



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



#9 BULLETIN

21 November '25

*A short and sweet update on key things you need to be aware of ready for the next week or two at school.*

### School Councillor

This week has been UK Parliament week and we have been learning, as a whole school in assembly, about the Houses of Parliament, House of Commons, House of Lords and our local MP and the Prime Minister.

We've done this strategically so that we can introduce the concept of democracy both in our country and locally, in our school.

We are therefore on a search for our own version of MPs – school councillors.

Please see the separate letter coming home tonight about how we're going to achieve this over the next fortnight.



### In the thick of it

Children are really getting stuck into learning and their new topics and we are firmly 'mid-term'. Learning should be challenging, it should even be hard sometimes and the expectations from us, on both our behalf and yours, to achieve are rightly high. If things are easy then there is no challenge and learning quality suffers.

We know that children respond in different ways to the level of expectation and challenge and this won't all be smooth sailing.

Over the next week, please look at your child's Dojo as they will be individually posting examples of their work on there for you to see what they're up to – we will also be posting an example of age appropriate learning for you to see the standards we are expecting.

### Staffing news

We are delighted to welcome 2 new faces to our team; **Mrs O'Donnell** has joined our Redbridge team to support in this class and **Miss Saunders** has joined pre-school as our new full time key worker. A warm welcome to them both.

**Mrs Holdich** has returned to school for good this week after stepping in to pre-school in the early autumn term.

**Miss Aplin** will return full time on Monday after time off following surgery and has already been in to read with the children and have a handover from Mrs Cooper. I am absolutely indebted to Mrs Cooper for the smooth takeover whilst Miss Aplin was away – we wish her all the best for her travels!

Just before Christmas, **Miss Hatt** will sadly be leaving us to take up a new role in a children's charity as their fundraising manager. Her sterling work in setting up a charity for her brother and her continued passion for this after losing him in the summer has opened up this exciting door as she's mixing her love of this work with doing something brilliant for children – we will miss her greatly but I know you will all join me in wishing her well in exciting new adventures.



### EXTENDED DEADLINE

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### Broad and balanced

Whilst children are working very hard in the core subjects of writing, reading and maths, we are very careful to balance this with the wider curriculum. The Indian dance workshop brought in a great cultural element to enhance lower school's learning about Diwali and celebrations of light in RE and their English work. Upper School were inspired by a brilliant electrician from MG Cavills this week who really got them thinking about more complex electrical circuits and has set them a design challenge.

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