



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 2

19 September 2025

11 letters – a LOT of meaning!

We have begun this term by unpicking one of our core values of **RESPONSIBLE**.

It begun with us sharing out the different responsible jobs that the older children hold around the school. We have followed it by thinking about how, in being responsible, we can become better learners.

We have defined **RESPONSIBLE** as 'doing something without being told or asked.'

We have been talking A LOT to the children about being responsible and yesterday, when I was showing a family around school, as we went into Year R, one of our youngest children proudly said, as he was putting cushions away, "Mrs Jefferies, I'm being responsible. I'm tidying away!"

We have added to this definition:

- Being responsible means making decisions for ourselves
- Being responsible means setting a challenge for ourselves that might be a bit hard

We will continue to learn about responsibility next week by learning that:

- We can build brain power by being responsible and taking control of our actions

and

- Recognise what we do impacts on others

To really hit this message home and embed it into children's learning and social behaviours, please do reinforce this at home. In school, building responsibility with support is where we begin with a drive to reaching that independent responsibility we are all striving for. Whether it's tidying their bedroom, doing their homework or anything else, start small and build big – Good luck!!

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Macmillan Coffee morning

This year the cause is particularly close to home with Miss Hatt's loss of her brother earlier in the summer. I know we can pull together and really mark this important fundraiser in true Stockbridge style!

We'd therefore like to invite all of you and your friends, family and neighbours to join us on Friday 26th at 9am for coffee and cake.

We're calling on you all to help us bake and make sweet and savoury treats for the morning please. So that we get a range of things, we recommend that each class bakes different things as suggested (but we're grateful of anything so don't hold back!)

Sprat & Winkle
Redbridge
Horsebridge
Mottisfont
Clatford

If you can offer any help to FOSS to man the coffee stand during 9am – 10.30am (even if for a little time), please email Anna & Kate directly: friendsofstockbridgeschool@gmail.com

Parent lunches

Our new catering provider, CleverChefs, will be starting provision with us from 1st November so when we return from October half term, it will be all new – we've had a sneak peek of the menu and it looks brilliant! It includes a baguette bar, salad bar, jacket potato choice daily and some really child-friendly meals.

We will invite parents of year 1-6 children in for lunch in late November but, we'd like to invite **year R parents** for lunch on

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPT

At 12noon

We look forward to sharing lunchtime with you!

Dojo names

Hopefully, you are all signed up to your child's new class on Dojo. You might have noticed that your child's name appears with their surname first which is a change to the old structure. I'm in touch with Class Dojo and they're helping to sort this so hopefully you'll notice a change next week. Please bear with us.

Posts will be uploaded each week about what your child's class have been learning. We'd love it if you could add to this with anything to celebrate from home.

REMEMBER; Dojo is NOT for messaging teachers – please use the office as your first port of call.

Communication

We have many ways that you can communicate with school to keep us in the loop of what's going on for your child or family or to query events or plans in school.

We realise that each year group has a Whatsapp group and, whilst these are helpful, they can also become a bit of a burden and are regular sources of misinformation!

To check events, trips, what to take or dates

[School calendar](#) on the website

[Letters section](#) on the website

Call the school office 01264 810550

Email adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

To speak to a teacher or Mrs Jefferies

Call or email the school office

Catch us on the playground (we may have to book a time but we'll know you need to chat)

PLEASE DO NOT message on Dojo

To speak to our SENDCo

Mrs Dodman is our SENDCo. She is released on Wednesdays to undertake this role. Please either catch her on the playground or email: sendco@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

NOTE: We run a wi-fi based phone system so our number may not show on your phones when we call.

Year 6 parents

Yes, it's time to think about secondary schools!

Some advice from HCC:

- Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.
- Submit your application on-time, before the 31 October deadline.
- Use the County Council's [school catchment area finder](#) to check the catchment school for your address
- Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.
- Think about how your child will get to school. See [travel to school](#) to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport. You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.

REGULAR



UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



Year R

Sprat and Winkle Class have made an excellent start to their phonics lessons this week by learning to read, say and write the sounds s, a, t, p. We also went on a visit to forest school to practice how to walk around the fire pit safely.



Lower School

In lower school we have been loving our Rainforest topic! We have been exploring animals groups and food chains in Science and creating our own maps with keys in Geography. Next week we will be off to the River Test to observe the river's meander and peak at the habitats around it.



Upper School

Year 5 had a brilliant time at Calshot last week. We enjoyed taking part in lots of fun activities. It was fabulous! On Tuesday we enjoyed our trip to the Portsmouth Dockyards. Where the children got to visit the Mary Rose and HMS Victory.

PE

All children have PE from Monday next week. Please ensure they have a fully named kit in for then. This should comprise:

- Red logo PE t-shirt
- Black shorts (no logo)
- Trainers (not plimsolls)
- Spare jumper as the weather gets colder
- If they have pierced ears, please provide some micropore tape to go over earrings.
- If hair is below shoulder length, please tie it back or provide a hair bobble for this.

As the weather cools down across the term, we'll let you know when they need tracksuit bottoms/leggings and other bits. This is usually immediately after October half term.

In addition, children will do PE during the week in the hall or more outside. PE kits should therefore remain in school throughout the week and either come home on weekends or at the end of each half term.

Uniform

Thank you for getting things all up together for the start of term.

We wanted to ensure the message was clear about polo shirts as I think it may have become muddled over time.

Day to day: white poloshirts or shirts – can be with or without the logo (without is cheaper!!).

PE: red round neck t-shirt with logo

Red poloshirts are NOT school uniform – they are for pre-school children only. We have asked Skoolkit to remove them from their website and they will be removed from the grownoutofit website too.

Thanks for your support!



Libby in Year 5 would love your help!

Please save your shoeboxes and next week, she'll write to you all to explain why you need them and what to fill them with.

Diary Dates Autumn term 2025-26

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!

INSET dates for 2025-26 are:

Friday 24th October
Monday 3rd November
Monday 23rd February
Tuesday 24th February
Monday 15th June

These are days when staff are undertaking training and children are not in school.
Breakfast club nor Clubhouse run on these dates either.

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 10 th – Fri 12 th	Y5	Drop off 10.00am	Calshot – Parents to take children
Wed 10 th		9.00am	Guitar – Kev is back in for lessons
Mon 15 th	All	9.00-10.30am	Parent info session
Tues 16 th	Y4, 5 & 6	9.00am	Trip to Portsmouth Docks – letter to follow.
Thurs 25 th	All	9.00am	Individual photos
Mon 29 th – Fri 3 rd Oct	Y6	9.00am	Brecon Beacons
Tues 30 th		4.00pm-5.30pm	Cross Country at Wallop Primary School – Letter to follow
OCTOBER			
Tues 7 th	Y1, 2 & 3	9.00am	Trip to The Living Rainforest – Letter to follow
Tues 14 th		4.00pm – 5.30pm	Girl's football competition – individuals will be chosen nearer the time.
Fri 24 th	ALL		INSET DAY
Mon 27 th – fri 31st	ALL		OCTOBER HALF TERM