



Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 18th September

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It feels incredible to think we have already been back just over two weeks at Stocks Green. The children have all settled back in beautifully and I have loved hearing about all their holiday adventures!

One of my favourite moments of the last two weeks was wandering into Year R and seeing the happy faces of the children already loving their time at school! When I walked in yesterday, they were all dancing together and just having the most incredible time! It was a joy to behold.

We have such a wonderful school community at Stocks Green and it is when the Year R pupils join that you see this in beautiful action. All the older children having been looking out for them and helping them at breaktimes and lunchtimes and the care and kindness they show in doing so bring me great joy.

In other classes throughout the school we have been really focused on routines, expectations and The Stocks Green Way. This has included maintaining our environment, being respectful and 'doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do'. The children have all been really stepping up and showing these expectations across the school. I was privileged to welcome our new School Improvement Advisor this week and show him round the school. He commented on just how well the children had settled, the learning behaviours he had seen and how well the children spoke about their learning. I felt a real sense of pride as we walked around the school and shared what life looked like at Stocks Green.

As always, we want to improve our school even further and do more for our school community. As I shared on our OPAL picnic day, we have three primary areas we are looking to develop as a school this year:

1. Develop adaptive teaching strategies and visuals to support all learners.
2. Further develop oracy and the writing process.
3. Further develop assessment as a tool to tailor learning to needs.

We have already started to work on new visuals to support learning and also received training on the Inset Days from the Specialist Teaching and Learning Service. I look forward to sharing our progress with these targets as we move through the year.

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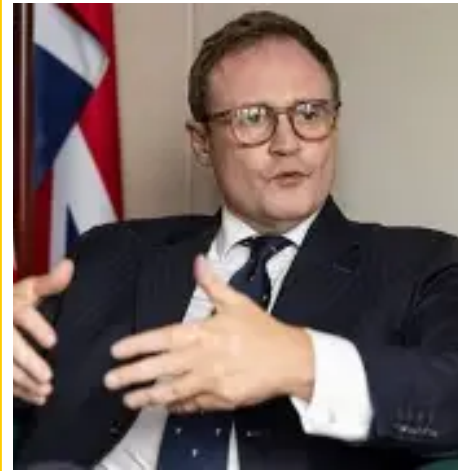


THANK YOU

Since I did my presentation at the OPAL picnic about the challenges we are facing as a school, we have been overwhelmed with the kind offers of support and acts of kindness from our school community.

A huge thank you to all those parents who have donated to our voluntary fund. We are so grateful for your on-going support. It will make a huge difference to the school and enable us to deliver the best possible outcomes and provision for all our families.

Thank you to those who wrote to MP Tom Tugendhat. I welcomed him into school over the summer and he has written to the Education Secretary highlight the issues the school faces.



THANK YOU - MR ELCOMBE AND BREWERS TONBRIDGE

One of our incredible parent body, Mr Elcombe came forward to offer to paint two of our classrooms for us using his decorating business. Over the summer, he came in with his team and has transformed our Year 3 and 5 classrooms. They look absolutely stunning now! This may have been the first time they have been painted in about 10 years! The paint was very kindly donated by Andrew at Brewers in Tonbridge and we are really grateful to Mr Elcombe and Brewers for their incredible generosity! You can see the freshly painted classrooms below.



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THANK YOU - MR ENDERSBY

Mr Endersby spent his summer holiday working on some fantastic resources for our OPAL provision. He has been working hard to finish our water play area, built a new outdoor library space and created signs for all our OPAL zones! A huge thank you to him from myself and all the pupils at Stocks Green Primary School

THANK YOU - MR TILL, MR TRACEY AND MR MILLS

Over the summer holidays, Mr Till was busy updating our outside toilets and making them a much nicer environment for the children at Stocks Green School. During this time, he recruited Mr Tracey and Mr Mills to help him finish them off. A huge thank you to them all for their hard work. They look great!



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OPAL

As we head into the Autumn term, we want to reinvigorate our OPAL playtimes after an incredibly wet and wild winter that forced us to shut the field for a period of time! We have been talking to the children in our play assemblies and through the School Council. They have identified some donations that they would love to add to our offer. If you are able to source any of these for us, we would be so grateful! Our OPAL offering really relies on donations from parents and the local community.

We also have some big plans for continuing to improve our outside environment over the coming terms and hope to share these changes in due course.

Donations we would currently love:

- tyres
- small world items - small animals, plastic plants, dinosaurs, pebbles, shells
- sleeping bags
- yoga mats
- camping chairs
- digger toys

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YEAR R'S FIRST WEEKS

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YEAR 1 MATHS

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YEAR 1



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please remember that the full, and constantly updated list of dates, is on the school website under 'News and Events' - 'Yearly Planner'. It can also be accessed at

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFM8IPhRVw/8VzWtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view>



23/9/26 - HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY



1/10/26 - SCHOOL LUNCH AND CRAZY SOCK DAY



5/10/26 - INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS



6/10/26 - YEAR R AND 1 BALANCE BIKEABILITY



8 & 9/10/26 - YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY



12 & 13/10/26 - YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY



13/10/26 - PARENTS EVENING



14 & 15/10/26 - LIFE SPACE WORKSHOPS



15/10/26 - PARENTS EVENING



19/10/26 - YEAR 6 TRIP TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



20/10/26 - INTRA-HOUSE SPORTS



22 & 23/10/26 - BIKEABILITY



23/10/26 - FLU VACCINATIONS

SUPERSTAR CORNER

Well done to all our hardworking superstars from the last two weeks.

The Values Cup goes to a child who has shown our school values during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

11/9/26: Iulia C-R - Year 3

18/9/26: Lyra K - Year 1

The Values Cup for Sport goes to a child who has shown our school values during a sporting events, such as PE or a tournament, during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

Values Cup for Sport Winners:

11/9/26: Eddie B - Year 2

18/9/26: Sophie B - Year 5

Our 'Above and Beyond' certificates are awarded to those pupils who have gone 'Above and Beyond' with their learning and attitudes in class all week.

Above and Beyond Winners 11/9/26:

Year 1: Mathew C

Year 2: Darcey O

Year 3: Jenson B

Year 4: Emily M

Year 5: Ella G

Year 6: Lila S

Above and Beyond Winners 18/9/26:

Year 1: Daniel C

Year 2: Arya T

Year 3: Phoebe L

Year 4: Lilia B

Year 5: Paul-Alexis T

Year 6: Dyson C



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Serik (Y6) and Howard (Y2) had a fantastic day at Lord's Cricket Ground supporting the England Women's cricket team. They loved watching international cricket and came away even more inspired to play and enjoy the sport.



Well done to Paul-Alexis who performed in the Ignite show at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells a few weeks ago. He took part in three performances, each with a full audience of around 1000 people.

ZONES OF REGULATION

Each week in school we talk about a different Tool to help children regulate their emotions. This is our 'Tool of the Week'. We will be sharing the Tools we are using in school in the newsletter. This will enable parents to talk about them at home with their children too, so we can have a joined up approach to helping children to regulate their emotions.

Practice

Remember a person, place, or thing that brings you joy or comfort.

Imagine what you might:

- Hear
- Feel
- Taste
- See
- Smell

WHY TO TRY:

Using your happy memories and imagination takes your mind off a worry, helps you feel peaceful, and regulates your feelings.

Try to find a moment each day of the week to practice the tool.

