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STOCKLAND C of E ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

The highlight of this week was the return of the Cross Country event to our school. It was fantastic to welcome 14 other schools after a gap of 18 months and to be blessed with such lovely weather for the occasion. I am sure everyone appreciated the huge amount of voluntary work put in by so many people connected with the school to ensure the event happens and that so many children are able to enjoy such a positive experience.

Best wishes

Clive Hellawell
Principal

Other news and information:

Parents Meeting to introduce the new KIVA Anti-Bullying program: For Years 3-6 this coming Monday 4th October at 3.40pm in Bucehayes Classroom. This is a key meeting because it is a very important part of the school's work over the next year, so we hope as many Yr 3-6 parents as possible will attend. Please email the office to notify us of your intention to attend.

Census Day Lunch Thursday 7th October

Next Thursday is the Autumn School Census. The money the school receives from the government to pay for the Infant schools meals is based on an average of the number of meals taken on the census days. We will be ordering a school lunch for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 7th October even if your child normally brings in a packed lunch. We feel this is an ideal opportunity for your child to try the delicious food supplied by our new caterer. If you have any questions or concerns about this please contact the office.

Cross Country Report: Huge thanks for all the support for our first cross country event! You all helped to make it really successful. The children were all stars and the afternoon went very smoothly. A special mention to Mrs Gilmour-White and her fabulous team of volunteers who generously gave up their time to marshal, car park, cater and make cakes! Thank you to our brilliant backmarkers - Alfie B, George D and Harry Sh! And big thanks to Luke, Sam and Harry E for their help with the cake stall!

Well done to all the children who ran:

Sally, Nelly, Delilah, Helena, Silvia, Millie M, George GW, Joe, George L, Danny, Alfie Sh, Seb, Layla, Harriet, Rie, Megan, Emily, Tilly, Harry St, Finlay, Freddie M, William B, Freddie E and Joseph. Special mention to George GW for coming 1st in the Younger Boys category!!

Football Fixture at home on Wednesday 6th October: Parents of children chosen for the team have been emailed.

Meal Time Assistant: We are urgently seeking a lovely person to help us out with Friday lunchtimes. If you think you might be able to assist us then please contact the office as soon as possible.

Stars of the Week:

Featherlake - James FK

Horner - Millie and Henry

Quantock - Nelly and Harvey

Bucehayes - Harriet and Joseph

Well done everyone!

Christmas Dates for your Diary:

School Christmas Lunch - Friday 10th December

Christmas Nativity in the Church - Tuesday 7th December 4pm and Thursday 9th December 10.30am

Christmas Celebration with Carols in the Church - Tuesday 14th 2pm and Thursday 16th December 4 pm

Christingle Service in the church on Sunday 12th December at 11.00am

Stockland Carol service on Sunday 19th December at 7.00pm

Christmas Day Family Holy Communion service at 10.30am

Quantock Class had a fantastic morning with Dr Lucy Shipley when they handled a range of artifacts dating from the ancient Roman era. Some of the pieces were over 2500 years old!

Next week they are looking forward to a visit from Mrs Strong, who will be bringing in items relating to Quantock Class's learning about teeth.



News from the PTFA:

Thanks to everyone who baked and donated cakes and goodies to sell at the cross country event on Wednesday. The PTFA provides all the runners with squash and biscuits after their race, but the exercise raised some appetites and along with tea and coffee sales we raised an amazing £190. Miss Smith wanted a fire pit to enhance the forest school experience, so we're delighted we can now provide this.

Skittles night: For the adults... Thursday 14th October, from 7.30pm with games to start at 8pm, at the Kings Arms, Stockland. Everyone welcome! We'll aim to arrange a casual competition based on teams of 4 but don't worry if you don't have a team, these can be arranged on the night. If you are planning to attend please email on stockandptfa@gmail.com so we can give the pub rough numbers. £2 a player to cover the sticker uppers.

Halloween Disco: For the children... Thursday 21st October, from 5pm to 8pm in Stockland village hall (5pm-6.30pm for reception, yrs 1 & 2; and 6.30pm-8pm for yrs 3-6). More details to follow, but full disco, fancy dress competition, dance competition, best carved pumpkin, craft activities. £3 cover charge per child. You will need to ensure your children are supervised by an adult whilst they are there, but food and refreshments will be available.

News from the Village and Surrounding Areas:

Halloween Ball: The Halloween Ball is back!! Friday 29th October 2021, 8pm-midnight with the frighteningly fabulous Area 52! Licensed bar. Tickets £12.50 from Lucy in the office. £50 prize for the best fancy dress outfit. Limited tickets available so early booking is essential 0 extra safety measures will be in place this year.

Youth Club: Youth Club is on next Friday 8th October at 6.30pm - 8pm at Stockland Village Hall. £1 entry plus 50p - £1 for the tuck shop. If there are any adults who would like to help out then please email Mel on mel@adventurebabies.co.uk

Diary Dates

Sunday 3rd October	Harvest Service in Stockland Church
Monday 4th October	Anti-bullying Meeting - 3.40pm for Yrs 3-6 Parents
Wednesday 6th October	Quantock Class - Swimming Lessons
Monday 11th - Friday 15th October	Yrs 5/6 Pixies Holt Week
Wednesday 13th October	Quantock Class - Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 20th October	Quantock Class - Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 27th October	Cross Country - School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 25th - 29th October	Quantock Class - Swimming Lessons
Friday 10th December	HALF TERM
Sunday 12th December	School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14th December	Christingle Service in Church at 11am
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Play in Church at 2pm
Sunday 19th December	Christmas Play in Church at 4pm
Saturday 25th December	Stockland Carol Service in Church at 7pm
	Christmas Day Family Holy Communion Service at 10.30am