12noon)
Thurs 18 th	All	15:30	Summer sizzler
Fri 19 th	Year 6 & leavers	11:00	Leaver's assembly
		13:00	End of Year picnic – all families welcome for a picnic lunch. School finishes for the year.

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

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