



HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we belong

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Dear Parents

The children have returned after their half term break with plenty of enthusiasm and willingness to be fully involved in school life. We have been busy as always and have lots to update you on.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 13 November	Cool to be Kind week (Anti Bullying Week) "Cool to be Kind" week starts with on Monday 13 everyone wearing odd socks/funny socks with their school uniform!
Thursday 16 November	PSA discos
Friday 17 November	Children In Need. Pyjama Day. Details of how to donate below.
Monday 20 -24 November	PSA Toys and Teddies for the Children's Tombola
Wednesday 22nd November	PSA Christmas Wreath making night
Thursday 23rd November	Bible Encounters assembly
Friday 24th November	PSA Non-uniform day with donations of chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola (nut free)
Thursday 30 November	Advent Assembly
Thursday 30 November	Gauntlet Birds of Prey visit to Year 1
Friday 1 December	Christmas Jumper Day Bottles for the Bottle Tombola (Classes 1,2,3,4,5,6) Cakes for Cake Stall Classes 7, 8 & 9 (nut free)
Friday 1 December	PSA Christmas Fair
Thursday 7 December	9-15am Year 1 Christmas performance - parents invited
Friday 8 December	9-15am Year 1 Christmas performance - parents invited
Friday 8 December	Year 2 visit to Fords Lane for Christmas workshop
Monday 11 December	9-15am Reception Christmas performance- parents invited
Tuesday 12 December	9-15am Reception Christmas performance - parents invited
Tuesday 12 December	Christians in school Year 1 workshop
Thursday 14 December	9-15am Year 2 Christmas performance - parents invited
Friday 15 December	9-15am Year 2 Christmas performance - parents invited
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Dinner Day - children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers.
Wednesday 20th December	Open afternoon 3:15-3:45pm
Thursday 21st December	School closes
Monday 8 January 24	School opens

Diwali

The children have enjoyed learning about and celebrating Diwali. The week started with a visitor to school delivering an assembly on how families might celebrate Diwali. Dolce also provided a special lunch for children to enjoy. Children have had the opportunity to take part in many different activities such as painting and making Diva Lamps, making Rangoli patterns, decorations and cards, and food tasting. Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped!



Tesco Competition Success

We are delighted to let you know that we came third in our application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme! Our project of developing the EYFS outdoors will receive £500 from Tesco to help fund our vision. Thank you to Tesco and everybody who voted for us.

Buy a Poppy for Remembrance Day

Thank you for all those who donated and received a poppy to raise money for The Royal British Legion, a charity which supports the armed forces community.

Hursthead Infant School Website.

I am very pleased to announce the launch of our new website that has been in the design stages since Summer term. We love the fresh new look:

[Hursthead Infant School: \(hursthead-inf.stockport.sch.uk\)](http://hursthead-inf.stockport.sch.uk)

Children In Need Day - Friday 17 November

The School Council would like to support 'Children in Need Day' again this year. To do our bit and raise money, please can the children wear their pyjamas to school on Friday 17th November. Please pay donations online by clicking on the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12578>

This fundraising event helps to make a real difference to the lives of children all across the UK. Their vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is safe, happy and secure, allowing them to reach their full

potential. The fundraising events for Children in Need help to bring the entire nation together to do a variety of activities that raise money. We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping us raise lots of money for Children in Need!

Support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

On **Tuesday 14th November** Stockport Inclusion Service is providing an **online** session for parents and carers from **7-8pm**. This is to give further information on what schools do to support children with special educational needs and how you can be involved in the process.

To book your place on the session please email: is.admin@stockport.gov.uk

In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about how we support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) at our school, please read our **SEND School Information Report**. You can find a copy of it on our website and via the following link:

<https://www.hursthead-inf.stockport.sch.uk/page/sen-information-report/40739>

If you have any questions or would like to speak to our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo), Rebecca Crawshaw, please do not hesitate to contact her via the following email address: headteacher@hursthead-inf.stockport.sch.uk

Message form the NHS

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit: [NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Sharing Pupils' Learning - Friday 15 December

Reception pupils' learning books and Year 1 & 2's topic books will be sent home on Friday 15 December. This is an opportunity for parents to share and talk to their child about their learning so far this academic year. The books are evidence of your child's learning, so please ensure they stay safe and are returned on the Monday. There is also a parental contribution form on which you can write a message to your child about their progress and learning.

Open Afternoon - Wednesday 20 December 3:15-3:45pm

On December 20 from 3:15-3:45pm we would like to invite parents and carers into school to have the opportunity to see your children's classroom and the teachers. Parents can come into school through the classroom at pick up - I'm sure your children will be very excited to show you around!

Year 2 Playground Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 2 playground friends. Each child in Year 2 has the opportunity to be a playground friend. They wear a luminous tabard so that they can be easily recognised in the playground. Their duties are to look out for fun and enjoyable games in the playground, which they report back

Stockport Inclusion Service
Online session for parents and carers

HOW DO SCHOOLS SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

We will look at what schools do when a child needs more support and how you can be involved in the process

WHEN: 7-8pm 14th November 2023
BOOK: Please email is.admin@stockport.gov.uk

to the school during an assembly. They also take care of anyone who has had a fall or bump and bring them to our first aid trained teaching assistants. Finally, our playground friends check the school's friendship bench where anyone who is upset or can't find their friend can sit, the playground friend will see if they can help by following a simple script 'What happened?', 'How are you feeling?' and 'What needs to happen to put things right?'. It has been wonderful to see how seriously the Year 2 children have taken their responsibility.

Christmas Party Day -

The children will be invited to attend school in their party clothes in the last week of term. School will provide some party food treats. There will be games, music and fun to be had! Class teachers will be in touch with dates for each year group.

Dolce - School Lunches

Please remember to order your child's school lunch through SchoolGrid, the software provider for Dolce. If you are having trouble setting up your account, please contact the school office.



Admissions

Remember applications for reception places will close in **January 2024**

Seesaw

Teachers use a computer app called "Seesaw" to communicate with you, give you more details about our curriculum and to issue homework. Please do check Seesaw regularly to ensure you are up to date with school life.

Reminders:

Asthma Inhalers/Medical Needs

If your child uses an asthma inhaler, even on an occasional basis, could we please ask that you leave a spare inhaler in school together with details of dosage and frequency required. Please ensure that this is brought into school in its original named box. A member of staff will contact parents if an inhaler has been administered during the school day and a note will be put in the child's book bag. If your child has specific medical needs or during the course of the year develops a medical condition, please ensure school is made fully aware.

Nut Free Zone

We remain a nut free zone. Please ensure that children do not bring any food containing nuts into school. If children do bring food containing nuts, a member of staff will hold on to it until the end of the day and return to parents.

Parking

Parking around both schools is a genuine safety concern at drop off and collection times. Please can everyone park with consideration for each other, the school's neighbours and the safety of the school community. The estate around the school is large and we would encourage parents, who need to drive, to park away from the school and walk the short distance to the school playground.

Jewellery in PE lessons

Following advice given by Stockport Council, with regard to the safety of pupils in school, we request that pupils do not wear jewellery, including earrings. We realise this may cause difficulty for pupils who have recently had their ears pierced; please do approach the class teacher if this is the case. We respectfully ask parents to have pupils' ears pierced during the summer holidays to help with this policy.

Absences

We request parents to contact school by telephone or email on the first day of their child's absence so that school is fully informed of the whereabouts of all pupils on roll. If your child is likely to be absent for a longer period please keep the school office fully informed. This information is legally required in order for the absence not to be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Child Safety

In the interests of keeping our school and children as safe as possible we would request your help in adhering to the following matters:

- Please use the Infant playground entrance at the start and end of the school day.
- Please do accompany your child across the road and into the school grounds.
- Please do not bring dogs into the school playground. There is a Health and Safety issue raised when dogs foul in the playground and some of our children are very frightened of dogs.
- Please park appropriately. In the interests of the safety of all children we ask you not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines or partly on the pavements at the start or the end of the school day. Please make sure that accessibility to people's properties for residents, deliveries and the emergency services is maintained at all times.

Lost Property

Lost property can be found inside the door of Reception's side entrance of school. If your child loses an item please check the labelled containers. Could we again request that all items of clothing, lunch boxes etc are clearly marked or labelled so that they can be reunited with the children. At the end of each half term unmarked items from lost property will be donated to charity. Thank you for your assistance.

Pupil Premium

Eligible Pupil Premium funding is an allocated amount of money paid directly to schools. The funding supports the teaching, learning and well-being of pupils who are eligible. Pupils who can access this funding can either be:

- Free School Meals
- A Looked After Child in the care of the Local Authority
- Children adopted from care on or after 30th December 2005 (even if for only one day)
- Children who left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) on or after 30th December 2005 and
- Children who left care under a Residency Order (RO) on or after 14th October 1991

If any family has a child who meets the above criteria, please can you inform myself or the school office in order for school to claim the funding. We do fully appreciate that this information is confidential.

Have a restful weekend everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Karen Grant
Headteacher