



'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.

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our 'Children in Need' fundraising today! We raised £373.65! Families of Stockton Wood always show wonderful generosity – one of our LifeSavers' values.



Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

We had a really positive week exploring the themes of Anti Bullying week – the children as ever shared showed thoughtfulness and kindness.

The children loved 'Odd Socks Day' on the Monday of Anti-Bullying Week and enjoyed activities with Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. We all wore our odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique.

We learnt by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents, carers and teachers, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference. **We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we can unite against bullying.**



Attendance

Attendance continues to be very good with 6 classes currently achieving 97+% - our school target! Fabulous efforts!

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.

COVID 19 Safe Procedures

As we enter Tier 2 do continue to take care. **Be cautious! Stay safe!** Follow the rules and let's beat the virus together. Face coverings, social distancing and handwashing continue to be very important!



Our COVID Safe procedures can be found in full on our website and have previously been circulated.



Season of Advent

The season of Advent is upon us and Christmas preparations now beginning! As you can imagine we are 'tweaking' arrangements this year!

Friday, 11th December – 'Christmas Day' at School

- **Christmas Jumper day** for 'Save the Children' charity – The children may come to school wearing a 'Christmas' jumper and we request that **each family donate £1**. We are 'thankful' for your donations (LifeSavers' value).
- **Christmas Dinner** will be served at lunch time with Christmas crackers, decorations and fun! '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 'Panto'** – sadly not 'live' but will still be very enjoyable!
- **And...** we shall be taking part in the National School Games Virtual Santa Dash – Ho! Ho! Ho!



Friday, 18th December – Christmas Party Day

This year we will not be requesting a contribution towards the Christmas Parties. All the children may come to school in their own clothes on 'party day'.



Christmas Performances

Unfortunately, our traditional Nativity and Christmas Carols with parents cannot take place this year but we will be sending a 'little something' home for you to watch!!

Christmas Cards – COVID 19 Safety

At this time of year, children usually share their Christmas wishes by sending Christmas cards to all their classmates. **This year we are asking that children send one card to their class and we will display in class for all to see rather than send individual cards to every member of the class.** Thank you for your understanding.

Remote Learning/Home Learning

As previously stated, 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.

Preparing for Learning at Home (Remote Learning)

To prepare children for 'remote learning' at home we are teaching children how to use different learning platforms that can be accessed via the internet in school. From time to time, we will set homework activities for the children to practise these skills and to ensure they can access the learning platforms they need. If they experience any difficulty please let us know so we can help!

Parent Governor Election

We are delighted that we received enough nominations for our vacancies and therefore there was no need to hold a ballot. We are currently completing appointment procedures and as soon as they are complete we shall let everyone know who our new Parent Governors are!



Yours sincerely,
S.E.Price
Head teacher



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