



Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 13th September

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

There is nothing quite like the start of a new school year, is there? Happy parents dropping their children off after 6 weeks at home, a fresh chance to make a first impression and the school looking at its best. This year has seen a number of changes with staff moving year groups and us welcoming Mrs. Barclay into our team. It is also always so lovely to welcome the new Year R. However, none of the changes have impacted on the wonderful, happy atmosphere that our Stocks Green community shares. We have seen the children settle really quickly into their new classrooms and new routines, with exciting learning already taking place. There have even been rumours of goblin sightings in Year 3! But maybe that has something to do with the instruction writing they are working on.

Change has been in the air at Stocks Green over the summer holidays too. Last year, I spoke about how we wanted to freshen up the look of the school to match the excellent internal feel and the work on this has started in earnest over the summer and we hope to continue it into this year. This has involved some current works funded by KCC, such as drainage repairs, playground repairs and a whole new car park. We were also incredibly lucky to have a very generous donation from a private donor at St Johns Church who gave us some funds to renovate our staffroom. Those members of the PTA who have seen it previously, will be able to testify just how much this needed doing - especially given the fact that we have amazing staff that use it. A huge thank you to parents who gave up time to help us paint the room. We have also just started work with a website designer as well and hope to have a new look, feel and functionality available to you around Christmas time.

All this change and redevelopment brings me great excitement for the year to come. Everything moves so fast in life and in school but lets savour for a moment the new start and the excitement for the year ahead.

SCHOOL VISION

This year will be all about working towards achieving the school vision we created through working with all members of our school community. As a reminder our school vision can be seen on the next page.

Mrs. Newton will be writing to you soon with some changes that are upcoming involving what we have called our 'Passport of Possibilities'. This has involved carefully planning out the opportunities, experiences, trips and events that we will offer children as a whole school as well as in each individual year group. As a result of this, our yearly planner will be slightly delayed while we finalise as many dates as possible. We aim for this to be with you in the next week. The important upcoming dates can still be seen on this newsletter.

We hope that these changes will give parents more knowledge of when trips will take place and also for them to be able to plan for costs throughout the year. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs. Newton for her hard work on this very exciting project.

Stocks Green's Vision



Our vision for our whole community:

A compassionate and inclusive school where pupils, staff and families build happy memories and love attending every day.



Our vision for our pupils

A school that is forward thinking and seeks to provide the experiences and opportunities needed for future success.

A school that engages pupils in stimulating learning that creates a thirst for knowledge.

A school that teaches everyone to have a positive impact on the world.



Our vision for our staff

A school where everyone is valued and people are at the centre of all that we do.

A school where everyone strives for excellence in teaching and learning.



OPAL DONATIONS

We are hoping to continue to develop our building resources for OPAL. These are always really popular resources at lunchtimes. If you are able to donate any of the following, they would be gratefully received.

Currently, we are looking for:

- pallets
- tarpaulin
- plastic crates
- wheelie suitcases
- very large drainage pipes
- tyres
- plastic barrels



BIKE TRACK

Mr. Endersby and Mr. Mitchell have given up a huge amount of their time, effort and sweat over the summer holidays starting to build a bike track on a large area of the school site that used to be covered in weeds and was unused. They have slowly been transforming this space by building paths and low level humps and corners for the children to use bikes on. This is an on-going project and we will be looking at how we can timetable its use in due course. We will also consider which year groups it will be most appropriate for as part of our determination to give all the children the opportunity to learn to ride confidently across their time at Stocks Green. This forms part of our wider provision which will involve Year R Balance Bike ability as well as Year 6 having the chance to learn to ride safely on roads under the tutelage of our Bikeability instructors who join us during the school year.

Mr. Endersby and Mr. Mitchell are currently look for a few fence posts to create an entrance way to their bike track. If you are able to donate any fence posts, please get in touch with Mr. Endersby directly. A huge 'thank you' to Mr. Endersby and Mr. Mitchell for their hard work creating such an exciting opportunity for the children at Stocks Green.



THE BIKE TRACK WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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PEAKE PHOTOGRAPHY

You may remember that Ms. Peake, from Peake Photography, very kindly came into school to take photographs of our wonderful pupils for our new school website. She very kindly finished these over the summer holiday and sent them over to us. You can see a selection of these amazing pictures below. You can access her photography services by visiting the website below:

<https://peakephotography.co.uk/>

I wish to say a huge thank you to Ms. Peake from our whole school community for all her hard work.



**PHOTOS FROM OUR PHOTOGRAPHY DAY
WITH PEAKE PHOTOGRAPHY**

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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>



1/10/2024: YEAR 3 TRIP TO KENT LIFE



3/10/2024: HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY



**9 AND 10/10/2024: LIFE EDUCATION
WORKSHOPS**



**8 TO 11/10/2024: FIRST BIKABILITY
SESSIONS - YEAR 6**



**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

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:

6/9/24: Aoife S - Year 3

13/9/24: Ella 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:

6/9/24: Oscar B - Year 3

13/9/24: Jenson B - Year 1



Well done to Harry (Y4) who won first prize in a photo competition at Hildenborough Gardener's Society with a photo of his favourite leaf insect. He also won prizes for some of his garden produce that he enjoys growing. Fantastic job, Harry!

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SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



Well done to Imogen (Y3) who has completed her National Association of Teachers of Dancing (NATD) Rainbow Award, completing exams in samba, rumba, tango, jive and waltz. What a great achievement!



PHOTOS FROM OUR PHOTOGRAPHY DAY WITH PEAKE PHOTOGRAPHY

LOCAL EVENTS

Stocks Green Primary School takes real pride in being a part of the local community of Hildenborough. We have been asked to share an event that is happening in the local area with you. Please see below.



Why not come along on

Saturday 14th

September

11:00am – 3:00pm



Mote Farmer's Market

Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks TN15 0NT
(Mote Farm forms part of the Ightham Mote Estate)



Milk & ice cream



juice



Apple



Bread



Cheese



Jam



Beef



Chutney

Tractor & trailer rides

Farm themed activities for kids

Mote Farm burgers and hot dogs available off the barbecue

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Parking is available in the field

Please be advised WIFI connection can be difficult so cash might be easier for you

