



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 23

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Welcome to summer term!

Mrs Dodman, Mrs Reynolds and I were treated to the best start to a term ever this week when we all spent time with Year 4 on their residential at Tile Barn. What a fantastic group of children who embraced every experience, were unfailingly polite to all staff on site and, most importantly, worked together as a team at all opportunities and were so in tune with each other on the games we played which usually take a year group ages to complete!

Being on residential is such a privilege for us as we know all the effort that goes into getting your child ready to be away from home and we love getting to see them tackling all sorts of new activities. Our residential programme for the year is almost complete – just the Year 3 campout left to go – this year on Friday 27th June until Saturday 28th June.

I was met on a few occasions this week by children delighted to be in shorts again and summer dresses! What great weather we've had to get us started on this. Our summer uniform and PE kit are now in full swing – more details on our website if you're not sure [Click here](#).

We are gearing up for a busy term – please check out our [calendar on the school website](#) with all the dates parents need to be able to plan ahead as well as the calendar that's always on the last page of the newsletter. We will notify you in the newsletter and bulletin of the details of events as they appear each fortnight but this will give you a general guide so you can update your calendars.

Happy Summer term!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

FOSS update

Foss have organised the next BAG2SCHOOL initiative for June! Please bring bagged up items to Stockbridge Primary School main reception on **Sunday 8th June between 10am-12pm** or **Monday 9th June at any time during the school day**. Donations can include clothes, bags, jewellery, belts, shoes, soft toys, household linen or curtains. But no school uniform, duvets or pillows, please.

AGM

A separate letter came home earlier this week about the AGM for FOSS. This has to be quorate and we really, really need your support please. It's on Fri 25th April at 2pm.

Happy playtimes and after school

This time of year means warmer and longer days and I am more than happy for the children to play on the field after school but in order to do this, we must all ensure they are safely playing.

Trim trail & Adventure playground

New signage on the adventure playground makes clear the safe numbers allowed on each piece of equipment and, if necessary, the rules on how to use it. Please familiarize yourselves with these so that when your children are on it, you are ensuring that they're using it responsibly.

Football and field play

Forest school is out of bounds after school. If your child is playing in there, you will be asked to take them home immediately. I know we have many sticks about the site – in school time, they are not allowed for fighting or digging purposes. This applies to after school. Children should not be throwing sticks or using them as weapons and if moving them about the place, should be dragging them behind them rather than carrying them.

Playbeds

The gravel, bark and sand pits have been well used this week at playtimes but they are not for use after school. Children have brushes to keep the area clean and tidy and toys to play with during the day.

Safe supervision

If your child wants to stay and play after school, they should be supervised by a nominated adult that they know. Clubhouse staff and school staff should not need to get involved in supervising or supporting children playing after 3.15pm

Community pantry

The pantry has now moved to the White Hart car park and is there the first and last Friday of the month.

Reading

Over the holidays I found a precious children's book shop in Cirencester. I got lost in there for hours! We have a LOT of lovely new books as a result!

We'll be opening our school library each Friday at 2.30pm if anyone would like to come and borrow books. This could be for your toddlers, pre-schoolers, those in school or we have a small selection of teen-fiction if you have an older child. We have a HUGE selection of books and hope that this provides a time for you to come and borrow and browse – you are welcome to collect your child from their class and search together too.



A reminder on snacks

Thank you for the efforts made both before half term and this week to provide healthy snacks.

A friend of mine introduced me to these refillable (and therefore more environmentally friendly) snack pots and had great ideas of what can go in them. I thought I'd share but I know you'll all be more creative than me!



Stuff them with:

- Crackers and cheese
- Celery or cucumber sticks and cream cheese
- Blueberries and raisins
- Grapes and mango
- Breadsticks and hummus
- Smashed avocado & ritz
- Crunchy carrots
- Olives and slices of salami
- Cubes of halloumi & peppers
- Pretzels & cottage cheese

[Amazon link to snack pots](#) – 10 sets are £2.99

REGULAR UPDATES



Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Year R



This week we introduced our new topic 'Transport' to the children. We have really enjoyed looking at the photos on Dojo of all the children on their different modes of transport, please keep adding them! We have really enjoyed drawing our own flying machines in Drawing Club. In Maths we have been working hard on numbers 11, 12, 13. How to make them using 10s and units.

Lower School



We have started our new topic What Unites Us? this week. We now know there are four countries in the United Kingdom and are starting to learn about the capital cities and key landmarks. Next week we are focusing on London so if you have any photos of you there we would love it if you could Dojo them to us!

Upper School



This week we started our new topic all about Rivers. Mottisfont enjoyed a very messy start to the topic using shaving foam! In R.E this week we started learning about 'Wisdom'. Thank you to all the parents who completed the homework! In Clatford Class we created some fantastic pictures using the words of wisdom using water colour to display around the classroom.

Sports

It's always lovely to hear about children's successes in their out of school sports as well as those happening in school and very often, we focus on those who have won medals but being a great sportsperson is about so much more than this.



Charlotte and Maxi in Year 3 both played in the Hampshire rugby festival just before Easter holidays and yes, had success by scoring 5 tries each but, more importantly, showed amazing teamwork and looked out for players to pass too as well as being in the right positions to receive – what sporting superstars they are.

Year 2 children also played brilliantly at Tri Golf last night with Miss Morris reporting how fantastic they were at supporting each other and encouraging each other – thanks to the parents who were also able to attend and encourage from the side lines!



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
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
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
Sun 8 th June	All	10am - 12noon	Bags2School drop off
Mon 9 th June	All	Any time	Bags2School drop off
Tues 10 th June	All	Before 9am	Bags2School final opportunity to drop off as collection is at 9am.