



Newsletter no. 11

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say on behalf of all the staff at Stockton Wood, thank you for your incredible efforts to stay home to stay safe and save lives. We have all had to adapt to new ways of working and you are doing an amazing job supporting your child's wellbeing.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe.

We can keep in touch with each other through:

- the school website www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk (look here for key information, important updates, newsletters and home learning information.)
- Twitter (daily updates from class teachers for every year group)
- our Hub
- by telephone

To support you:

- Home learning packs contain activities and key websites that enable you to follow programmes of learning and lessons on line if you wish for a more formal approach to learning at home.
- Look out for our activity packs which will be delivered by post every fortnight to help you continue to plan activities at home to consolidate learning and encourage children to be inquisitive and promote talking.
- Class teachers from each year group provide learning activities **every day** for the children to follow – the majority of which are fun and action packed (consolidating learning and encouraging children to be inquisitive).

These activities can be found by following each year group on Twitter – here are the Twitter links for each year group:

[@YNStocktonWood](#), [@YRStocktonWood](#), [@Y1StocktonWood](#), [@Y2StocktonWood](#),
[@Y3StocktonWood](#), [@Y4StocktonWood](#), [@Y5StocktonWood](#), [@Y6StocktonWood](#)

If you haven't got a Twitter account, instructions are enclosed from Mr. Moffat to help you create one.

OR

You can access our Twitter pages from our School Website www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk by simply selecting your year group from the 'CHILDREN' tab on the home page.

- To help parents with this whole new home-schooling role the ‘Department for Education’ has published new guidelines and resources which we have adopted and have shared with you on the school website – see home page: [How to help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children. \(DFE Guidance\)](#)
- For parents with **children under 5 years old**, who have not yet started school, the Department for Education (DfE)’s [Hungry Little Minds](#) campaign features tips and practical activities that you can do at home with children to support their early learning. <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

There are many simple ways to help your children learn and it does not have to feel like ‘learning’. Having everyday conversations, make-believe play, and reading together, all make a big difference to your child’s development at any age.

Key Information for Families:

Check out our **website’s home page** for other key information such as:

- Claiming Free School Meal vouchers – There is currently high demand for the website (www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk) and families are experiencing difficulties redeeming vouchers. Try accessing website early morning and late evening when demand is less. If you are still experiencing problems, please use the contact details below for further support:
 - freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com
- Advice re COVID 19
- Reception Starters 2020
- [How to help your children at home – advice for parents](#)
- [Home Learning – activities, websites and resources](#)
- [Support for Families through Covid 19 – help and guidance April 2020](#) (benefits, housing, debt, safety)
- A book for all the family: [All About Coronavirus-A Book For Children](#)

Summary

Follow our school Twitter pages: our class teachers tweet activities **every day**.

You can access our Twitter pages from our School Website www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk select your year group from the ‘CHILDREN’ tab on the home page.

Daily lessons for all @ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Maths: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Reading: <https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/page/librariesfromhome>

Stay safe online: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

We look forward to keeping in touch over the summer term and we would love the children to continue share their activities at home and discoveries with us via Twitter.

If you need help or support, families are welcome to call our school 0151 486 1778 and we will do our best to support and sign post families to services and organisations who can help.

VE Day Celebration Friday, 8th May

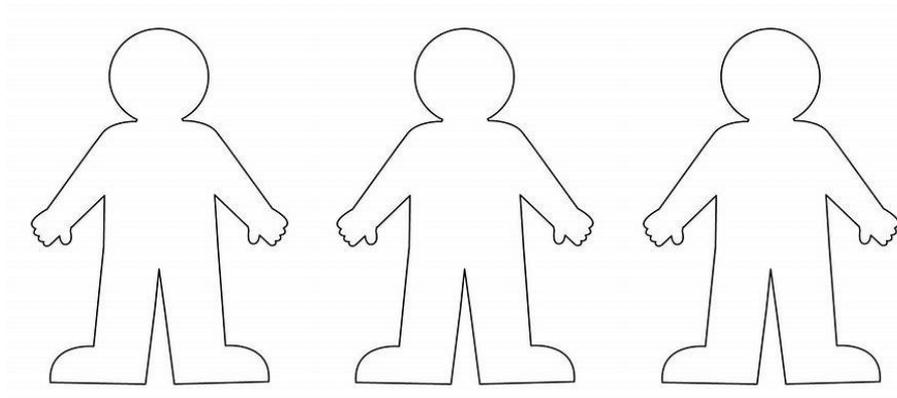
When **VE Day** dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be **75 years** since the guns fell silent at the **end of the war** in Europe.

The **75th anniversary** will provide our nation, and our friends around the world, with an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this time of war and celebrate as people did 75 years ago, the **arrival of peace in Europe**

Sadly, we won't be together to celebrate VE Day but we hope families can celebrate together at home and will enjoy the activities enclosed today.



Let's join hands around our school!



Dear Children,

Draw a big picture - arms out wide - of yourself and post it in our letterbox at school when you are out walking with your family and we will display them around our school fence for all to see!

Stockton Wood Primary School standing together with hope and happiness.

Stay home, stay safe, take care!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. S.E.Price

Head teacher

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