



Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 25th October

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As a school, we are always looking at ways to improve our teaching, our care and our school environment. We are currently busily working behind the scenes on updating our school environment and website. We have had the first proofs of our school website through and we believe that this will be a much better resource for our school community. We will be sharing progress with this with you over the term and hope to have the new website up and running by Christmas.

We hope that you will notice a much improved environment for the children when you return from half term. We are having some painting completed, Mr. Till is working his usual half term magic and developing our entrance way and we have also ordered some large canvases (using the photos from Peake Photography) to brighten up the school. We feel that all of this work will help to better reflect the excellent teaching and learning that takes place and give the children a far nicer environment to learn in.

At parents evening, a parent asked me about our painting project, where we asked for volunteers to help paint classrooms. This is still a project that we hope to take forward over the course of this academic year but did have to pause this temporarily, whilst we focused on other projects.

In terms of education projects, we have had a sharp focus on writing this term and we have seen some beautiful writing developing as a result. The children's passion for writing is coming to the fore and this has been wonderful to see. We continue to work further on developing our support for all pupils, including those with additional needs, and we are working closely with a number of schools and local experts to continue to develop our practice. I look forward to sharing more of these developments with you in the new term.

As always, we try to keep you up to date with all our projects and what we are focusing on in terms of school improvement and will continue to do so moving forwards.

It has felt like a very long (and wet!) term but it has been so lovely to see our Year Rs flourish as they have joined the school, happy children exploring nature during our OPAL lunchtimes and teachers working extremely hard to provide the best possible care and education for our Stocks Green Community. I hope that you have a wonderful half term break and cannot wait to continue our journey together, as a supportive community, after half term.

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INTRAHOUSE EVENT

Last week saw our first intra-house event of the year. The new Sports Leaders stepped up to undertake their new roles for the first time and led children in a range of sporting activities. They were also on the look out for children who were showing our school values during the event and picked out a number of children who showed resilience, respect and kindness to their peers. It was wonderful to celebrate a term's worth of PE through this event. A huge thank you to Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Scott for organising it.



POPPY APPEAL

We have just received some Poppy merchandise for selling. The Year 6s will be visiting classes after half term (from Tuesday 5th November) to sell items.

Prices are listed below should you wish to purchase them. Please note that they are cash only. Unfortunately, we do not have any change so correct monies are requested please.

Paper poppies – Donation please.

Adjustable wrist bands – £1.00 (blue white or pink)

Reflector poppy keyrings – 50p

Poppy stickers – 20p

Ruler Slapbands – £1.00 (Blue, Green, Pink, White, Purple)

Please note some of these items are in short supply and once sold, unfortunately, we are not able to obtain any more.



CAPTAIN WONDERWEB WORKSHOP AND INTRA- HOUSE EVENT

PREFECTS AND SPORTS LEADERS

After a rigorous application process, including writing a detailed letter to the Senior Leadership Team, we now have our new Prefects and Sports Leaders. You can see pictures of our new teams below and I know the Prefects are really looking forward to greeting you on the gate in the morning after half term. Well done Year 6 for putting yourselves forward to carry out these important duties in the school and I look forward to sharing your first Prefect and Sports Leader updates after half term.



OUR NEW STOCKS GREEN PREFECTS



OUR NEW STOCKS GREEN SPORTS LEADERS



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>



25/10/2024: END OF TERM



4/11/2024: INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS



5/11/2024: START OF TERM 2



5/11/2024: POPPY APPEAL ITEMS FOR SALE



7/11/2024: OPEN AFTERNOON FOR NEW ENTRANTS (2025)



11/11/2024: FLU VACCINATIONS



11/11/2024: YEAR 5 AND 6 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH



13/11/2024: OPEN MORNING FOR NEW ENTRANTS (2025)



18/11/2024: NATIVITY COSTUME SWAP



19/11/2024: VR WORKSHOPS

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.

Values Cup Winners:

18/10/24: Francesca L - Year 6

25/10/24: Freya B - Year 6

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:

18/10/24: Jessica H - Year 5

25/10/24: Howard T - Year R



Well done to Lila (Year 4) who swims with Tonbridge Swimming Club and is in the Bronze group. She swam in her first gala and won a silver medal in 25m fly (butterfly stroke).



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SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



Well done to Sebastian (Year 4) who finished 4th in the 10 & under boys' 400-metre freestyle race and set a new Tonbridge Swim Club record for the fastest 8-year-old in this event. Then, on Friday night, he placed 3rd in the 12 & under boys' category at the Bowles Ski Race Club Championships.



Well done to Paul-Alexis (Year 3). He played at the Tunbridge Wells Rugby Festival and won 4 out of 4 matches, scoring 4 tries for his team.

FINAL PLEA: WE STILL NEED YOU!

We still need you! A huge 'thank you' to the parent who has volunteered to join the PTA. Their time and energy will make all the difference to our PTA team moving forwards. However, we are still looking desperately short of members for the long term. Please, please consider taking up this important role in the school. It really does make so much difference to the lives of our whole school community.

