



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



#4 BULLETIN

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

Health & Safety

During a recent H&S review, we have had to make some tough decisions based on recent case law and incidents across other schools in order to protect our children at Stockbridge.

At the risk of sounding draconian, please note the following:

HOT DRINKS ON SITE

Due to recent scaldings of young children on other sites, we are unable to allow parents, carers or visitors to bring or have hot drinks on site which are in disposable or renewable cups or mugs with or without lids. This includes those from the many outlets on the High Street and those brought from home. Pop up café will cease selling hot drinks immediately.

DOGS ON SITE

This has long been a rule for all schools but to reconfirm, we are unable to have dogs on site other than a trained and insured therapy dog which we would have risk assessed. Please do not tie dogs to railings outside the school either as our footpaths are narrow and not every child or adult loves dogs and is comfortable to negotiate the space around them.

PHONES ON SITE

With recent new legislation about no mobile phones for children, we want to be role models but also ensure that we are able to give children our full attention.

From the moment you enter the gate and come on site, please put your phone in your bag or pocket and leave the site should you need to take or make a call, however urgent or necessary. Without exception.

Please expect to be challenged by a member of staff if you are on your phone or have it out of your bag or pocket. This is a serious safeguarding risk for our children too.

Thank you for your support & understanding.

End of day play

I don't think in 16 years as headteacher I've ever known such a busy & buzzy playground as last Friday and it was really lovely that so many of you chose to stay and support the community we create here. Drawing in from such a large catchment area, this time is important to allow networks to form, support to be offered and children to enjoy these late summer days.

So that all of us can have a happy and enjoyable time, we rely on you as parents to support us in keeping your child safe, so we have to insist on the following:

- You need to know (and be able to see) where your child/ren is/are AT ALL TIMES.
- Children are not allowed to play in the bushes along either side of the field or in forest school. Please retrieve them if they do!!
- The polytunnel is strictly out of bounds after school unless a school adult is in there. Children may then enter by invitation.
- Sticks should be dragged and not used as weapons or swung. We teach children to drag them behind them so it's safe.
- If children are on the swing, slide or other equipment, please help them follow the numbers of children allowed on each piece of equipment – this is a clear sign to indicate this.



Next few weeks

Despite the H&S and playground reminders, there is more to school than this!! Children have been working really hard and we have a lot of exciting things coming up:

Wales next week for Year 6! EEEEEK!

The biggest game of Simon Says next Friday (see letter)

Church assembly next Thursday

Conkers competition begins on 5th October – more next week

Year R's first school trip on Thurs 8th Oct

Dress down day on Fri 9th Oct for pumpkin party chocolate

Lower School (Years 1-3) trip to Lockerley Farm on 13th/14th

Year 4/5 Girl's & Boy's football tournaments on Tues 20th Oct

Pumpkin party on Thurs 22nd Oct