



'Laying the Foundations for Life'

'OFSTED 2011 'Pupils show excellent behaviour and high levels of attendance.'

What's happens at Stockton Wood?



French!

At Stockton Wood the modern foreign language taught is French. We are proud that our school has been awarded the status of 'Centre of Excellence' for the teaching of French!

Creative Curriculum

We are continuing to develop our curriculum to make it even more relevant and enjoyable for the children and increase opportunities for 'adventurous learning'. Look out for special 'topic' days, celebration days and information about what the children are learning in school.



Music

We are so pleased to be able to continue to provide opportunities for children to learn to play a musical instrument and develop new talents!

This year the school has arranged for all the children in Year 4 to learn to play a **flute** and groups of children in Year 5 and 6 will continue to learn to play a **brass** instrument or the **flute**.

The Liverpool Music Service is continuing to provide funding for a choir teacher for the infant children - we enjoyed the infant choir's first performance at the summer Prize Giving event!

After School Clubs

Information will be sent home shortly about school clubs. Do encourage your children to take part and discover their hidden talents - a future athlete, musician or artist may be amongst us!!!

In addition to our own school clubs the 'Lowland Jujitsu' club run their club at school on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Attendance

Our school target is **95%**!

Do remember - it is essential that children attend school everyday. Absent days mean missed lessons! We have many children who have excellent attendance and are making good progress. A few children have poor attendance and this affects their progress and our overall school attendance figure!



CHILDREN WITH ATTENDANCE BELOW 90% GIVE US CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

REMEMBER:

- **CHILDREN WITH ATTENDANCE OF 85% HAVE MISSED 30 DAYS OF SCHOOL THAT MEANS 30 MISSED LITERACY AND NUMERACY LESSONS?**
- **CHILDREN WITH ATTENDANCE OF 90% HAVE MISSED 20 DAYS OF SCHOOL THAT MEANS 20 MISSED LITERACY AND NUMERACY LESSONS?**
- **100% ATTENDANCE MEANS NO MISSED LESSONS!**

All families have received a copy of our school attendance policy.

Important Announcement

Family Holidays

The Government has changed legislation which means from September 2013 headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time for family holidays.

Parents can receive a Penalty Notice from the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school. From September 2013 these Notices now cost £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid between 22 and 28 days.

Information

Please read the information below very carefully and return completed pupil information forms and agreements as soon as possible. Unfortunately children will not be able to participate in certain activities until parental consent is received.



Home School Reading Agreement

Please ensure children have returned their reading books from last term and please return the Home School Reading Agreement immediately. All children require a book bag to carry their reading book and home work in. Plastic folders can be bought in school and cost 50p or a stronger book bag can be purchased for £2.50.

Uniform

Be smart dress the Stockton Wood Way!

Those children not wearing the correct footwear for school will be asked to change into black pumps whilst in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PE kit.

All children must wear a **plain white t- shirt, plain black/navy shorts (not football shorts!) and black pumps for PE.** Please note the days your child has PE and ensure that they have the correct kit in school. Thank you.

Swimming

Year 5 and Year 6 children swim once a week and need a swimming cap (purchase in school), swimming trunks/costume (not sports shorts!) and a towel. Swimming lessons will take place on Wednesdays.



Water

We do encourage the children to bring a bottle of water to school each day. Please ensure that the children have written their name on the bottle.

The children **must not bring flavoured water** which is full of additives and when spilt, leaves sticky patches on books, desks and carpets!



Milk, Fruit and Toast!

All children may have milk in school. Those children in KS1 not entitled to free school meals are required to pay 12p each week for school milk

(charged termly). Mrs. Stevens will send those families a letter requesting payment for the year which will be **£4.68**.

KS2 children may buy milk each week. They should bring **£1** to school each **Monday** in an envelope if they wish to have milk during the week.

Infant children may buy toast each week. They should bring **50p** to school each **Monday** in an envelope if they wish to have toast during the week.

Free fruit is provided for FS/KS1 (infant) children.

School Meals

We can offer children a wide choice of healthy meals. Meals cost £1.80 per day and families choosing to buy school meals should send 'dinner money' for the week in envelope each Monday morning.

Health and Safety

- Please ensure all children and family members use the pedestrian entrances. **Please do not enter or leave school via the car park.**
- We must ask parents with cars not to park in the school car park.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the school site.
- Our school is a smoke free zone. Please extinguish cigarettes before stepping into the school grounds.
- Please ensure all litter is placed in the bins provided. Help us to keep our school clean and tidy.



Safeguarding

We are committed to keeping children safe. We provide a safe environment in school for the children and promote good behaviour. The curriculum includes materials and activities designed to help children to develop self confidence, healthy attitudes and personal safety. All our staff have received 'Child Protection' training. The Child Protection Officer is Mrs. Stacey (Head teacher). The Safeguarding Governor is Mr. Finch (Chair of Governors)

'Parents should be aware that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill-treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, staff have no alternative but to follow Liverpool Child Protection Manual procedures and inform Social Services of their concern.'

Parents will not always be fully informed of concerns unless staff are certain that the safety of the child will not be prejudiced by their doing so.

Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobile phones to school to avoid loss and to ensure social networking activities do not impact negatively upon the life of the school. Mobile phones will be confiscated if found in school. We wish Stockton Wood Primary School to be a happy, safe place.



Parent Information Sessions

Parents will be invited to parent information sessions and parents' evenings throughout the year - look out for your invitation!

Yours sincerely,
S.E.Stacey
Head teacher