



**'Laying the Foundations for Life'**

**Newsletter no. 5**

*OFSTED 2015 '...behaviour and safety of the children is outstanding, characterised by exemplary conduct around the school and attentive listening.'*

School Dates: 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, 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holidays:** Friday, 21st December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019

Spring Term 2019

**Starts:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**Staff Training Day: Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 – school closed\*\***

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

**Term ends:** Friday 5th April

**Easter Holidays:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Summer Term 2019

**Starts:** Tuesday 23rd April

**May Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term holiday:** Thursday, 23rd May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Term Ends:** Wednesday 24th July

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

**\*\*1 x training day to be confirmed**

Dear Parents,

**Restorative Practice @ Stockton Wood**

We are passionate about 'Laying the Foundations for Life' for our children and providing them with skills for life and we are delighted to have been chosen to be part of a City project, 'Restorative Practice'.

Restorative Practice encourages children to take responsibility for their behaviour within a caring and responsive environment. It gives pupils the **skills to manage conflict, strengthen relationships and develop empathy and emotional literacy.**

Parents will have already received an invitation to our raising awareness session in school which took place on Monday. We do hope that parents will join us on this journey – by developing our practice together we will truly help our children to become resilient, responsible and respectful members of our community. Look out for future 'Restorative Practice' events!

To support the development of this practice in our school staff will be attending a **training day on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January** and school will be closed on this day. Please note this date in your diaries. Thank you.

**Autumn Term Parents' Evening 2018**

We look forward to discussing your child's achievements and next steps with you at Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Appointments will be circulated by class teachers. Please arrange child care for your child with family or friends.

**Attendance!**

Help your child to truly achieve their best by attending school every day and enjoying a seamless learning journey. Remember our target is 97%. **Our current attendance is 96.7 %** - so close to our target! Please remember that holidays should not be taken during school term.

Each week we award attendance trophies to the infant and junior classes who have achieved the best attendance.



## Celebrations

The season of Advent is upon us and Christmas preparations now beginning! The dates of our Christmas events, Nativity performance and Christmas parties are listed below!

### Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December

- Santa visits the Nursery.

### Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Fair 3.15pm – 5pm

### Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

- **Christmas Dinner** will be served at lunch time – ‘packed lunch’ children are welcome to join the fun and have a Christmas Dinner too - so if you do wish them to have the school lunch please send £2 to school in an envelope marked with your child’s name and class.
- **Christmas Jumper day** – we shall be having our Christmas jumper day on this day so it coincides with our Christmas ‘dinner’ day. The children may come to school wearing a ‘Christmas’ jumper. Please make a donation of £1 if your child is taking part.
- **Christmas Bingo**  
Please bring family and friends (but not children!). Doors will open at 6.30pm and ‘eyes down’ will be at 7.30pm.

### Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

- **Infant Christmas Party** (Infant children may come to school in their ‘own’ clothes.)

### Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

- Nursery Christmas Fun Day
- **Year 3 and Year 4** Christmas party
- **Parents’ Evening 4pm – 7pm**

### Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Nativity performance - 9.30am (Parents of children in the following classes are invited to attend on this day - **F2 1R 2W 3M 5M 6J**)
- **Year 5 and Year 6** Christmas party

### Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Nativity performance - 9.30am (Parents of children in the following classes are invited to attend on this day - **F3 1/2B 3W 4M 5F 6A**)

**Junior children may bring their party clothes to school on the day of their party. They will be able to change for their party in the afternoon.**

*Please make a donation of £1 towards the cost of the Christmas Party.*

We look forward to families joining us at our Christmas events and celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

S.E.Stacey Head teacher

