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Dates for your diary:

Monday 21st Feb – School closed to children INSET day

Tuesday 22nd Feb – School reopens for children 8:45am

Thursday 24th Feb – School disco (details to be sent out separately)

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March – Parent/carer consultations (further information to be sent out separately)

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day (separate letter/info to be sent out)

NOTIFICATION: AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY (disco). Please make sure you have alternative childcare arrangements in place for these dates.
Thank you for your support in this matter.



Attendance recognition arrangements:

- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'. The wheel has many options of fantastic activities children can enjoy, such as wear your slippers day, extra play time and many more!
- ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an own clothes day the following week.
- ★ **ALL children who have over 97% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will have an end of year treat. Attendance monitoring includes broken weeks and lateness. You MUST contact school if your child is late or absent.**

The class with the highest attendance this week is: **Y3/4 Kites with an attendance of 95.28%**

The other classes who also achieved 97%+ in their attendance this week are: **Y2 Rabbits (94.79%) and Y5 Kestrels (94.31%)**

Well done. Class teachers will contact parents to let them know what day will be their own clothes day.

Mrs Brett maternity leave

We said 'good luck' to Mrs Brett today as she starts her maternity leave. We can't wait to meet your baby when they arrive Mrs Brett. Enjoy every minute!



Miss Duffy leaving

I want to say a big thank you to Miss Duffy who was a Midday Assistant over the past year, as she is leaving today. Good luck for the future Miss Duffy and please keep in touch.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have been celebrating Mental Health Week within school and the theme has been **growing together**. The children have taken part in various activities to raise awareness such as...

- Looking at pictures of themselves as babies and looking at how much they have changed over time.
 - Setting goals for themselves and planning out how these goals can be achieved.
 - Circle times focusing on how the children can look after their own mental health.
- Mindfulness colouring and listening to relaxing music for a calm and quiet start to the day.
 - Some classes have even had a little taster of some yoga sessions.



Guess the Baby in Year 1



Mindful Yoga in Year 5

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> This means that more money is given to school to provide children with additional opportunities, such as free school trips and additional academic support. You will be helping school if your child is eligible for Free School Meals so please do look and apply if you think you may be eligible. We have a varied menu which changes weekly, so your child will always enjoy a healthy, filling lunch.

Cars idling outside school

An issue of great concern has been reported to me this week: cars have been idling (leaving your vehicle engine running while stationary) outside school when waiting by the fence area.

Please switch off your car engine if you are waiting outside school, for any period of time. The fumes alone are extremely hazardous to everyone's health – especially young children – and it is made even worse in the winter months.

In doing so, any drivers who are choosing to idle either at drop off or pick up, are breaking rule 123 of the Highway Code and putting other people's health at risk.

I am sure you join me in wanting to keep the school a healthy and safe environment so please support this campaign.

Reminders for school

Mobile phones – mobile phones are **ONLY** allowed for Year 5 and 6 pupils. If your child is younger and requires a mobile phone to be brought into school, this will need to be discussed on an individual case by case basis with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Please contact the school office regarding this.

Year 5 and 6 parents/carers need to sign the agreement in order for their child to have a mobile phone on school premises.

Football cards – children are **NOT** allowed to bring football cards (or any other type of cards) on the school site. Please ensure your child does not bring them in so that they can remain safe at home.

School Disco

As you will have read in my letter this week, we are holding a school disco after school on **Thursday 24th February.**

Please note that **After School Club and Multisports club are BOTH CANCELLED** that evening so please make alternative arrangements for childcare if needed.

Disco tickets are available to pre-order on School Spider. All tickets must be pre-purchased and children will not be admitted entry on the door that night.



School Lottery



Your School Lottery has a new competition running – the chance to win a forest holiday! This half-term you can win a Forest Holiday worth £500 in one of 11 locations throughout the UK. Support your school now for your chance to win this amazing prize

Congratulations to our winner this week: Mr Bryan Archer, who has very kindly donated his winnings back to school. Thank you so much!

Thank you to all who participate and please share the link with wider friends and family – every ticket helps us receive more funding for school!

This really helps support our school so, if you can, please do sign up for a weekly ticket. Thank you.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

How the lottery works

£1 per ticket



That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.

Help us do more

For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.



£25,000 grand prize



Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!

Children's Assembly Class Stars

A big well done to the following children who have impressed their class teacher this week by following our core values in and around school:

Essie G in Reception Otters, Heidi H in Reception Badgers, and Lola B in Y1 Squirrels, Skylar S in Y1/2 Foxes, Lily G in Y2 Rabbits, Ava O'B in Y3/4 Falcons, Damian in Y3/4 Owls, Abigail L in Y3/4 Kites, Abbie N in Y5 Kestrels, Lucas N in Y5/6 Merlins and Charley T in Y6 Ospreys.

Thank you for acting as super role models for everyone in school

Finally, well done to **Y1/2 Foxes** who won the Golden Broom this week for having the tidiest classroom. Well done for setting a fantastic example to others.

The Golden Broom is awarded by Mr Bosson.



Wishing you a lovely half term. I hope you find time to relax and enjoy spending time together.

Mrs Clark
Headteacher

Covid-19 advice

Please refer to our Parent/Carer Q&A guide for queries about Covid-19 in school. [Click here](#) to access it online

The isolation period for COVID-19 is 6 days with a negative LFD test (24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6). See the link below for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Stockport rates of coronavirus are still rising <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-in-stockport/coronavirus-cases-in-stockport>

The current government advice is still:

If your child is displaying any of these COVID related symptoms

-a high temperature

-a new, continuous cough

-a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

or

if your child receives a positive lateral flow test, **they should remain at home**. NHS track and trace will inform all close contacts and advise them to also take a LFD test.

Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.

Lateral Flow Testing

If you wish to participate in lateral Flow testing for your child and family, you can find out further information here:

Information for Parents/Carers

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>