



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 2

13 September 2024

### Time flies when you're having fun!

I can scarcely believe it's already the end of the second full week back! It's flown by and we've made a really good head start on learning already as well as getting the routines up and running for all the elements of school life. I hope you've found it easy(ish) to settle back into routines or find new ones if things have changed at home or work.

This week has been a week of firsts for the year and our first celebration assembly this morning focused on some brilliant work by children in maths, a super buddy who has really grasped the mantle of responsibility for his young charge and excellent settling in for one of our Year R children who didn't know she had a place here until the very last minute and yet strolled in and made herself right at home! Mr Taylor was being indecisive and couldn't decide between 3 brilliant pieces of writing so Martha, Ava and Ella were all celebrated for their high standard of vocabulary choice – some very grown up writing setting the tone for what promises to be a good year of learning and achieving.

We are sending home tonight with this newsletter the topic maps for your child's class this term so that you know what they'll be learning about.

Parent's evenings will be in early October so that we can touch base with you but please don't wait until then if you want to check something out with your child's class teacher. They may not be able to answer in full at the end of the day or on morning duty but they'll always make a time for you to meet with them and go through any queries.

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is on every day and staffed by two of our own staff team who know all of our children well. It's £4 a day including as much breakfast as your child would like!

If you would like to use this facility, it begins at 7.45am and you can bring your child to the hall door where Mrs Holden or Miss Hatt will greet you and will see the children safely into club.

We are now a much bigger staff than we used to be so please park on Old London Road and walk in rather than pull into the car park keeping movement of cars in and out to a minimum and making it safer for you and your child. **You do not need to book this in advance.**

### ASDA

AMAZING NEWS!!! Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using their Rewards app, FOSS can receive a percentage of your spend!!

Help us to raise money for the children at Stockbridge Primary & Pre-School simply by doing your weekly shop in Asda. Set up is simple:

1. Download the Asda rewards App ➡
2. Click on 'cashpots' 🛒
3. Type in 'Stockbridge Primary & Preschool' ❤️

Asda will give us £1 for every person who selects our school, a percentage of their shopping spend and a bonus £50 when the first person does their shopping!!



### School meals

We're delighted to announce that Laura and Kelly are our new kitchen team – Laura is here to lead the kitchen and has huge experience in school kitchens

I ate her veggie lasagna today as did many other children and we even passed samples around for children having packed lunch and fish and chips to try – it went down a storm.

If your child hasn't had school dinners for a while, please do encourage them to give it a go – the quality and standard is excellent and Laura is already getting to know the children individually.

Hampshire caterers have increased the price of a school meal to £3.20 per child in years 3-6 and for pre-school children.



**HOUSE CAPTAINS (left):**  
Ottillie, Joshua, Logan & Morris

**PEER MENTORS (right):**  
Eden, Zac, Inigo, Iris, Maude,  
Amelia, Jacob, Thea, Eva

**LIBRARIANS (right):**  
Niamh, Logan, Martha,  
Alex, Ella, Percy



**PRE-SCHOOL BUDDIES (above):**  
Jacob J & Aaliyah



**TECHNICIANS (left):**  
Eddie, Cameron,  
Jacob, Beau



**BRONZE AMBASSADORS (left):**  
Harison, Henry, Rose, Jack, Poppy,  
Charlie, Jenson, Maddie, Elise, Ava

**GARDEN GANG (right):**  
Troy, Max, Mason, Troy, Jasper &  
Stanley



## News from home

This section is all about your children and their achievements at home – not just sport! It should also help you link to clubs and things that your child might be interested in but not know about either! From Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, sport, music, stage and singing – it can all be covered here.



Well done to Mila in Year 3 for her bravery and achievement – she recently donated 9 inches of her own beautiful curly hair to the Little Princess Trust who make real hair wigs for children who are undergoing cancer treatment or have alopecia. She is now raising money to help them make it into a wig – this

costs £700 and she would love to raise at least £200 to go towards it. If you could add to her fundraising pot, please

go to [\*Mila's fundraising page\*](#)

you can donate cash – the donations pot is on the front office desk. You can make a real difference!

## Music

Mr Seymour has been in today and resurrected piano lessons – he has a waiting list and will be contacting those on it in the next few weeks.

Kev's guitar lessons will start next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

If you would like your child to take up one of these instruments and they are Year 3 or above, please contact the school office and they will link you up with the teachers.

We also have an opportunity for your child in Year 3 or above to learn a brass instrument with Alun Gray from Test Valley Brass Band – again, if you are interested, please contact the school office.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Year 3 & 4 will be singing at the turn on of the Christmas lights on Stockbridge High Street, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Mr Seymour is introducing them to singing lessons weekly for free which is so very generous and he will accompany them musically on that evening.



## THIS COMING WEDNESDAY IS INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS!



Please make sure your child wears their red Stockbridge jumper or cardigan and is looking super smart!

If you have toddlers, babies or older children you would like in a family photo, please come to school for 8.30am and we will do these photos before we get going with the main school and siblings.

## Diary Dates Autumn term 2024-25

These are diary dates for parents for the next fortnight until the next newsletter is out.

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 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Am	Whole school individual photos – for pre-school children too
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	2pm	FOSS meeting – all welcome in the school library
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year R parents	9am (face to face) 7pm (online)	Maths briefing for Year R parents
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year R parents	9am (face to face)	Maths briefing for Year R parents
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	All	2.30pm	Macmillan Coffee afternoon
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	<b>INSET day – no children in school – staff training</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 parents	All week	<b>Year 6 off to Wales this week – back for end of school normal time on Friday</b>
OCTOBER			
w/b 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	All week	Conker competition runs for 2 weeks
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year R, 1, 2 parents	12noon	Flu immunisations for all children signed up. Year R & Lower School parent lunch (Years R – 2)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 – 3	All day	Blashford Lakes trip
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Throughout the day	Parent teacher meetings
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent teacher meetings
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All		Sponsorship forms out for the Welly Walk
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All welcome	9.30am-11.30am	Grounds working party
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	All	4.00pm-5.30pm	Pumpkin Party
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	All		Last day of term.