



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 21

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Celebrating the talent

After a slow start to our talent week, it soon warmed up and I wanted to extend a huge thank you to all of you who supported and encouraged children to have a go and share their talents. Children talked about their talents and interests with real passion and even inspired others to have a go at something new.

What was also very special was the way that sibling groups and friends supported each other. Because the talent show was done in family groups, younger siblings were buoyed by their older siblings and friendships that have developed through buddies and playground games.

We are always keen to share the children's interests that they pursue at home and in school and love the variety these bring to our conversations. Keep it coming! Teachers, office staff, site staff and myself all love hearing the children talk about what they're interested in so please keep letting us know of these 'wins' via Dojo or in person we can pick it up with them in class.

This will be the last newsletter of the Spring term and my goodness it's flown! We've had a lot going on in school since Christmas and we're delighted that Mrs Dodman will be back full time with the original Mottisfont class after Easter. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Henderson Jones for stepping in to the role of class teacher for Year 4/5 – she's taken time to get to know each child and value them for all they offer – many thanks and best of luck for adventures new!

To each of you as we end this term, thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a restful break. See you all back in school Tuesday 22nd April!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Wellbeing tips for a happy holiday

We know that holidays being a change of routine and activity for our children and that not all will welcome this. With this in mind, here are some top tips to make the holidays as enjoyable as possible.

1. **Connect to what is important to you as a family.** Talk to each other about what you are looking forward to while you are off. This doesn't need to be big days out or expensive treats – spending time together is enough.
2. **Be creative.** Try some cooking, art, junk modelling or dance! It's a great way to express how you are feeling and to share your ideas.
3. **Get out and about.** There is nothing better than fresh air. Plan some time outside – daily if you can. A simple trip to the park can improve your mood and is a much-needed break from screen time.
4. **Resist the pressure to entertain your children 24/7.** It's okay to feel bored occasionally. This can spark creativity!

Holiday visits to enrich learning

After Easter holidays, we will be embarking on new topics:

Sprat & Winkle	Lower School	Upper School
Transport! – Looking at all different types of transport, how many people they hold, where they go	What unites us? A look at the United Kingdom, it's 4 countries, capital cities and landmarks	A river runs through it – an in depth study of the Nile, as well as the River Test and the Amazon.

If this helps guide any exploration over the holidays, perhaps you could consider travelling to somewhere we're studying – a trip to London or Cardiff, to the coast, a walk along the Test, looking at rivers wherever you'll be. Whatever you do, enjoy!

Smart Stockbridge

There are many children who have worn holes in cuffs, elbows etc on their school jumpers. This does not represent our school in a smart and tidy manner and certainly doesn't foster our sense of pride – one of our core values.

Please take the weekend to check over uniform and replace – many items are available second hand and in great condition via www.grownoutfit.co.uk

After Easter, we will make the change to summer uniform which can include shorts, skirts with socks and gingham dresses. Until then, please ensure children wear trousers and skirts with tights. Trainers are NOT school uniform.

Uniform change

After Easter, we see warmer weather and the return of our summer uniform. We are seeing a lot of non-standard uniform. Children must wear the following:

- ✓ A WHITE polo-shirt or shirt (not red – this is PE only)
- ✓ Grey or black shorts or trousers
- ✓ Grey skirt or pinafore
- ✓ Red gingham dress
- ✓ School shoes. Sandals should have enclosed toes
- ✓ Red school jumper or cardigan with a logo and no holes.

PE kit

- ✓ Trainers
- ✓ Navy or black, non-logo shorts
- ✓ Red PE t-shirt with logo
- ✓ A jumper might still be useful early on in the term.

Brand new uniform can be purchased at:

www.skoolkit.co.uk

Pre-loved is available through

www.grownoutofit.co.uk

School book bags only – no rucksacks

A reminder on snacks

Despite asking last week in the bulletin for healthy snacks only to be sent into school, we continue to see crisps and chocolate bars, big bags of haribo and other unhealthy snacks creeping in.

As of next week, these will be sent home at the end of the day and children offered fruit from our school selection in its place.

Lunch boxes are going to be stored in the school hall after registration which will also hopefully free up some space in the cloakrooms.

Healthy snacks can be:



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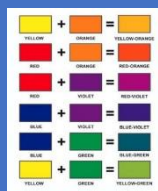
Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



Year R

This week our text for Drawing Club has been the Ugly Duckling, we have had great fun drawing some really UGGGGGLY animals and using our new words, such as plume.

We have had some transformations in class as well, our caterpillars are now cocoons! So we have moved them into the net and are keeping a close eye on them. Our frogspawn have also developed in tadpoles, so we have started giving them food such as cucumber! In maths we have been busy learning about 3d shapes and their properties.



Lower School

It's been a busy week in Lower School. We've been running our termly Reading, Spelling and Maths checks in the mornings and getting creative in the afternoons.

We've been inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and have been creating our own still life paintings. We've also looked at the work of Daniel Gordon. There's been lots of learning about colour mixing and the children are really proud of the results!



Upper School

This week we have continued to enjoy finding out about Howard Carter and his adventures. The children have created a set of brilliant instructions about how to mummify a Pharaoh including some good subject specific vocabulary. In Maths we have been consolidating our learning about multiplication. During the afternoon we have been completing our Science lessons about forces by creating our own Shadufs!

Sports

We smashed our Skipathon sponsored skip and raised a whopping £1224.40 - well done! We have already spent some of it on the beds and borders in the playground which are now brimming with sand, gravel and bark to play in. These will open next week once toys etc are in place.

Huge congratulations to Ava again for football – she continues to play for Chelsea and has been selected to play for the RS Lionesses at England St George's Park – how exciting!

Ella & Iris have also smashed their cheer squad competition

You might have seen Mason's whopping bronze medal earlier this week after a successful weekend competing in the under 13 category in Judo – well done!!



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
APRIL			
Thurs 3 rd	All	4.00pm-5.30pm	FOSS Spring Disco
Fri 4 th	All	2.00pm-3.00pm	FOSS Easter egg hunt
Fri 4 th	All	8.50am-3.15pm	Last day of term.
EASTER HOLIDAYS & EASTER MONDAY			
Year R in Sept 2025 notifications on Tues 15th April			
Tues 22 nd	All Year 4 Year 5	8.50am 10am – 10.30am	Back to school Year 4 to Tile Barn for 10am-10.30am BRING A PACKED LUNCH! Taught by Mrs White
Wed 23 rd	Year 4 Year 5	1.30pm/2pm	Collect from Tile Barn Taught by Mrs White
Thurs 24 th	Year 2	3.30pm	@ Broughton – Tri-Golf – team have been picked
Fri 25 th	All Parents	All day 2pm	Team Rubicon in school for skateboarding tuition FOSS AGM
W/B Mon 28 th	All	3.15pm	Clubs begin
Tues 29 th	Year 5/6	3.30pm	@ Wallop – Boys Football – team notified
Wed 30 th	Winners	1pm	@ Lockerley - Oratory Cup
MAY			
Fri 2 nd	Upper school	All weekend	Flower Festival in St Peter's Church – all welcome
Thurs 8 th	All	TBC	VE Day and celebrations
w/b 12 th	Year 6	All week	SATs
Thurs 15 th	Pre-School Year 6	9am 12noon	Pop up farm with pre-school & Year R Celebration meal out
Fri 16 th	All	3.15pm	Wonka bars out
Fri 23 rd	All	All day 9.30am	Denim for Dementia day Piano concert
WHITSUN HOLIDAYS			
JUNE			
Mon 2 nd	All	8.50am	Back to school