

Stockton Wood Primary School



'Laying the Foundations for Life'
Newsletter no. 1

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Dates for the New School Year Academic Year 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff training day: Monday, 3rd September

Children start: Tuesday 4th September*

Half Term holiday: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

Term ends: Thursday, 20th December

Christmas Holidays: Friday, 21st December to Friday 4th Jan. 2019

Spring Term 2019

Starts: Monday 7th January

Half term holiday: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

Term ends: Friday 5th April

Easter Holidays: Monday, 8th April to Monday, 22nd April

Summer Term 2019

Starts: Tuesday 23rd April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Half Term holiday: Thursday, 23rd May to Friday 31st May

Term Ends: Wednesday 24th July

***Nursery and Reception children have different starting dates and times in September - see previous information circulated.**

****2 x training day to be confirmed**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! The children have been amazing - settling so quickly into their new classes and school routines!

Yet again the Stockton Wood pupils are the smartest in Speke! We are so proud.



Hello!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Murray to our school. Mrs Murray will be teaching Year 3. Congratulations to Miss. Crennell who got married over the summer and is now Mrs. Bradley. We are also very pleased to welcome Mr. Boyd our new school caretaker - he will be 'around and about' the site at the beginning of the day so please say hello!



Welcome to Food for Thought our new catering service providing delicious, healthy school meals for our school community. They are committed to very high standards and source food from local producers.

Food for Thought use organic produce, locally sourced whenever possible and work very closely with all suppliers to ensure organic, free-range and sustainable food stocks are available. For example, they source **fresh, organic produce** the YMCA at Dutch Farm in Speke, Liverpool.

All infant children are eligible for a free school meal so there is no need to send your child to school with a packed lunch. Having a school meal ensures children eat together and develop habits for life. Eating with their friends encourages the children to try food they may not have had before. The new menus offer huge choice and soup every day if the children wish to have that as well.

Please ensure you have claimed your free school meal entitlement. Information can be found on the Liverpool City Council.

Junior children who are not entitled to free school meals may purchase a school meal for **£2** each day. (This is a small increase reflecting the growing costs of purchase prices.)

Information

Families will receive a number of forms which we ask you to complete and return to school.

We ask that you agree to support our school standards and provide permission for children to take part in a range of school activities eg using the internet, our home school reading scheme and visits to places of interest etc. Please talk to your children about our Home School Agreement.

Please return the information as soon as possible so that children can take part in all activities planned and are ready to support our school standards and ethos.

Unfortunately children will not be able to participate in certain activities until parental consent is received.

What's On!

Creative Curriculum

We are continue to develop our curriculum to make it 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 on the Parent Information Cards which are sent home and on our website www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk



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!

All the children in Year 4 will learn to play a musical instrument and those children in Year 5 and 6 who have shown a particular interest or talent will be invited to receive tutoring from the Resonate - the Liverpool Music Service. A small charge will be applied for this additional tutoring.



French!

At Stockton Wood the modern foreign language taught is French. We are proud that our school continues to be recognised as a 'Centre of Excellence' for the teaching of French!

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!!!



Attendance

A 'huge thank you' to everyone, who helped their children to achieve good attendance last year our attendance was 96%. Our school target this year is 97%. Can we achieve the best attendance in the City?

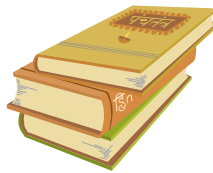
Unfortunately, the current legislation states that families should not take holidays during school terms and in the event of this happening Penalty Notices and fines will be issued.



CHILDREN WITH ATTENDANCE BELOW 95% GIVE US CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

REMEMBER:

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



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 or families can purchase school bags from our uniform supplier - website address: ahyde.co.uk

Uniform

Thank you to all those families who have ensured their children have returned to school wearing black school shoes - the children look incredibly smart. Do remember training shoes should not be worn.

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.

Children may bring a pair of training shoes to school for lunchtime play.

PE kit.

All children must wear a **plain white t- shirt, plain 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 4 and Year 3 children will have swimming lessons during the year (dates will be confirmed with individual classes). The children need a swimming cap (purchase in school), swimming trunks/costume (not sports shorts!) and a towel.



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 each week for school milk (charged termly). Mrs. Stevens will send those families a letter requesting payment for the year.

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. Families are also very welcome to pay half termly or termly for their toast.

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

Health and Safety

- **Children should not leave bicycles on site due to limited storage space. We hope to increase bicycle storage in the near future.**
- **Please do not ride bicycles through the school grounds due to the risk of collision with children. Thank you.**
- 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 do not smoke or use electronic cigarettes within the school grounds or around the entrances to school.
- Please ensure all litter is placed in the bins provided. Help us to keep our school clean and tidy.



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.



Safeguarding - important information regarding 'keeping children safe'

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 so they can keep themselves safe. The staff has received 'Child Protection' training. **The Designated Safeguarding Officer is Mrs. Stacey (Head teacher). The Safeguarding Governors are Richard Finch (Chair of Governors) and Kate Cosgrove (Parent Governor)**

Please note:

We also as a school have a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children's services. Schools are not able to investigate child protection concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances the school will be able to inform the parents/carer of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school is advised by children's services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The school follows legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.

The school will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family'

Parent Information Sessions

Parents will be invited to meet class teachers shortly - look out for your invitation!

Pupil Information Sheet

Please complete and return the Pupil Information Sheet as soon as possible.

Parents' Group

Don't forget our Parents' Group meets every Wednesday from 9am - 11.30am. Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat and find out more about the life of the school or take part in one of the courses on offer.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

S.E.Stacey Head teacher