March 2022 Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter

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General information:

<u>Wrap around care bookings</u> Just a reminder that places need to be booked by <u>Thursday 14th</u> <u>April</u> to secure a place for the first week back through your ParentPay account. You can make block bookings too. We also accept Childcare vouchers and Government Tax Free Credits. Breakfast Club - £3.50 per session After School Club - £6.00 per session

<u>Attendance Update</u>

Attendance so far this year still stands at 92% which is much lower than pre Covid times. Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason that you must inform the school office by 9am. Also holidays taken in term time can result in familes receiving a fine as we do not authorise holidays taken in term time.

The class attendance figures this year so far is: FS2: 93.6% Year 1: 93.5% Year 2: 95.5% Year 3: 88.2% Year 4: 93.2% Year 5: 90.1% Year 6: 92.1%

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
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We care, we learn, we grow

Happy Easter Break!

Here we are at the end of the spring term already! Even though it's been a short term it certainly has been action packed. This week we took 45 children to Reddish Vale Farm where they got to hold and feed many animals as part of their 'Down on the Farm' topic. I was lucky enough to join the trip and it was wonderful to see how much the children got out of the experience. Thank you to all who joined our online parent and teacher meetings this week. The teachers really do enjoy sharing our children's successes with you. Sadly we were unable to offer face to face sessions however in the summer term we hope to restart our 'Thumbs Up Thursday' event where you can come in and look at your children's books to see for yourselves the lovely work that they have produced. If you missed the meetings please contact your child's class teacher directly to arrange another time.

Holiday Club



Over the Easter break Sports Cool will be hosting a holiday club at the school. All details are on the flyer that has been shared on ClassDojo.

Outwood's achievements

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our school website to see photographs of exciting events that are taking place at Outwood. You'll find us at <u>https://twitter.com/</u> Outwoodprisch or @OutwoodPriSch

A few reminders....

As we approach the summer term I thought that I would take this opportunity to thank you all for your for your continued support and remind all children, parents and carers of some of the school rules which can occasionally be forgotten with the busy lives we lead and the turbulent times we find ourselves in.

Some of the following areas have become an issue over the last few weeks and upon our return the expectation is that ALL children adhere to the rules.

- Uniform All children should have the correct uniform at all times. No hoodys, no trainers, only black shoes, correct P.E kit, no jazzy tights or socks!
- 2. **Snacks** Please send only healthy snacks into school.
- Drinks Only water to be in classrooms, no juice or fizzy drinks (weak juice is allowed with the lunch in the dining hall).

Obviously we know that there are occasions when for example, a child's shoes fall apart and you can't go shopping until the weekend. We will be sensitive to this however please let the school office or the class teacher know directly and do not rely on your child to tell us.

We hope you have a lovely break, see you on the 19th Apríl!

Information for parents from Stockport Council

Stockport Council is committed to ensuring residents have the help and support they need as it continues to deliver the Department for Work & Pension's Household Support Grant. To provide support with the rising cost of energy, the council are awarding a voucher worth £45 to all households that meet the following criteria:

• In receipt of Council Tax Support and/or Housing Benefit from Stockport Council

Households in receipt of the above who received support through the Holiday Support Voucher scheme in February will NOT be eligible for this voucher.

Eligible families do not need to do anything to apply and will automatically receive a voucher. Vouchers will only be sent to families who were in receipt of Council Tax Support and/or Housing Benefit from Stockport Council on or before 21 February 2022.

The vouchers will be in the form of an explanatory letter which has a Post Office barcode in the bottom corner. Vouchers can be redeemed by taking the letter to any Post Office[®] branch and showing the barcode to the cashier. The appropriate cash amount will then be provided. No ID is required to redeem the voucher. Residents should visit <u>www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</u> to find a Post Office branch and see the opening hours.

Vouchers will be received by eligible households from Saturday 25 March and must be redeemed within 3 weeks of the date of the letter. More information about the voucher can be found at <u>https://www.stockport.gov.uk/HESV</u>

Other support available:

Your Local Pantry scheme

The Your Local Pantry scheme by Stockport Homes helps people access affordable food from 5 locations across the borough. Memberships range from standard (£3.50 per week) to family (£6.50 per week). For more information visit www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk.

Stockport Council Support Fund

Stockport residents can apply to Support Funds for help such as a food bank referral; household items (cooker, fridge, washing machine); gas and electricity vouchers; help with paying Council Tax; help with a shortfall in rent; or help to apply to a charity or trust fund. For more information visit: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/financial-support.

Health Start Vouchers

Families who have a child under the age of 4 or are pregnant, may be eligible for support through the NHS Healthy Start Scheme. More information can be found at <u>www.healthystart.nhs.uk</u>.

Stockport Council Welfare Rights Team

A team of experienced specialist advisers can represent you at benefits appeals or if you have a problem with your benefits. For more information, visit: <u>https://www.stockport.gov.uk/help-with-benefit-appeals</u>. If you need any help completing the form, you can contact the Welfare Rights Team by email at <u>welfare.rights@stockport.gov.uk</u> or by calling 0161 217 6003.

If you need help getting online, contact the DigiKnow Helpline on 07537 127095.