

### Library Wall Art

As you may remember, last term, we held a whole-school art competition to design characters for our new library wall art.

The winning character designs, as well as ideas from our reading leaders were incorporated into the final design. Just before Christmas, these ideas were brought to life and the art work was installed in the library. I'm sure you will agree from the photographs below it looks amazing!



### Sports Events

As a school, we aim to attend as many of the Stockton Schools Sports Partnership events as possible and are very proud of the number of children and teams we have seen progress through regional competitions in a range of sporting events. However, due to current number of Covid-19 cases locally, Stockton SSP have made the decision to cancel their indoor events and competitions for this half-term, including the Year 5/6 indoor athletics regional finals (**please note, this does not include the forthcoming trampolining competition**). As it currently stands, outdoor events will still be taking place, including an upcoming Year 5 and 6 football competition on Wednesday 26th January. Further information about this event will be sent home shortly with those selected to take part.

### Staff Car Park

You will have noticed that the barrier for entry to the staff car park is not in place as it was damaged during the storm we had just before Christmas. Although the barrier is not currently in place, this car park remains a staff car park and should only be used by parents and carers who have a blue badge to access the disabled parking bays. Parents and carers should continue to use the drop off bays and main parent car park when dropping off and collecting children, including during Breakfast Club, Tea Club and after school clubs.

### Defibrillator Cabinet

In 2019, the 'John Clayton Fundraiser' kindly donated a defibrillator to school. As our community use in school has increased, we have now purchased a defibrillator cabinet so it can be accessed when the school is used for community activities on evenings and weekends. Hopefully, it will never need to be used; however, we are very pleased to have this life-saving piece of equipment on site.



## Newsletter

Monday 10th January 2022

### Log Classroom

You may have noticed a new area within our outdoor provision in school at the bottom of the steps at the rear of the building. This new log classroom was installed last week following an incredibly kind donation from Chris Pipe from Planning House, a local town planning consultancy firm. This new log classroom will allow whole classes to go outside for outdoor learning, forest school sessions or story time. We can't wait to begin using this area and would like to thank Chris for her incredibly kind donation.



### Dates for Your Diary

Please see some of the provisional dates for this term below.

13 & 14.01– Year 1 NHS Screening

26.01– Year 5/6 Football Competition (teams to be selected soon)

10.02– Class 10 visit to Summerhill (more information to follow)

10.02– Year 6 visit to Newcastle Safety Works (more information to follow)

16.02- Class 9 visit to Summerhill (more information to follow)

03.03– World Book Day

18.03– Red Nose Day

Week commencing 28.03 - Parents' Meetings

06.04– Class photographs

### Forest Schools

Forest Schools is back to normal this week (12th January) with Class 13. As Class 13 have not yet had a forest school session this year, they will have a full day of forest school activities. **Children can come to school in their forest school clothes.** Please ensure they have suitable footwear, a waterproof coat and warm clothing.

### Year 1 NHS Screening

As part of the NHS Healthy Child Programme, the school nursing team will be in school on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th January to conduct the Year 1 health screening check that would normally have taken place in Reception. Year 1 parents should have all received the consent forms to complete ahead of this screening. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### Drumming Lessons

Unfortunately, there will be no drumming lessons again this week. Ken will hopefully resume lessons in school next week.

### Face Coverings

We would like to remind parents that face coverings should be worn in the entrance foyer, including when collecting children from Tea Club. Could we also ask that, in the short term, only one person or family enter the foyer at any time.