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Dates for the half term

Welcome back everyone. These are some of the upcoming events for your diaries this half term.

27.4.26: Early Years' trip to Reddish Vale Farm.

1.5.26: Y5 trip to MOSI.

4.5.26: School closed - Bank Holiday.

7.5.26: Local elections. School is still open - just the staff room is used for polling.

11.5.26: Start of SATs week for y6.

20.5.26: Sports Day.

22.5.26: Non-uniform day.

Break Up for the Whit holiday.

East Avenue Park Incident

We have received reports from a local resident and from the police of a man behaving suspiciously in the park, seeming to take photos of young girls. Please be vigilant in supervising your children in the park, remind them that strangers are not necessarily safe and let us know if you see anything that concerns you.

Nuts

We have a number of children with serious nut allergies in school. Any exposure to nuts can be extremely dangerous to the health and lives of these children. This week, one of those children had to visit hospital with suspected symptoms of anaphylaxis. We have found wrappers of items like Nutella and biscuits that may contain nuts around school. Please can I ask again that everyone takes the greatest of care to ensure that no products with nuts come into schools in packed lunches to ensure that we can keep everyone safe.

Homework

Well done to all those children and families from year 2 up who are reading every night and practicing their maths and spellings weekly too. Please ensure you are listening to your child read regularly and ensuring they complete the maths and spelling homework each week too.

Parking

Thank you to all of you who are walking to school or parking well away from the school site to keep everyone safe. There are still a small number of people parking on yellow lines or even using the staff car park. This must stop. The staff car park is used by staff and by families whose children are in the resource unit so have to park nearby because of their children's complex SEND needs. Additional cars coming in and out of the staff car park at busy times endangers these very vulnerable children. Please ensure that if you have to come to school by car, you park well away from school, avoiding the car park and yellow lines.



Cycling

Transport for Greater Manchester are offering a range of free cycling courses. From complete beginners to confident cyclists, one-to-one, group and family courses - there are options for everyone - and most are FREE to attend. [Click this link](#) for details.

Reading Books

We have invested heavily in our new RWI phonics scheme and the results are already paying off. Thank you to all of you who are listening to your children read their phonics book regularly and also reading exciting stories to your child regularly.

We understand that books will get damaged sometimes but to help us continue to invest, should any RWI phonics book be damaged, we need to ask for a £5 contribution towards a replacement. This is rare but much appreciated when necessary. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance

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

Class	Attendance
3/4VR	97.9%
N	97.2%
5L	97.2%

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



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

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 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:

ndteam@stockport.gov.uk



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.

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.

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.

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

Transition to High School: Supporting Neurodivergent Children

A webinar for parents/carers.

Join the Neurodevelopmental Team for an online session to find out how you can support your child with their transition to high school.

The session will be delivered via Microsoft Teams with an opportunity to ask any questions.

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

This session is open to parents/carers of children who:

- Live in Stockport
- Are due to transition to high school
- Have neurodivergent needs

When: Tuesday 19th May 6:30pm
Where: Online via Microsoft TEAMS



Kind regards,
Stuart Kelly and the Etchells staff

