



Providing an exceptional, well rounded education for all pupils

STOCKLAND C of E ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

I am aware that COVID restrictions are causing all of us to have to do things differently. I know too that there is a lot to remember.

One of the differences we, as a school, have had to change is how our children enter and exit the school site. We are needing to keep all visitors to the site at a minimum to mitigate risk and this has included asking our parents to drop and collect their child/children at the school gates and go. This decision was made in accordance with government guidance and is part of the school's COVID risk assessment. So far we have had no confirmed cases of CV in our school. So far we have not had to close a bubble and all of my staff continue to be well. All of this has meant we have been able to continue our children's education without any further interruptions. I am hoping and praying this continues.

I know that having only the entrance point at the front of the school can make social distancing challenging and I would like to thank all of our parents who are striving to ensure they maintain at least 2m distance. We now have yellow stars painted on the playground by the gate to help with this. I would like to thank those parents who are ensuring their child/children stay safely with them while they wait to come into school and then leave immediately after drop off and collection. It is this that will help keep our entrances less congested and clear the pathways ready for the next drop off or exit time.

Please can I ask all parents to ensure they keep their children safe while they are waiting to come into school and once they have been collected, please ensure they stay with you if they have to wait for a sibling.

Kind regards,

Clive Hellowell
Principal

Other news and information:

A note from the governors: 2020 has been quite a trying Year for everyone, including those in education and we would like to thank again all the staff at Stockland for their continued excellent work, in not only ensuring that the children's education continues apace but that they are safe and well looked after at school.

Whilst we are not often seen around the school at the moment, we are working away behind the scenes alongside Mr Hellowell, on school improvements, including those highlighted by Ofsted.

As governors we keep in touch with the school throughout the working week and our regular meetings continue, even during the pandemic. We also continue to monitor the progress of the children and school alongside the staff.

Members of the board are attending ongoing training sessions via zoom and we are keeping up to date on developments and protocols in these ever changing times.

Should any parent or guardian have any concerns or queries please contact us by emailing, Simon Peniston-Bird, Chair of Governors at: spenistonbird@stocklandprimary.org.uk

★PE/Sports Stars of the Week

Week 10

Class 1: Millie: showing great improvement and confidence in her football and taking part in her first after school club.

Class 2: Finn: showing much improved coordination which has helped him with his introduction to hockey.

Class 3: Jamie: showing confidence and understanding in his hockey matches especially in his dribbling.

Class 4: Milo: A stand out performer in benchball, he read the game really well and showed a good pair of hands when receiving passes from team mates.

Star Baker: In Cookery Club this week Jemima was Star Baker for her fab gingerbread!

Christmas Lunch: If you haven't booked your child's Christmas lunch on Parent Pay as yet then please do so as soon as possible. This year it will be on Wednesday 16th December and we encourage all children to have the Christmas lunch instead of a packed lunch.

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:

As we can't do our usual Christmas fundraising activities this year, it would be wonderful if you could support the PTFA by raising funds as you do your Christmas shopping on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. It's easy to sign up, and the site will let you know when you are shopping on a website which will donate money with you doing nothing but shop. [Click on this link](#) and the school will receive an extra £5.

100 club: Established 10 years ago, the 100 Club raises money through termly draws, paying out half of the money raised in prizes. Could you be lucky? This year it costs £10 for the year (you can have as many numbers as you want), and you can sign up through ParentPay. Please make sure that you tick the "I agree" box to show your acceptance of the terms and conditions (which are attached to this note), and add your (eldest) child at the school's name to the comment box so that we know which family has won.

News from the Village and Surrounding Areas:

24 Days of Print: From Tuesday 1 December, join Double Elephant Print Workshop for an Advent of PRINTspiration! Each day, on our website and our social media, we'll release a daily creative clip for all ages and abilities, using mostly found and recycled materials. No expensive tools or printing press needed! You can print your own wrapping paper with your fridge contents, make a printy GIF, stamp with plasticine, DIY screenprint, try a festive flickbook, create nature prints with tape, fabric print with fish... and much more! <https://www.doubleelephant.org.uk/24daysofprint>
For any further information please contact emma@doubleelephant.org.uk

The Pre-School is spreading Christmas cheer to everyone!

✨ We are planning the most magical... 'Virtual Christmas Grotto'. We want to make sure no one misses out on seeing Father Christmas this year! 🎅 Included is a personalised video message for your little ones which will be truly magical. It will include a beautiful keepsake letter and the all important reindeer food!
If this is something you would like to do, please book your slot with Rose by emailing rose.derryman@gmail.com.
It will be £10 per household. Their faces will be priceless 🥰 🎅

Preschool Grand Christmas Draw: Tickets are for sale next Wednesday, the 2nd of December at the Preschool entrance and the draw to find the winner will be in the afternoon. Please could everyone bring the correct money where possible. Please see attached poster for prize details!

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