

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to another busy term in school.



Year 5 Trampoline and Gymnastics

On Wednesday, Year 5 will begin taking part in weekly trampolining/gymnastics classes at Velocity trampolining as part of their PE curriculum. These lessons take place during the school day with children leaving school just after their lunch and returning before the end of the school day.

On Wednesdays, children should come to school in a suitable sports kit and trainers. Please note, for health and safety reasons, children should not wear crop tops and will need to ensure that t-shirts can be tucked into their leggings/tracksuit bottoms.

Should you have any questions, please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher.

Lantern Parade

As you may remember, last half term, a number of our pupils in Key Stage 2 worked with a local artist to design and create lanterns for the Stockton Sparkles Lantern Parade. Unfortunately, due to the bad weather, the parade was cancelled. However, during our final whole school gathering before Christmas, the children had the opportunity to parade through the hall to show off their fantastic creations!



Primary School Applications

A reminder to parents that the deadline for primary school applications for Reception in September is Wednesday 15th January. Applications should be made to your home local authority.

Well done, Holly!



We are incredibly proud of Holly in Class 12 who has been growing her hair over recent months to donate to the Little Princess Trust. During the holidays, Holly had her hair cut to donate to the charity to support children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions.

I'm sure you'll agree that this is an incredibly selfless thing to do – well done, Holly!

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PE Kits

As part of the curriculum, children will have two hours of PE teaching per week, as well as the opportunity to engage in a range of other sporting opportunities. Therefore, it is important that children have their PE kits in school every day. These should be brought into school at the start of a half-term and will be sent home to be washed before the holidays. As some PE lessons take place outdoors and the weather this term is likely to be very changeable, we would encourage children to bring a warm tracksuit top and jogging bottoms as part of their PE kit.

Class 8 Swimming

Class 8 swimming will resume tomorrow afternoon at Mill House Leisure Centre. Their last session will be 28th January. Class 7 begin their block of sessions on 18th February and we will remind parents nearer the time.

Nursery Charges

Nursery charges for this term for lunch clubs and additional sessions will shortly be added to ParentPay accounts. If you have any questions, please speak to the school office.

Forest Schools

On Thursday, Year 6 will be taking part in an educational forest school lesson led by our forest school leader, Chris. Please ensure children wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and bring a waterproof coat. We also ask that any long hair is tied back for this session.

Forest Schools Dates for this half term

We will continue to confirm future forest school sessions in our weekly newsletters, but our current plan for the sessions this half term is as follows:

- Thursday 9th January - Year 6
- Thursday 16th January - Nursery
- Thursday 23rd January - Year 5
- Thursday 30th January - Year 4
- Thursday 6th February - Year 3
- Thursday 13th February - Year 2
- Thursday 20th February - Year 1

Reception -Hearing Screening

This week, children in Reception will be bringing home a letter for parents to consent to hearing screening.

This is an **opt-in** service and a consent form must be returned for the screening to take place.

SATs Booster Club

Year 6 Booster Club will start tomorrow. Due to staff training, there will be no Booster Club next week but it will restart on the 21st January.

We strongly encourage all children to attend these sessions where they will be working in smaller groups based on their individual targets.

If you have any questions, please speak to the Year 6 staff.

Year 3 Trampoline After School Club

A reminder to parents who have signed up for the Year 3 trampolining after school club that the cost of transport will be added to ParentPay tomorrow and should be paid ahead of Wednesday.