



SCHOOL NEWS

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Happy New Year and Welcome Back

I hope you all had a great break. The children have made a really positive start back and have lots going on this half term.

Friday 9th Jan - School closed for training
 Tuesday 13th Jan - Football Team fixture
 Friday 16th Jan - Donate unwanted gifts
 Tuesday 20th Jan - EAL Coffee Morning
 Friday 23rd Jan - Quiz Night (booking open on School Spider)
 Monday 2nd Feb - Reception height & weight screening
 Thursday 12th Feb - Valentine's Disco (booking on School Spider)
 Friday 13th Feb - Break Up for half term

Quiz Night

The PTA are hosting a fun family Quiz Night on Friday 23rd January. There will be questions for all the family (bring the kids) and a trophy for the winners. Tickets and pizza are to be booked via School Spider. Starts at 5pm, finished by 7pm.

Unwanted gifts

Please donate anything that Santa brought that you would be happy to re-gift or anything that you no longer want but feel would be a lovely present for another child on Friday 16th. These will be kept as raffle prizes next Christmas.

EAL Coffee Morning

For all families who speak English as an additional language, come along and have a free tea or coffee with us in the hall at 8.45am on Tuesday 20th January. Tabassam Ijaz, our Bilingual Community Learning Mentor from the Ethnic Diversity Service, will be on hand to advise and signpost towards all of the varied services in Stockport supporting families whose first language isn't English. Tabassam works with children in schools and can support families too.



INSET training day

We are closed today for whole staff phonics training which is a vital part of our transition to Read, Write Inc phonics. We have already begun work on phonics under this new system with new resources and logistical arrangements and expect it to have a positive impact upon the progress of children's early reading, particularly for those who continue to struggle beyond year 1. A second day's training is taking place on Monday 23rd February when we will again be closed to children.

In due course we will hold a meeting for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 to help you to help your child with phonics in line with our new system.



Exploring Neurodiversity Parent/Carer course



Exploring Neurodiversity is a one-off session delivered by Stockport Neurodevelopmental Team. It is designed for parents/carers and family members of neurodivergent children, whether they have a formal diagnosis, are awaiting assessment or have suspected neurodevelopmental differences.

The session uses a mix of presentation and discussion, and we welcome parent input. We recognise that some parents joining us will have their own neurodevelopmental needs and we provide the opportunity for you to let us know about any accessibility needs you have prior to the session.

During the session, we will introduce the term neurodiversity and talk about what it means; we will cover a range of neurodevelopmental conditions including autism, ADHD and dyslexia; and we will identify some general strategies of support that can be used at home. The session includes time for questions.

To be eligible to book onto this session, parents/ carers must:

- Live in Stockport
- Have a child who attends a Stockport school
- Have a child who is school age (4-16)

To request a place on this course please email: ndteam@stockport.gov.uk

Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 3/4TL for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
3/4TL	95%
3/4VR	94.5%
RM	94.1%

Please ensure your children are in school every day on time. Every day counts.

Drop in to one of our Information & Advice Sessions

at our One Stockport Family Hubs

**ONE STOCKPORT
Family Hubs**

Are you a parent or carer looking for information and advice about Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND), Neurodevelopmental and Emotional Wellbeing support for your child or young person?

Come along and have a chat with colleagues from our multi-disciplinary team which includes representatives from The Educational Psychology Service, Jigsaw Team, Neurodevelopmental Team, Children's Therapy Services, and The Hearing and Vision Service

No formal diagnosis required

TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 10:00-12:00

One Stockport Family Hubs
Westmorland Drive
Brinnington
SK5 8HH

Refreshments will be provided!

If you would like further information about the sessions, please contact:

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Kind regards,

**Stuart Kelly
and the Etchells staff**

