



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 3

20 September 2024

### Settling in well

All of the hard work in the last 3 weeks from the children and the extra hours put in by staff in the holidays to make their classrooms safe and calm spaces is paying off and I'm really pleased by how well the children have settled back into their new routines. The various groups who hold responsibilities are also beginning to realise their roles and shape them to this cohort of children.

In the first week of school after the holidays, Year 5, Mrs McClue and I went off to Calshot for the first of our residential for the year. Year 5 were standout brilliant! They began by telling us they "don't feel like Year 5's, we still feel like Year 4" but by the end of the week, their confidence was soaring high and they definitely stepped up to meet the challenges.

With poor weather forecast, they are the first group with me to every do rifle shooting and snowboarding and they were truly excellent! They also braved the rain in a determined fashion on the Friday morning to kayak, travelling out into the Solent and drifting into the bay caused by the land formation there. This provided a safe space to play in the kayaks and master the paddling.

We do this residential so early in the year so that we can use the findings from it in lessons and throughout school. We see children face challenges, have to organise themselves and try new things that they may not be brilliant at first time. All of this is critical learning for progress in Year 5.

Mrs Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

### Have you met Ziggy?

Named by Poppy in Year 6, Ziggy's the name we've given to our big red bus as a mash up of her registration plate. She's a beauty and brand new! With only 71 miles on the clock when we got her, she's already proving a hit with the children. She'll be finished fully next week with our logo and signs attached. Watch us go!



### Wellbeing & Mental Health

Mrs Cooper is our Mental health and well being lead in school and has undertaken a big project to get us up and running with this. Mrs Holdich is our THRIVE practitioner who is released this year specifically to support THRIVE development across our school and pre-school. Mrs Cooper runs weekly 'Wellbeing Wednesday' assemblies focused on tips to improve the children's mental health and wellbeing and Mrs Holdich will be starting up sessions weekly to support parents. This will be 'pop-in' style and you'll be able to share concerns, ask questions or just have a quiet cup of tea! Watch this space for a start date.



### STOCKBRIDGE SAVER

10 things you can do this weekend without spending any money! September is a long month – only 10 days until pay day!

- 1) Try a new recipe from store cupboard ingredients
- 2) Rearrange furniture and change up a room for Autumn
- 3) Have a duvet day & enjoy a good film or two
- 4) Go on an outdoor adventure
- 5) Have a fashion parade for the whole family and sort out unwanted items to sell on Vinted
- 6) Go geocaching (an digital treasure hunt) – there's a few in Stockbridge itself
- 7) Get dressed up and have a kitchen disco (a good excuse to play 90s bangers!!)
- 8) Visit the library (Andover & Winchester 9.30am – 5pm)
- 9) Build a den – Farleigh woods are only up the road and they're full of fun spaces.
- 10) Let the children be bored – they'll think up something exciting to do and my only need an empty cardboard box!



## Macmillan Coffee afternoon

It's rolled around already and **NEXT THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup>** September we will be raising money for Macmillan by holding our annual coffee get together **IN THE AFTERNOON! 2.30pm – 3.15pm**

We hope you, neighbours, grandparents and friends will join us to help us raise lots of money for this worthy cause.

To help spread the load, we've split the cake demands down into family groups:

**Red family:** Fairy cakes

**Blue family:** Tray bakes

**Yellow family:** crispy & crunchy cakes eg. cornflake cakes

**Green family:** brownies or blondies

Staff have their annual cake competition too and this time, there's prizes!

Children will have their cakes at break and an opportunity to have another with their parent if they come along on the afternoon. We'll sell the remainders after school too.

## Year R parent briefings

Thank you to all Year R families who managed to attend the phonics briefings last week.

Year R already have 8 sounds under their belt and are beginning to blend and segment too. How exciting!

We now want to brief you about the maths journey your child will embark on this term from now until Christmas and we'll be running the following briefing sessions next week. You only need attend one of the sessions.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

9am – 9.45am

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7pm – 7.45pm

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

9am – 9.45am

Mrs Dodman, our maths lead, will talk you through the maths expectations for the end of Year R but, more specifically, what your child will learn in the next 12 weeks.

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# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

## Sport

We finally have our sports programme through for the year and we're delighted to announce that the first competitive event of the year will be the Cross Country to be held at Wallop School next Tuesday.

Children who have been selected for the team will already have received their letters and we'll meet parents and children there at 4pm. This is often a hotly contested event with year group races and we see the very best of our children as they compete against other schools but support each other as good sportspeople.

The next competition after this is the Girl's football on Tues 15<sup>th</sup> October – letters due out at the end of next week.

Last year, we had great success at Cross Country as demonstrated by these smiley faces!



## E-Safety

The beginning of term has brought another round of E-safety in school. Each year group focuses on a different aspect that is age appropriate for the class. Please can you discuss these topics with your children to reinforce the learning that has been taking place in school.

**Horsebridge** – In Horsebridge this half term, we have looked at the different online services that we have access to. We also looked at the importance of keeping our details private and how we can change our personal information to make it less identifiable.

**Redbridge** – In Redbridge we have been working on staying safe when using passwords, we have looked at good and bad passwords. We discussed what made a good password and how we need to keep them to ourselves.

**Mottisfont** – In Mottisfont this half term we have been looking at privacy and security online. We looked at how we can use the internet safely and the importance of not sharing personal information online.

**Clatford** – In Clatford we have been looking at self-image and identity online, we looked at how we can stay safe as well as how we need to be aware of the dangers of sharing our identity online.

# 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
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	INSET day – no children in school – staff training
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 parents	All week	Year 6 off to Wales this week – back for end of school normal time on Friday
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.