



'Laying the Foundations for Life'
Stockton Wood Primary School

Dates for Academic Year

Autumn Term 2020

Term starts: Wednesday, 2nd September
Half Term holiday: **Monday, 26th to Friday 30th October**
Term ends: Friday 18th December
Christmas Holidays: **Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021**

Spring Term 2021

Starts: Monday 4th January
Half term holiday: **Monday 15th to Friday 19th February**
Term ends: Friday 26th March
Easter Holidays: **Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April**

Summer Term 2021

Starts: Monday 12th April
Bank Holiday: **Monday 3rd May**
Staff Training Day: Friday, 28th May (School closed)
Half Term holiday: **Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June**
Term Ends: Friday, 16th July
*1 further training day to be confirmed.

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

Dear Parents,

We are so proud that our children have returned to school this term so successfully, settling into our new routines and remembering the 'Stockton Wood way'.

Our 'Quiet Place' aromatherapy and relaxation sessions, Restorative Practice and our SEAL curriculum* – this term learning to make 'New Beginnings' - have helped to make our school a happy, safe place to be for the children.



Attendance

Attendance has been amazing, despite COVID and uncertainty at the beginning of the year children have re established their good habits of **attending school every day**. As tweeted, our attendance has even been better than the National average!

Families have been incredibly responsible as well keeping in touch with us and self-isolating when necessary to help to control the virus. Thank you for working together to keep our community safe.

Remote Learning/Home Learning

Over the next months, unfortunately there may be times when children need to self-isolate. When this happens, we will provide a blend of home learning activities including on line activities and paper-based activities.

The children are expected to complete the home learning activities in place of attending school. We will be there to help you and the children with this and we will keep in touch each day by phone, Twitter and on line.

Please check [Twitter](#) for school updates and information about the children's learning. Please note you do not need a Twitter account to follow Twitter, just search for your child's Year group eg. 'Y5 Stockton Wood Twitter'.

Our **COVID Safe procedures** can be found in full on our website and have previously been circulated – I have noted a few reminders below and some updates.

- **Bicycles** – cycling is promoted as an alternative form of transport to public transport during this COVID outbreak, please note if your child is cycling to school they **must wear a helmet and have a lock** for their bike. Children must **dismount and push their bikes** onto the school site. Storage is limited – we are waiting for LCC to provide additional bike racks.
- **Parking** – we made a great start at the beginning of the year and parents parked away from the roads around our school but we have noticed that some families are parking again, particularly, in Stockton Wood Road and Sutton Wood Road, stopping in the middle of the road and dropping off children and even driving at excessive speed.

Please do not park in these roads they are very narrow. Parked cars cause hazards for our children. Park away and walk to school. Keep our children safe.

- **Face coverings** – thank you to all adults who collect children from school and wear a face covering and help to keep our community safe.

For those who don't – please remember face coverings must be worn when collecting and dropping off children at school (as directed by Public Health and Liverpool City Council).



Parent Governor Election

We hope you have received information about our Parent Governor election. We do need your support. Return your nomination and get involved! Help us make our school a happy, safe place to be and 'Lay the Foundations for Life.'



What's been happening?

We've done so much already – celebrated New Beginnings, elected our House Captains – next school councillors, enjoyed Quiet Place, had a fabulous Maths' party, launched LifeSavers accounts, run a 'daily mile' and discovered Autumn. We've been learning to be scientists, writers and artists and have enjoyed reading for pleasure – Year 2 can't wait to hear stories about 'Claude' each day! (What is your child reading for pleasure?) So now we're all ready for a rest next week – enjoy the half term holiday.

Parent Contact Telephone Calls

The teachers have been so pleased to have the opportunity to say hello to parents of children in their class. There are just a few parents that staff have missed so they will be in touch as soon as we return after the half term break.

Contact us!

As there are less opportunities for parents to see class teachers informally please do not hesitate to phone school if you would like to speak to a class teacher or pass a message on.

Be Bright Be Seen!

It's getting dark earlier take care. Take part in our competition design a back pack and remember to be bright to be seen!

And... it will soon be **Hallowe'en** so this year **stay home, stay safe** and have a Hallowe'en Hunt and hide sweet treats around your house for children to find; play Bob apple or make a Hallowe'en pumpkin.

We wish everyone a happy, safe holiday and look forward to the children returning to school after the half term break.

Yours sincerely,

S.E.Price

Head teacher



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