



'Laying the Foundations for Life'

Newsletter no. 6

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, 20th December
Christmas Holidays: Friday, 21st December to Friday 4th Jan. 2019

Spring Term 2019
Starts: Monday 7th January
Staff Training Day: Wednesday, 23rd January 2019 – school closed**
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.

**1 x training day to be confirmed

Dear Parents,

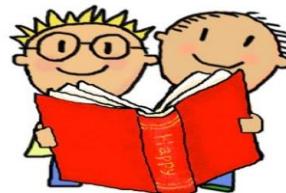
The children have made a fabulous start to the Spring Term. They are busy studying their new topics and we hope the Parent Information Topic Cards will help you to support your children's learning at school – look out for them coming soon! **Please help your child to learn their times table and their weekly spellings too – these basic skills support their progress in English and Maths.**

REMINDERS:

- **School will be closed on Wednesday, 23rd January for our staff training day (Restorative Practice Project). Children should return to school on Thursday, 24th January.**
- **New Year Delights! Children's favourites for lunch tomorrow, Thursday, 17th January. Free for all – our treat!**

School community events coming soon ...

- ✓ NSPCC Number Day Friday, 1st February
- ✓ Safer Internet Day Wednesday, 6th February
- ✓ World Book Day Thursday, 7th March
- ✓ Lifesavers Savings Accounts for children launch Thursday, 7th March



Look out for information coming soon!

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' which will start this term.

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.**

Year 6 Reading Mentor Programme

To ensure our children read fluently, develop excellent comprehension skills, reach the new higher standard for Primary children every child in Year 6 has a Reading Mentor. The Reading Mentor is an adult from our school.

Every Monday the children meet with their Reading Mentor after school and read together tackling new vocabulary and topics. It is essential that the children read at home with an adult or older brother or sister too so they can practise and secure the skills learnt in school. Please help your child to fulfill their potential and **read together every night.**

All class teachers across the school are Reading Mentors so it is very important that children are collected promptly at 3.15pm each Monday from every class so that the Reading Mentoring programme can start immediately after school. Thank you for your support.

Our **tutoring programme** also takes place after school to help children to become more confident and tackle any areas that they may find tricky. Families will be contacted individually with information regarding tutoring.

Attendance

We were so close to achieving our attendance target of 97% last term. We achieved **96.9%**. Fabulous efforts by everyone! We are now seeking the Liverpool Attendance Quality Mark in recognition of everyone's great efforts to come to school every day.



Punctuality!

Don't forget punctuality is very important as well. Please ensure your child arrives on time at 8.55am. Thank you!

Stockton Wood Way – Be the Best!

Thank you for ensuring your child wears our school uniform and school shoes every day. They look so smart. We are very proud and believe they are the smartest children in Speke!

SEAL KS1 and KS2 Parent Assembly

We would like to invite you to our next S.E.A.L. assembly on **Friday, 15th February** at 9.15am. The theme is **'Say No to Bullying!'** The children will share their ideas about how they can make our school a happy, safe place to be.

The children also learn important **E Safety** messages for keeping safe when using the internet.

Safer Internet Day, Wednesday, 6th February

'Together for a better internet!'

To further the children's understanding of E Safety we shall be taking part in the Safer Internet Day, a national event as usual. The national theme this year is **'Together for a better internet!'**

Safer Internet Day aims to promote the **safe, responsible and positive use of the internet.** We will also invite parents' to attend a workshop on the day so that you have the latest information about to keep your children safe online. Look out for more information coming soon.

Stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

S

SAFE: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M

MEET: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A

ACCEPTING: Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R

RELIABLE: Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

T

TELL: Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Find out more at Childnet's website ...

www.kidsmart.org.uk

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Do you know who your child is talking to on line?

Do you use Facebook in a responsible way and avoid making personal remarks about others.

Please think before you 'post'.

Yours sincerely,
S.E.Stacey
Head teacher

