

Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 11th October

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

There is something truly beautiful and great for the soul about hearing children sing, isn't there? The Harvest Festival assembly was certainly an occasion which showcased the best of our musical performance in the school. Every year, I am blown away by how our Year R pupils, who have just been in the school for a few weeks, stand up so confidently and sing in front of the whole school. They do so with such confidence and warm the hearts of all who see it. Further up the school, it is always the first of 'lasts' for our older pupils. It is the last time our Year 6s will perform at the Harvest Assembly and we love watching them make the most of every last moment during their last year at Stocks Green. Their rap will live long in the memories of all who attended.

Elsewhere in the school, learning has been continuing at pace. We started a new writing project mid-way through last year and it has been lovely for me to work in Year 3 since the start of term on this new writing process. The children have been so dedicated to their work and their writing has been phenomenal. I look forward to showcasing all the work the children have been doing at the upcoming parents evening.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who gave such lovely feedback about our Harvest Festival assembly. It really means so much to the team when their hard work is recognised and I wanted to thank all of those who took the time to pass on feedback on the gate or via email.

PREFECTS AND SPORTS LEADERS

For those wondering where the Prefect and Sports Leader updates have gone and why they do not get to see the Prefects smiling 'good mornings' on the gate in the morning at the moment, I will give you an update. We take these roles very seriously in the school and the Year 6s have been busy writing letters to myself, Mr. Endersby and Mrs. Newton to explain why they would be prime candidates for each role. The letters hit my desk this week and we will be sifting through them and organising our Year 6s into these important roles. Expect an exciting announcement about this in the upcoming newsletter!



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INTRAHOUSE EVENT

As part of our Passport of Possibilities, you will have seen that we host 'Intrahouse sporting events'. Our first one is coming up on 21st October. On this day, the children should come into school in a t-shirt colour that represents their house. Each class then takes part in sports related to the topic they have been learning in PE and compete against the other houses. These sessions are always extremely popular amongst the children and give their learning in PE real direction and purpose. Year R will not take part in this first event. However, they will take part in future ones. I look forward to sharing some photos from the event with you in the final newsletter of the term (that feels a bit unbelievable to say!). A huge 'thank you' as always to Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Newton for working hard to organise all these events for us.

POLITE REMINDERS

I have needed to remind quite a few children recently about walking their bikes and scooters in and out of school again. We have this rule to protect the school community who are walking in and out of school. Please can I ask parents to remind their children to do this. Also, please remember that the swings are not for use before school. Many thanks in advance for reinforcing these messages with your children.



A SELECTION OF PHOTOS FROM OUR PHOTOGRAPHY DAY WITH PEAKE PHOTOGRAPHY



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please remember that the full, and constantly updated list of dates, is on the school website under 'News and Events' - 'Yearly Planner'. It can also be accessed at

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFM8IPhRVw/8VzWtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view>



15/10/2024: YEAR 6 HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRIP



17/10/2024: KENT TEST RESULTS DAY



17 AND 18 /10/2024: BIKABILITY



21/10/2024: INTRA-HOUSE COMPETITION



22/10/2024: WHOLE SCHOOL SHOOTING STAR THEATRE GROUP



22/10/2024: PARENTS EVENING



24/10/2024: PARENTS EVENING



25/10/2024: END OF TERM



4/11/2024: INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS



5/11/2024: START OF TERM 2



7/11/2024: OPEN AFTERNOON FOR NEW ENTRANTS (2025)



13/11/2024: OPEN MORNING FOR NEW ENTRANTS (2025)

SUPERSTAR CORNER

Well done to all our hardworking superstars from the last two weeks.

The Values Cup goes to a child who has shown our school values during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

Values Cup Winners:

4/10/24: Amelia W - Year 1

11/10/24: William W - Year 5

The Values Cup for Sport goes to a child who has shown our school values during a sporting events, such as PE or a tournament, during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

Values Cup for Sport Winners:

4/10/24: Dolcie'Jane L - Year 2

11/10/24: Charlie M - Year 4



Well done to Olivia (Year 4) who graded in Tae Kwon Do and earned her green stripe. She has only been practicing a year and has shown amazing dedication.

SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



In the summer holidays, Josh Brown in Year 5 organised a sponsored cycle ride along the Camel Trail in Cornwall to raise money for Evelina Children's Hospital. The ride was 25 miles long and he succeeded in raising £395. Well done, Josh, what an achievement! Also, what a fantastic way to show our school value of 'kindness'.



Ella (Y3) is also showing our school value of kindness. She is raising money to have all her hair cut short, so she can donate it to the Little Princess Trust for children and young people with cancer.

She has a donation page if anyone would like to donate to help fund a wig being made.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/hugh-gabriel-1728628079303>

WE STILL NEED YOU!

We still need you! A huge 'thank you' to the parent who has volunteered to join the PTA. Their time and energy will make all the difference to our PTA team moving forwards. However, we are still looking desperately short of members for the long term. Please, please consider taking up this important role in the school. It really does make so much difference to the lives of our whole school community.

