



HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we belong

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Dear Parents

It has been an incredibly busy term and whilst Ofsted may have been our headline news, school carried on as always with our events and opportunities for our children. This time of year in a school is always so special, and the children's joy is infectious. Thank you to all who make everything we do at school possible, this includes the children, staff, visitors and parents. As ever, there is lots to update you on.

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Lunch Day- children are welcome to wear their Christmas or favourite jumper

Wednesday 20th December

Open afternoon 3:15-3:45pm

Thursday 21st December

School closes

Monday 8th January 2024

School opens

Contacting School

A reminder that teachers may not check Seesaw or emails on the day that they are sent. If you have a message that is urgent or needs to be actioned that day, please speak to staff at drop off or contact the school office.

Christmas Performances

Congratulations to all the children for amazing performances. They have worked so hard and really enjoyed performing to their families. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and for the lovely emails I received afterwards to pass on your gratitude to the staff.

Visit from Gauntlet Birds of Prey

In our Year 1 Science lessons this term the children have been learning all about animals. Year 1 really enjoyed their visit from Gauntlet Birds of Prey. They met lots of beautiful birds including Oscar, Kevin and Squirt. It was amazing to see owls, kestrels and vultures running and flying around our school hall. The children asked lots of brilliant questions and were wonderfully behaved.



Green Team

Congratulations to all the children who have been selected to be part of Hursthead Infant School's Green Team this year. We have been working hard to think of ways our school can look after our environment. As part of Stockport Council's climate initiative the Green Team have been coming up with ideas on how to improve our environment, and have submitted these to the Council to be part of their discussions. The children are very excited that their ideas may be discussed by Stockport Council. Our first few meetings have been wonderful and the children are so enthusiastic. We look forward to setting you all lots of eco challenges over the year to come.



Ford's Lane Church

Year 2 enjoyed visiting Ford's Lane Church last week. The children completed lots of activities including crafts, listening to stories and watching video clips about why Christians celebrate Christmas. They were all brilliantly behaved and listened beautifully.

Inhalers

Stockport respiratory team advise that children should not be in school if they require 4 puffs of their Salbutamol inhaler every 4 hours at any time. Parents are advised to keep children off school and see the GP if symptoms are not settling down at home.

Medication

The School Nurse Team advise that any medication administered by school, including Calpol, needs to be labelled by the Pharmacist with the child's name. You can ask at the Pharmacy for a printed label for Calpol without a prescription.

PSA

A huge thank you to our hard working PSA who have organised so many wonderful events on the lead up to Christmas. Without your hard work and dedication, we would not be able to provide all the opportunities we do for our children. I know most of our members are very busy working parents, so it is very much appreciated that you take the time to support school in a way that makes such a difference.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a fantastic event with lots of activities and smiling faces. Thank you to all that volunteered in the planning and preparation, on the night and as part of the tidying up team. Mr Jones was very grateful that the wonderful parents who helped tidy up, did not leave him with much work to do! The fair raised just under **£4,000** which is an incredible amount. It really is a credit to our community that school receives such amazing support.

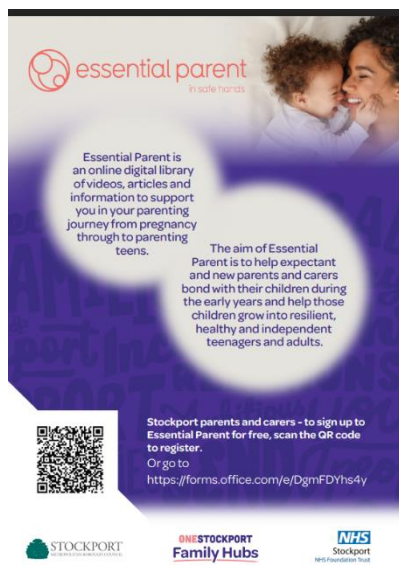
Sharing Pupils' Learning – Friday 15th December and Wednesday 20th December

Reception pupils' learning books and Year 1 & 2's topic books will be sent home on Friday 15th 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 Monday 18th. There is also a parental contribution form on which you can write a message to your child about their progress and learning. All other books will be able for parents to look at on Open Afternoon on Wednesday 20th December between 3:15-3:45. Parents can come into school through the classroom at pick up.

Christmas Lunch

The children will be enjoying a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December. Please only contact the school office if your child doesn't want a Christmas lunch and would prefer a jacket potato.

Parent Resources



The flier for Essential Parent features a purple and white color scheme. At the top left is the 'essential parent' logo with the tagline 'in safe hands' and a photo of a family. The main text describes it as an online digital library of videos, articles, and information to support parents from pregnancy through to teenagers. It states the aim is to help expectant and new parents and carers bond with their children during the early years and help them grow into resilient, healthy, and independent teenagers and adults. A QR code is provided for registration, with the URL <https://forms.office.com/e/DgmFDYhs4y>. At the bottom, logos for Stockport, ONE STOCKPORT Family Hubs, and NHS Stockport are displayed.

Stockport has purchased access to Essential Parent as part of our universal digital offer to parents and carers in Stockport. Essential Parent is a library of resources to support the parenting journey from pregnancy through to teenagers. The library contains a wealth of information in the form of videos, articles and leaflets to support childhood health and development. You can request access to the Essential Parent Library by **scanning the QR code on the flier or following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/DgmFDYhs4y>**

Cost of Living

We are mindful that, across the country, more and more families are feeling the pressure of the cost of living crisis. If you feel that this is something that is affecting your family you can contact school in confidence, we can offer support and advice.

Support and advice can also be found at the link below:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/cost-of-living-support>

Don't forget, you can check to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals at any time. Even if you have not been eligible in the past, it is worth trying again:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

If your family is eligible for Free School Meals you may be able to access free holiday activities here:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/information-for-parents-and-carers>

Last day of term

Children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas or favourite jumper again on the last day of term.

School closes on Thursday 21st December for the Christmas holidays and re-opens on Monday 8th January. I hope you all have a happy, enjoyable and safe Christmas and wish you a healthy 2024.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Karen Grant
Headteacher