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Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 22

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Dear Parents,

It has been a few weeks since our last newsletter but that definitely doesn't mean things have been quiet in school! I hope that those of you who could make it, found the sharing mornings for upper and lower school last week useful to have an insight into what your child has been getting up to in their learning.

I have been giving a lot of thought to the organisation of the school for next academic year. We will be very sad to see Mrs Natt leave us as she makes a step up the career ladder in leading a year group team in a larger school in Winchester. From an 'at home' interview during COVID to the wonderful productions and engaging learning, Mrs Natt has been a huge asset on our staff team and we will miss her greatly but know this is the right move for her and wish her every success.

Mrs Hughes has been undertaking her teaching degree with us this year and has been appointed to replace Mrs Natt although we're having a juggle around of classes (see below). You'll know from other posts in previous newsletters that Mrs Hughes has worked tirelessly to achieve her ambition of teaching and we are proud to be her first employer as a teacher! Congratulations!

Mrs Whittington, our SENCO, has been on maternity leave since September and is now very settled on the Isle of Wight with her young family so has decided to take up a post closer to home. She was successful this week and we know her new school is VERY lucky to have her. Mrs McClue has been deputising and doing such an amazing job – she will continue in this role in the Autumn term. We wish Mrs Whittington every success in her new role, we know she'll be fabulous!

In other news, we are going to be saying farewell to Shawn who is also leaving at the end of this term both from the minibus post and from the kitchen role. Shawn has worked for the school as long as I've been here and has been a great support with the minibus and many, many other odd jobs about the place. You may still see him in a minibus – just not ours, as he takes up a new post for a care home driving their residents around. We are starting the search for a new cook and for a new minibus driver this week although it's unlikely anyone will have this diverse skill set so it's likely to be 2 entirely new people!

Our school organization for next year:

Class	Year group	Teacher/lead	Support teacher
Kingfishers	Pre-School	Mrs Evans	Mrs Freeman & one other - TBA
Sprat & Winkle	Year R	Mrs Thomson	Miss Hatt
Redbridge	Year 1/2	Mrs Cooper	Mrs Thomas
Horsebridge	Year 2/3	Mrs Hughes	Mrs Tanner
Mottisfont	Year 4/5	Mrs Dodman	Mrs Reynolds
Clatford	Year 5/6	Mr Taylor	Mrs Holden

To smooth the transition into new classes, children will move to their new class on Tuesday 9th July at 2pm and then Wed 10th and Thurs 11th at 2pm to spend time with their new teacher and classmates. We will send a letter home to you with your child's new class arrangements on Tuesday 9th before the end of the school day. Please don't ask us which class your child will be in before then – we are genuinely not sure! We have a rough idea but this is usually changed several times before us settling on the final arrangement!

I am also delighted to be returning full time to Stockbridge after dividing my time between here and Smannell & Enham for the majority of the year. Doing secondments is always useful to school in so many ways, not least in saving half my wage which means we can keep our staffing structure stable and afford new equipment we might not otherwise be able to do.

This is the penultimate letter of the half term. I can't believe it's flown by so quickly! Enjoy the sunshine.

Kind regards,
Mrs Jefferies

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.

Sporting success

Our Cricket team aced their matches at the Cluster festival to come out on top, making it through to County finals at the Utilita Bowl this week.

Despite the heat they played brilliantly and had a great day working as a team and enjoying watching and playing great games of cricket.

On the same day this week, our rounders team smashed it and showed how well they play as a team and use their skills to win the Cluster rounders tournament – this is the 3rd year in a row so there was a bit of pressure to retain the trophy!

Well done to all and thank you for brilliantly representing the school and showing such sporting spirit. We are very proud of you.

Having been spotted for Arsenal, but it being too far from home, we're super proud of Ava in Year 4 for being selected for Reading FC's 'Emerging Talent Centre' for 24/25 – have we a future Lioness on our hands? MASSIVE well done Ava!



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UPDATES

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We have been looking at the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' in our Wednesday assemblies. The children are getting really good at being able to think about strategies they can use to support themselves.



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence

Courses of interest



CAMHS are running a **FREE** Parent, Carer and Professionals event in Winchester on the 25th of September offering advice from professionals in the field of Mental Health. Mrs Cooper has already booked on to some of the morning sessions and spaces are filling up fast! Sessions are on range of topics including Autism, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Coping and Resilience, ADHD and Anxiety plus many more! It is well worth taking a look to see if there is anything you might find interesting – even if it's just to hear you're not alone!

AND THERE'S MORE!



Last day arrangements

As we have two INSET days at the end of term, our last day in school with children will be Friday 19th July.

We will be holding our leavers assembly at 11am. All Year 6 parents and family are welcome to attend.

At 12noon, all families are welcome to join us for a family picnic on the field. This is always a super social, lovely end to the year.

At 1pm, we will bring children back into class giving you an opportunity to pack up and then we'll bring children to you for 1.15pm for the end of the year. There is no clubhouse on the last day of term.

STOCKBRIDGE SAVER

It's time to think about uniform for next year.

- M&S have 25% off kids footwear at the moment
- George @ Asda have 20% off school uniform - 2 polo shirts are £2.40!
- Aldi & Lidl have full school uniform for £5

Jumpers & Cardigans and a red PE t-shirt MUST have the school logo on (from www.skoolkit) but all other items can be purchased without.

Key info on term dates

These are by no means all the events until the end of term but the key ones with further info to help you plan.

Fri 5 th	ALL UPPER SCHOOL End of term show at Town Hall <i>Matinee @ 2pm</i> <i>Evening @ 6pm</i>
Tues 9 th	Whole school moving up afternoon <i>Letters to you by 2pm for new classes in September</i>
Wed 10 th	Guitar concert @ 9.30am <i>Open to all parents whose children have lessons with Kev</i>
Thurs 11 th	Am: TVS Festival of languages <i>For Year 4/5 only. We'll walk there and back in the school day.</i>
Mon 15 th	MORNING = Sports Day @ 9am Come and cheer your child on – Pastries and coffee available
Tues 15 th – Fri 19 th	Swimming at Farleigh for year 4 <i>Please send your child to school with their bathers under their uniform (pants in bag!)</i>
Thurs 18 th	Summer Sizzler @ 4pm
Fri 19 th	Last day of term – see opposite box for further info.



B2S brilliance!

What a brilliant Bags2School day we had! Thanks to all who helped and Kat Brown for giving up her Sunday for local donations and sorting all the admin. We raised a handsome £256.80. Donations are going to Pakistan this time to reach into the local communities there. What a great cause! Thanks to all who helped load up the van.

First residential? DONE!

Year 3 have just completed their first residential ever! They were brilliant fun and dropped off to sleep without too much chatting after cooking s'mores over the fire. Well done!



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
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
w/b 15 th	Year 4		Swimming?
Mon 15 th	All	09:00	Sports day (will be finished by 12noon)
Thurs 18 th	All	15:30-17:30	Summer sizzler
Fri 19 th	Year 6 & leavers	11:00	Leaver's assembly
		12:00	End of Year picnic – all families welcome for a picnic lunch.
		13:00	School finishes for the year.

