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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year, which now seems a very distant memory!

Unfortunately due to the latest Government announcement as you all now know, SCHOOL IS CLOSED and there is no expectation that pupils will attend school until the advice from Government changes.

SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR EMERGENCY SUPPORT ONLY. All other children should stay at home.

For those children of critical workers and who are vulnerable and have no alternative but to attend school the arrangements are set out below. They should only attend school on the days that you work and where you are unable to make alternative arrangements.

Years 3 and 5	Drop off: 8.45am	Collection 3.00pm
Years 4 and 6	Drop off: 9.00am	Collection: 3.15pm

From Monday, a member of staff will be at the school gates to welcome your child in to school. In order to minimise the number of adults on site, you can leave your child safely at the gates and they will be directed to their usual entry point. Staff will supervise the site until all pupils are in school.

At the end of the day, we ask that only one adult collects from the school site and children will be brought out as normal. Face masks must be worn by all adults collecting children, unless there is a medical reason not to do this.

Children should come to school in their school jumper with joggers and trainers and bring a warm coat. Stationery will be provided.

For those children in school, dinners will be offered from the current menu and we will be offering two options from the main menu – no streets menu.

Children entitled to free school meals will have received a separate letter about how to order food hampers.

Parents of children who take music lessons will receive separate information on how to access these lessons during lockdown.

If you have any queries about the above information, please contact the school office via phone or email. The office hours will be 8.00am – 4.00pm daily.

## Online learning

All parents will have received a separate letter about remote learning from your class teachers. If you have not received yours, please can I ask that you check your Spam folder.

We are asking that work is submitted back to the teacher for feedback and marking by 3.30pm. If you are unable to return your work by this time, the teachers may not be able to provide you with feedback ready for the next school day, however all work will be reviewed and feedback, where necessary, provided.

Mr Steels has been called for Jury Service for two weeks starting on Monday, so if your child is in Peacock Class, he may not be able to provide feedback as quickly as he would wish. However, rest assured that your child's work will be marked.

You are not expected to print any of the work, so should not need a paper copy. However, if you are unable to access the work for any reason, a limited number of paper copies will be available for collection from reception.

If you have any queries about remote learning please contact your class teacher via their class email.

To supplement this learning you may find the following information helpful:

Joe Wicks will resume his workouts from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9.00am.

The BBC are providing numerous resources including BBC Live, BBC Bitesize daily, Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories, Art Nina and Operation Arch. All the resources can be accessed via the red button on demand.

## Respect

I appreciate that everyone is finding the current situation very hard. All the staff at Stoke Park Junior School continue to work extremely hard to provide all of our children with an education, whether this is remotely or in-school. We do our very best for all our children and families in school in line with Government guidelines.

We ask that you, as parents and carers, treat the staff in school with respect and talk to them in an appropriate manner.

## Flu Vaccines

There are still some children that have not received the nasal flu vaccine. The School Nursing Team would like to invite those who have missed the vaccination to contact them to arrange a clinic appointment via their email - [Shft.southwesthantsimmunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:Shft.southwesthantsimmunisationteam@nhs.net).

## Congratulations

To Evie Mills, Ezra who has joined the X Club.

## Autumn Term

On a lighter note – I thought you might like to join us to celebrate just a few of the things that we did achieve in the Autumn Term, despite the restrictions:

We served 5445 hot lunches to children in their class

The school photographers took 348 photos

Every child made a Christingle

Teachers prepared 140 teaching sessions for each child

60 children completed Bikeability training

26 children took music lessons

We used 390 blue rolls - every child washed their hands many times!

We sent out 14 newsletters

Following virtual interviews we appointed 5 new members of staff

We are enabling 7 students to undertake their teacher qualifications

The office received 6081 emails

The Governors appointed a new Headteacher!

Whilst I appreciate the significant disruption caused by the closure of schools, please be assured we will do all we can to support you and your child.

Allison Jenkins

Headteacher