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STOCKLAND C of E ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure to spend time with children this week who have shown such enthusiasm for their learning, ranging from a master boat builder (Harvey M) in Class 2, a vocabulary detective (Sally) and Class 1 at Forest School who were so keen to show their clay models and warn me about the Gingerbread Man!! It is lovely that children in all four classes are demonstrating such a positive attitude to their learning as we get deeper into the second half of the Autumn Term.

Kind regards,

Clive Hellowell
Principal

Other news and information:

Parents urged to keep childhood vaccination appointments during national COVID-19 restrictions:

In a [news article](#), PHE is reminding parents that the national COVID-19 restrictions should not stop children from receiving life-saving vaccines. Following the introduction of lockdown on 23 March 2020 and during the following 3 to 4 weeks, there was a decline in the number of children receiving vaccines. The latest [data from PHE](#) shows a continued recovery since April, but uptake is still behind on previous years – and health experts are concerned these may fall again, leaving thousands of children vulnerable to serious illness.

Best Start in Life Survey: Devon County Council are keen to hear the views of parents with children aged 5 about services in Devon which will inform our Best Start in Life Project. Please click on this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BestStart/> to take part.

Applying for a place in Reception: The application system to apply for a Reception place for September 2021 is now open. The deadline for applying is Friday 15th January 2021. For more information or to apply, please visit: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-schoolplace/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

★PE/Sports Stars of the Week

Class 1: Abigail: Showing a huge improvement in her rolling technique.

Class 2: Isla: Showing great patients and improvement when using a hockey stick; especially her correct hand position on the stick.

Class 3: Harriet: Hockey positioning and tackling improvement.

Class 4: Andii: Gaining confidence and skill in hockey, especially in her tackling.

Children in Need: The total raised by donations from last week's non-uniform day was a brilliant £184 for Children in Need! Many thanks to those of you who contributed. There is still time to donate via Parent Pay if you are yet to do so.

Cross Country: We have made the sad decision to cancel all Stockland Cross Country events for this academic year due to the uncertain situation. We are very sorry for the disappointment. We are very much hoping to be able to run the events again next academic year so please take note of the dates below:

29th Sep 2021

13th Oct 2021

9th Feb 2022

16th March 2022

Water Bottles: If you order a school water bottle via Parent Pay please also drop the office an email. We do not get a notification that you have paid but will pass a bottle to your child when prompted by your email. Many thanks.

Christmas Cards: Due to Covid restrictions we will have two Christmas post boxes this year, one for each bubble. Children will only be allowed to send cards to children within their own bubble this year.

Website: Please follow the link to see lots of lovely photos and news on our website!

<https://stocklandprimary.org.uk/news/>

Calendar: Please check the calendar on the website for term dates, forest school, etc.

<https://stocklandprimary.org.uk/calendar-term-dates/>

News from the PTFA:

Donations: We have set up a payment item on Parent Pay for PTFA Donations. Any money raised through this will go directly into the PTFA account. All money raised will help enrich the learning experience for the children - including books and classroom resources, music, literature and drama events and sports equipment. Current projects are outlined in termly PTFA newsletters and on the school website.

News from the Village and Surrounding Areas:

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December

Last Day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th January

Children Return to School

Monday 1st March

Pixies Holt Trip