



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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A busy time

The new Government are certainly hitting the ground running and you may have heard that there are two new bills going through parliament at the moment; the first is called 'Keeping children safe, helping families thrive' and the other, 'the Children's well-being' bill. Both will result in some changes, mostly for the positive for families and children and fit with our family ethos...so long as we receive the funding to support them! Breakfast clubs, tighter regulations around elective home education and an increase in education's role in safeguarding issues can only serve to support children and families more.

In addition to the changes from Government, OfSTED are also out at consultation about their proposed changes to the inspection process and the way they report this to parents. I urge you to at least watch this video which explains the proposed changes; is it right that we move from a 4 grade system to a 5 graded system with 8-10 judgements to be made? Will this make it simpler for you as parents to understand? What would you find useful after an inspection? It's time to make your views heard!

[VIDEO LINK HERE](#)

In school, we are preparing ourselves for Windows 11 compliance with big decisions to be made in the coming month about a move solely to the cloud or retaining a server on site. Google classroom and chromebooks will remain our chosen IT access point for children.

Catering is also changing from Dec '25 at the latest as Hampshire Caterers are stepping back from the service so we are currently investigating all of our options.
A BUSY TIME!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Can you help us please?

We are looking for the following to help us with our topics this term:

- Old/unwanted teddies - these will be used as pretend Egyptians who will be embalmed and innards put into Canopic jars so will not be in a fit state to return home!
- Seeds or plug plants for our growing topic

We are hoping to transform our playtimes and lunchtimes and really need good quality second hand:

- ✓ Large diggers, bulldozers, other construction vehicles for a new digging pit
- ✓ Tractors
- ✓ Buckets, spades, things for a new sandpit
- ✓ Lego that is unused but still in good condition
- ✓ Things for a fairy garden
- ✓ Guttering and long planks of smooth wood
- ✓ Crates - milk and bread ones are great!



Thanks to all who turned out for parent teacher meetings and sharing mornings, we've had a great response last term!

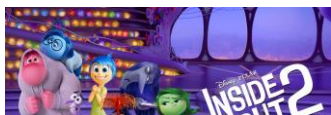
Homework

Please do encourage your child to keep up their work on Times Tables Rock Stars, reading and spelling. MASSIVE thanks to all Upper School parents for supporting your child in their topic homework - the quality was much higher than the previous term with more children having completed their work. I've loved hearing about how you're encouraging them at home.



Wellbeing update

This week has been Children's Mental Health week. The focus has been 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and we have been talking to the children about recognising their emotions and how these feel in their body. We have been using Inside Out 2 as a stimulus and the children have responded really well to this. The children have each made a feelings wheel that they can share with you at home. We hope that this helps to open some conversations and can be used as a tool to chat about how they are feeling throughout the day. They can also be useful in those times when language is limited. In school we have been having a think about anger and what we can do in situations that make us feel this way. When we recognise our own emotions and really know ourselves, we can grow in our ability to regulate and cope in situations we know might be a trigger. We finished the week with an art project based on knowing ourselves and growing ourselves and we hope you have been able to come and see these after school today.



Talent show

We are relaunching, after a year's break, our annual 'Stockbridge has talent' show which will take place, in the last half hour of every day in the week beginning 17th March.

We know that many of our children here have particular interests, talents and things they love outside of school. We are launching the start of the talent show in our mental health week because the focus has been all about the 'Power in me'. What am I good at and what can I share?

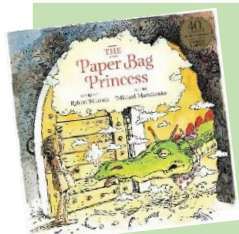
Children will have 2 minutes to share a talent with their family group in school during talent week. It can be demonstrated in front of the group or you could film them doing something at home for us to play in school. More details on how to upload these next week but for now, time to get thinking hats on and start rehearsing – one of our school values is 'Responsibility' and another is 'Proud' – we know they will come into play when rehearsing so that you are truly proud of what you perform and share.

REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



Year R

More to follow....

Lower School

More to follow.....



Upper School

More to follow.....



Sports

There has been much sporting success recently and we are busy preparing for the TAG rugby festival in school which we will take a small Year 5/6 team to. We have also selected the teams for the forthcoming netball and outdoor adventure inter-school events.



Harison in Year 5 has had huge success at Judo recently; firstly by achieving his red and white stripe belt and then, the following weekend, entering his first every competitive event and coming in a silver medal position – brilliant effort Harison – well done!

Following in Noah's footsteps from the other week, Sam in Year 4 had the honor of being the Southampton mascot last weekend and even got to kick a ball about with the team on the pitch before the match – what an honor!



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 |
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| February | | | |
| Fri 28 th | All parents | 7.00pm-11.00pm | FOSS Quiz Night - All parents and friends welcome |
| March | | | |
| Mon 3 rd | Year 5/6 | 10.00am-12.00pm | Year 5/6 Tag Rugby - Letters have gone out. |
| Tues 4 th | S&W | 9.00am-2.00pm | Year R Hilliers Garden trip. |
| Fri 7 th | All | 2.00pm-3.00pm | World Book Day - Author Andy Hussey coming into school. |
| | | 2.00pm-3.30pm | Second hand book sale. |
| Mon 10 th | Year 6 | 8.50am-5.00pm | House of Parliament trip - meet at Andover train station for 8.50am |
| Tues 11 th | All | To follow | Skipathon. |
| Fri 14 th | All | 8.50am-3.15pm | Red Nose Day - Break the Rules - more info to follow. |
| Sat 15 th | All | 9.30am-11.30am | Grounds working party. |
| Mon 17 th - Fri 20 th | All | 8.50am-3.15pm | Stockbridge has talent - Talent show. |
| Tues 18 th | Year 5/6 | 4.00pm-5.30pm | Netball Tournament - letters to follow |
| Wed 26 th | Year 3 | 9.30am-11.30 | Outdoor Learning Festival - West Tytherley - letters to follow |
| Fri 28 th | All | 1.30pm-3.30pm | Mother's Day Shop |