



*Providing an exceptional, well rounded education for all pupils*

## **STOCKLAND C of E ACADEMY**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone!! It is absolutely wonderful to have all the children in Years 1-6 back in school, in most cases for the first time since March. The children have settled in really well this week and adapted to the special provisions to keep ourselves safe in an exemplary manner. The arrangements all seem to have worked well, but I would just like to remind everyone that children should be dropped at the gate at the time allocated for their class and that only parents of Class 1 children are allowed to walk the children to the white gate by the classroom door, unless otherwise agreed with me. In particular, earlier arrivals in the morning can cause congestion at the main gate which we are obviously trying to avoid in the current circumstances.

I want to extend a special welcome to the new children, and their parents, who have joined us from other schools. They all seem very happy in school and I know parents have appreciated the warm welcome that they have received from the school community. Harry and Rose, Freddie and Millie, Harry L, Emily and Nell, Harvey, Xander and Roane, Hallie-Brooke and Megan.

This summer, there have been lots of improvements made to the school, including new state of the art screens in each classroom, new carpets and a new french window in Class 2. However, the transformation of Class 3 has been nothing short of amazing, for which we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mr Gilmour White (father of George in Year 3 and one of our Governors) who dedicated long hours throughout the summer break to work in the classroom. The results are absolutely stunning, but in the absence of you being able to come in and see it, I have included some photos to illustrate the point.



Kind regards,

Clive Hellawell  
Principal

**Other news and information:**

**Forest School:** Class 2 will do forest school on Wednesday - starting with Year 2 on 9th September, Year 3 will be 16th September. Class 1 will do forest school on Thursday - Year 1 will do every Thursday until half term then will alternate with Reception after half term. **Children without Forest School kit will be unable to join in starting next week.** Forest School kit must consist of old, long trousers, long sleeve t-shirt, wellies and an old coat depending on the weather. Please provide a carrier bag for dirty clothing.

**Cross Country Events:** Unfortunately we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Stockland Cross Country for this term. We are hopeful that the Cross Country on 10th Feb will take place but we will communicate again nearer the time. Sorry for any disappointment.

**Music Lessons:** Mr Goodman will not be running his music lessons this term. Mrs Denning has a few places - please email to register any interest.

**Stockland Scamper:** Just to confirm that the sad decision to cancel the Stockland Scamper this year has been made. We wanted to wait until as close as possible to see if the guidelines would allow, but feel it isn't worth the risk in the current situation. So sorry for the disappointment.

**Pixies Holt:** This has been rescheduled to 1st-5th March 2021 for the current Year 4 and 5 children. Please continue with installments. Full payment must be made by **1st February**.

**Poem:** Huge congratulations to Helena (Y3) who won 1st prize for a poetry competition she entered last term. The competition organisers told Helena "We are delighted to announce that you won 1st place for KS1 in the Devon Bilingual Poetry competition! We absolutely loved your *Mosca* poem. We were particularly impressed by how funny it was and the way you mixed your languages together to create rhythm and rhyme. This is an excellent poem Helena." Helena's poem will be published later this term, but here is a sneak preview!

Mosca, mosca  
donde estas,  
mosca, mosca  
aqui estas !

Mosca, mosca  
where do you go,  
you buzz around my head  
and nibble my toes!

Mosca, mosca,  
el verano esta aqui.  
zumbas mucho muy cerca de mi.  
Y yo aqui adentro.  
yo quiero salir

Mosca, mosca  
vete de mi

(below Mosca English only translation)

Fly, fly  
Where are you,  
fly, fly  
Here you are !

Fly, fly,  
where do you go,  
you buzz around my head  
and nibble my toes!

Fly, fly,  
summer is here.  
You buzz around too close to me.  
And I'm in here inside  
I want to go out

Fly, fly,  
go away

by Helena

**News from the PTFA:**

**Please contact the PTFA for any second hand uniform**

**PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WORN OR BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

**Name from the Village and Surrounding Areas:**

**Dance Classes:** A new business has opened up in the area, offering professional, affordable dance classes for children and adults at Honiton Gymnastics Club every Tuesday.

1-2pm Adult Ballet £6  
2-2.30pm Preschool Ballet £4  
4-5pm Junior Dance Technique £6 (5-8yr olds)  
5-6pm Inter Dance Technique £6 (9-12yr olds)  
6-7pm Senior Dance Technique £6 (13+)

Please call Jo Wilson on 07812577773  
Email: [jw\\_dance@outlook.com](mailto:jw_dance@outlook.com)  
[www.jowilsondance.co.uk](http://www.jowilsondance.co.uk)

**Diary Dates**

Friday 23rd October

26th - 30th October

Friday 18th December

Tuesday 5th January

Monday 1st March

Inset Day

Half Term

Last Day of Autumn Term

Children Return to School

Pixies Holt Trip