



'Laying the Foundations for Life'
Stockton Wood Primary School

Dates for the New School Year Academic Year 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Staff training days: Monday, 2nd September
Tuesday, 3rd September

Children start: Wednesday, 4th September*

Half Term holiday: Monday, 28th October to Friday, 1st November

Staff training day: Tuesday, 19th November (School closed)

Term ends: Friday, 20th December

Christmas Holidays: Monday, 23rd December to Friday, 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

Starts: Monday, 6th January

Half term holiday: Monday, 17th February to Friday, 21st February

Term ends: Friday, 3rd April

Easter Holidays: Monday, 6th April to Friday, 17th April

Summer Term 2020

Starts: Monday, 20th April

VE/Bank Holiday: Friday, 8th May

Staff Training Day: Friday, 22nd May (School closed)

Half Term holiday: Monday, 25th May to Friday, 29th May

Term Ends: Friday, 17th July

Staff Training Day: Monday, 20th July (School closed)

(NB. Re: School closed – refers to children and families)

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



'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'.

At Stockton Wood we are **safe, responsible and positive** when using the internet.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe>

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for preparing the children so well for the beginning of the school year. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes. We are very proud of their great efforts and we are looking forward to another busy and successful year.

The children look so smart in their uniforms dressed the 'Stockton Wood Way'.



Hello!

We are very pleased to welcome new staff to our school. We have two new teachers, Miss. James (2J) and Miss. Stock (3S) and two new teaching assistants, Miss Lates and Miss. Layton.

Here to help!

We are always ready to assist and help. Please pass quick messages to staff at the beginning of the day as children are 'dropped off' at the classroom door. If you need information from the class teacher or would like to discuss something further please arrange to meet with the class teacher at the end of the day after classes have been dismissed.

Any further help or assistance can be sought from our Key Stage Managers, Mrs. Ikuta (Foundation Stage) and Mrs. Bradley (Key Stage 1), our Deputy Head teacher, Mrs Clovis or our Head teacher, Mrs. Stacey. Please contact the school office for an appointment.

Restorative Practice

We are learning to use restorative practice.

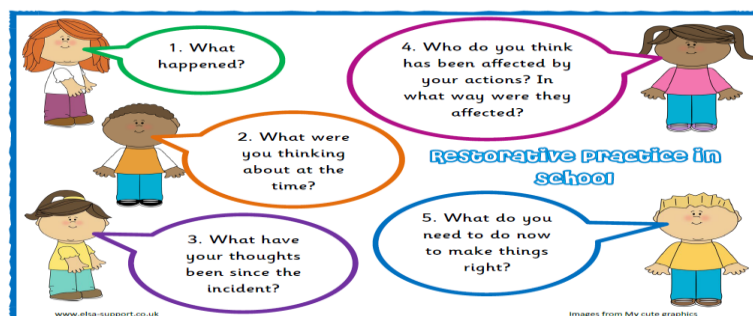
Restorative Practice encourages everyone to take responsibility for their behavior, it gives everyone the skills to manage conflict, strengthen relationships, develop empathy and emotional literacy.

Restorative practice helps to build relationships, manage any 'falling out' that might happen and then helps to fix and make things better.

Last year we launched our Restorative Practice Project with children, parents and staff. The children chose our school Restorative Practice Values for our school community, they are:

- Friendship
- Love
- Kindness
- Fun
- Respect

Children, parents and staff were introduced to the **Restorative Practice Questions** that would help to manage and build relationships:



Older children were trained to be Peer Mentors and they are now ready to help the other children to use restorative practice.

We know that a whole-school restorative approach can contribute to:

- Happier and safer schools
- Mutually respectful relationships
- More effective teaching and learning
- Reduced exclusions
- Raised attendance
- Reduction in bullying behaviour
- Raised self-esteem
- A culture of inclusion and belonging

Look out for this year's Restorative Practice workshops for parents – come along and find out more.

What's happening @ Stockton Wood?

Creative Curriculum

Through our curriculum we want to 'Lay Foundations for Life' and ensure our children have developed the skills they need for the future. We are continually developing our curriculum to make it relevant and enjoyable for the children and to provide opportunities that widen the children's horizons and develops their talents.

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

One of our most recent developments has been 'the Life Savers Project.



The aim of this project is that children are equipped from an early age with the knowledge, skills, experiences and values to **manage money well now and in the future.**

As part of Lifesavers our school has partnered with Central Liverpool Credit Union to provide an **in-school savings club for pupils.** The savings club provides real life, hands-on money experiences for your children to help them develop into financially confident young people.

This year we are delighted that we will be able to extend this to infant children as well as the junior children. Look out for information about the LifeSavers savings club.



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 those children in Year 5 and 6 who have shown a particular interest or talent will be offered the opportunity to receive lessons from the Resonate – the Liverpool Music Service.



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 is 97%. Can we do it?

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!**

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

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 3 and Year 4 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.

School Meals

Our catering service is provided by Food for Thought. Many families will have enjoyed their tasty meals at last year's Summer Fair. The children are provided with a range of healthy meals based on the National School Food Standards. **All infant children are eligible for a free school meal. Please ensure you have claimed your entitlement. Information can be found on the Liverpool City Council website.**

Junior children who are not entitled to free school meals are charged **£2** to purchase a school meal unless they are entitled to free school meals.

Parents of Year 3 children – please check that you are receiving your entitlement to free school meals.

All children of infant age are provided with a free school meal so it is important that when children move from infants to juniors that parents check their entitlements/benefits – parents may find that they are still entitled to free school meals in the juniors as well!

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 park on pavements around the school – park away and walk the 'last bit' – to avoid placing children at danger from crossing roads between parked cars! Keep our children safe.**
- Please do not bring dogs onto the school site.
- Our school is a smoke and vaping 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 safeguard the children, 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 Child Protection Officer is Mrs. Stacey (Head teacher). The Safeguarding Governors are Richard Finch (Chair of Governors) and Emma Paulson (Parent Governor).**

Please note:

‘The school ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.

The school also has 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/carers of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school can in certain circumstances share information without the consent of the family and may be advised by children’s services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter or make enquires. 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.

Check out our school website which contains lots of information about the school’s curriculum and activities and day to day events are also shared on Twitter!

www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you need any other information please contact school.

Thank you for your support helping to make our school a happy, safe place to be where children can thrive and achieve.

Yours sincerely,

S.E.Stacey Head teacher