



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

## **STOCKLAND C of E ACADEMY**

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Dear Parents,

It has been another really good week in school. We are needing to tweak a few things but all in all things have been calm and days have run smoothly.

It isn't all about logistics of course, there is clear evidence of lots of teaching and learning happening and this is such a great thing to see; our children back in school learning.

I know that there is lots happening in the media and across the news with changes happening in different areas of the country in relation to COVID 19, including some areas returning to lockdown. So far, we in Devon have not had to face this and this is something I am so grateful for. However, I know that many of our families will have friends and relatives who do live in the areas that are affected and this brings worry and anxieties.

As things remain uncertain, it is so important that we all try and remain calm and kind to one another. It is also important that we take time over the weekends to spend time doing things that support us to feel calm; things that make us feel happy and at peace. These opportunities give us emotional strength and the ability to keep things in perspective. For many, including me, it's being by the sea. Being able to look out into the expanse of water and watching and listening to the waves roll in and out never stops to bring a smile and swimming in the waves? What could be better?

Kind regards,

Clive Hellawell  
Principal

### **Other news and information:**

**Flu Vaccine:** If you are wanting your child to receive the flu vaccination please ensure that you have registered online on <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

The vaccinations will take place at school on Wednesday 11th November.

**Virtual Parent Meetings:** Please make sure you have logged on to Zoom at least 10 minutes prior to your appointment so as to maximise your time with your child's teacher.

**Forest School:** If you are unsure as to whether or not your child is doing Forest School, please check the calendar on our website.

**Meal Time Assistant:** We are seeking someone to help us with Friday Lunchtimes from 11.55am-1.05pm. Please email the office if you feel you can help.

**Pixies Holt:** This has been rescheduled to 1st-5th March 2021 for the current Year 5 and 6 children. Please continue with the installments. Full payment must be made by **1st February**.

#### **News from the PTFA:**

**Christmas Cards:** Please ensure any orders are returned before 9th October.

**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:**

**Mrs Dennis' Jurassic Coast Challenge:** We were due to take part in the Jurassic Coast Challenge in May this year, walking 100km from Poole to Bridport. This was then postponed to September, and then eventually cancelled. However, we have decided (with the support of friends and family) that we would do it anyway! As neither of us are particularly keen to walk along a cliff top on our own in the dark, we have decided to split it over two days! Saturday 26th Sept walking 58km from Poole to Dorchester, and 42km on Sunday 27th Sept from Weymouth to Bridport.

This time we are self-funding, so every penny we raise will go towards each of our chosen charities. Please find some information about the two charities we are supporting below.

Rachel - I have chosen to raise funds for Plymouth NICU Keep Me Close Appeal in memory of my beautiful niece, Tabitha. The Keep Me Close appeal is aimed at providing parental accommodation for the parents of babies cared for on the ward. We are extremely passionate about trying to raise as much money as we possibly can for this incredible cause.

Emma - I'm raising money for Ataxia UK as Ataxia personally affects a dear friend of mine. Ataxia UK are the leading charity in the UK that caters to people affected by any of the ataxias. Ataxia UK raises funds for medical research into finding treatments and a cure for ataxia - until they do, they will give support, advice and information for anyone affected.

We're raising £800 to generate funds for Ataxia UK and Plymouth NICU Keep Me Close Appeal.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emandracheljurassiccoast?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=WVjnRJBpG](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emandracheljurassiccoast?utm_id=1&utm_term=WVjnRJBpG)

#### **Diary Dates**

Friday 9th October	Last Day for Christmas Card Orders to be Returned
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day
26th - 30th October	Half Term
Wednesday 11th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th January  
Monday 1st March

Children Return to School  
Pixies Holt Trip