



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Happy New Year!

I hope that the holidays brought you some family time and a good break from the routines of term time. We know that many children thrive on these but it's always good to catch up on sleep and take time with family and friends.

Snow certainly isn't what we're use to coming back to in January and the surprise of it falling at home time on Wednesday was an exciting interlude to our first week back!

There have been, what seems like, many changes to our staffing this term and I have posted on the next page an introduction for each of our new team. Please bear with us whilst it all settles in – we have made a great start this week and I am excited for all that's to come for the remainder of the term. We have all been remarkably pleased with how well the children have adapted to the changes which is testament to the hard work of all staff in settling everyone in and preparing classrooms.

We have many opportunities for you to come into school and meet the children's teachers and find out about how the curriculum is going to work this half term with a particular focus on the maths and writing elements we will be studying over the next few weeks. Please do take these opportunities to come in, ask questions and see the children's learning environment.

We also have the spring round of parent lunches back again starting next week and I'm giving you all an early heads up for our next sponsored event – it's a skipathon in March and you're all invited!! Be warned!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Priority 1: High academic standards

Following on from last newsletter's focus on academic standards, I would like to offer these dates and times to you all as appropriate for your child's year group so that we can share with you what they'll be learning and how in the spring term:

Year group	Date & times	Theme
Year R	Zoom mtg 7pm 15 th Jan	Phonics and reading in the spring term
Year R	F2F mtg 9am 21 st Jan	Maths in the spring term
Year 1	F2F mtg 9am 15 th Jan Zoom mtg 7pm 15 th Jan	Phonics and reading: mastering the basics well
Lower school (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Mon 20 th @ 2.30pm Wed 22 nd @ 8.50pm	Securing foundation skills in spelling and writing and how to help at home
	Mon 20 th @ 2.30pm Wed 22 nd @ 8.50pm	How we teach the basics of +/-, x & ÷
Upper school (Years 4-6)	Mon 20 th @ 9am Wed 15 th @: 2.30pm	Securing spellings; focus five, reading journals and beyond. Developing stamina in English.
	Mon 27 th @ 9am Wed 29 th @ 2.30pm	Mastering maths – the 'new' methods and fractions, decimals and %

Homework

In lower school (Years 1-3), we would like children to just read every day, do their spellings in their spelling journal and from Year 2 onwards, engage with Times tables rock stars at least 4 times a week.

In upper school, you can now expect:

On a Friday – read & respond task to be completed by Monday

On a Friday – new spelling challenges to be set which should be completed by the following Thursday – they will be marked on Thursday and back to children on Fridays. These are all linked to their focus 5 words and yes Clatford class now have them – no excuses!

Each week, every child should engage with Times Tables Rock Stars at least 4 times a week.

Years 4-6 are bringing home a new exciting Antarctica linked topic homework which they have until 10th February to complete – instructions are in the booklet.

From Friday 17th, Year 6 will have some revision homework each week too

Winter uniform

We really are in the thick of winter now and already have a number of items of lost property – I don't think I'll ever understand how a winter coat gets lost!!

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

Winter PE kits will definitely be needed on Monday and they need to include:

- Red logo PE t-shirt
- Red hoody or spare jumper
- Hats
- Gloves (not mittens)
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Shorts
- Spare pair of socks
- Trainers

For every child!

We have been encouraging children in assembly this week to think about packing this themselves so that they are prepared – even to help you would be a start!

Wellbeing

2025

The new year provides an opportunity to think about some small but purposeful changes you can make in your life.

In assembly next week, we will be thinking about our attitudes to being prepared and punctual and the difference this can make each and every day. Many of our interventions and support begin at 8.50am each morning so when children are late for the start of the day, this directly affects the support they receive.

We're also having a big push on behavior when lining up and in the corridors to make these times as calm as possible.

REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



MISS MORRIS – CLATFORD

An experienced teacher with a passion for PE and maths, Miss Morris has joined our team and got the ball rolling with Year 5/6. Outside school, she loves rugby, cooking & walking on the beach!



MRS HENDERSON-JONES – MOTTISFONT

Having taught everything from Year 6 to Year R and been SENDCo, Mrs H-J comes with bags of experience. With 2 teenagers, her life outside of school is basically a taxi service to sports clubs!



MRS WHITE – PPA COVER

Mrs White replaces Mrs McClue as our PPA and leadership cover teacher and will get to know every child in our school. With 2 little ones herself, life is very busy!

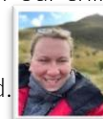
Safeguarding

Safeguarding is such a huge part of our job nowadays in school that it takes a team to support me in ensuring we provide the very best safeguarding for our children so that they can thrive.

I am the designated safeguarding lead.



Mrs Evans is one of the Deputy Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Cooper is the other.



On our Governing Body, we have 2 safeguarding Governors; Richie Holliday (Dad to Poppy in Y6 and Daisy in Y2) as well as Andrew O'Brien who is a community governor.

Through Children's Services, we have access to many useful parenting programmes to support you with issues you may find happening at home: eating issues, violence from your children, nurture support, talking teens to support parents in understanding and navigating teen development, healthy families programme and much more. Please do speak to the school based DSL team if you would like more information on any of these.

Diary Dates Spring 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
JANUARY			
Mon 13 th	KS2	3.15pm	KS2 Tag Rugby Club starts
Tues 14 th - Wed 15 th	Year 6	10.30am	Bikeability
Wed 15 th	Year R	Zoom 7.00pm	Phonics & reading in the spring term
Wed 15 th	Year 1	F2F 9am	Phonics and reading: mastering the basics well
		Zoom 7pm	Phonics and reading: mastering the basics well
Wed 15 th	Y4, 5 & 6	2.30pm	Securing spellings; focus five, reading journals and beyond. Developing stamina in English.
Thurs 16 th	YR & KS1	12.00pm-1.00pm	Parent Lunch – letters to follow
Mon 20 th	KS1	10.00am-12.00pm	KS1 Gym Festival at Danebury – letters to follow
Mon 20 th	YR 3 & 4	1.00pm-3.00pm	Yr 3 & 4 Gym Festival at Danebury – letters to follow
Mon 20 th	Y1, 2 & 3	2.30pm	Securing foundation skills in spelling and writing and how to help at home
Mon 20 th	Y1, 2 & 3	2.30pm	How we teach the basics of +/-, x & ÷
Mon 20 th	Yr 4, 5 & 6	9.00am	Securing spellings; focus five, reading journals and beyond. Developing stamina in English.
Tues 21 st	Year R	9.00am	Maths in the spring term
Wed 22 nd		All day	Guitar lessons start
Wed 22 nd	Y1, 2 & 3	8.50pm	Securing foundation skills in spelling and writing and how to help at home
Wed 22 nd	Y1, 2 & 3	8.50pm	How we teach the basics of +/-, x & ÷
Thurs 23 rd	KS2	12.00pm-1.00pm	KS2 Parent lunch – letters to follow
Mon 27 th	Y4, 5 & 6	9.00am	Mastering maths – the 'new' methods and fractions, decimals and %
Wed 29 th	Y4, 5 & 6	2.30pm	Mastering maths – the 'new' methods and fractions, decimals and %
Thurs 30 th	KS1	9.00am-3.00pm	Gilbert Whites trip – letters to follow
FEBRUARY			
Mon 3 rd	All	9.30am-3.00pm	Parent's meetings – Daytime – information how to book to follow
Wed 5 th	All	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parent's meetings – Evening - information how to book to follow
Mon 10 th	KS2	1.00pm-3.00pm	Al Sylvester virtual explorer – letters to follow
Tues 11 th	YR & KS1	9.00am-9.45am	Sharing morning
Thurs 13 th	KS2	9.00-9.45am	Sharing morning
Mon 17th – Friday 21st HALF TERM			
Mon 23 rd	All		INSET DAY
Tues 24 th	All	8.50am	Back to school