

25/01/2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term is speeding by already and February half term is looming: term finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 9th February and begins again at 8.45am on Monday 19th February. The children are thoroughly enjoying learning and playing in school, particularly on the snow day we recently experienced! However, while the weather remains inclement, please ensure all children come to school with appropriate (and named) outdoor clothing so we can properly enjoy outdoor learning, Forest School and playtimes.

Our website calendar is regularly updated with all the events going on in school and staff will also continue to send reminders on Class Dojo. Please do regularly check our social media pages to keep up to date with school events. Class teachers will also inform parents of PE and Forest School days via Class Dojo – please ensure you are signed up to this free platform if you are not already using the site. Fruit and vegetables are delivered regularly to school for EYFS and KS1 children's snacks. These are offered to all children from Nursery to Y2. If KS2 children would like a snack, please send fruit or vegetables into school for your KS2 children at break time. Please remember that we are a healthy school and only fruit or vegetable snacks are allowed at playtimes.

Unfortunately, Dolce our school meal provider will be increasing the price of a school lunch from 1st April to £2.71 per day for children in Years 3 to 6 and £2.32 per day for children in Nursery. If you think you may be eligible for benefit related free school meals please do apply online at www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals. Once eligible for benefit related free school meals you will also qualify for half price school trips and additional funding will be given to school to support your child's learning.

Please ensure that lunchboxes contain healthy food and are nutritionally balanced. Sweets, chewing gum and lollipops should not be sent into school for lunch. If you would like further advice on lunchboxes, please visit the NHS website for more details; Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk).

Miss Brough continues to operate a preloved uniform shop for the whole school. Please continue to send in clothes that your children have grown out of. If you need any uniform, do pop in to see Miss Brough before going to the shops. As ever, we also have an increasingly large mountain of lost property so please check with class teachers if you have lost something and remember to name all belongings clearly so they can be returned if misplaced.

Miss Brough is also able to issue Food Bank Vouchers and source family support when required. Our Family Help Coordinator and School Nurse can also provide advice and support.

Parking continues to be a challenge close to school and on the surrounding roads. I regularly receive complaints from local residents and the police have attended on

more than one occasion this academic year to try to ease this situation and to keep our community safe. Worryingly, there have been a number of near misses on the road outside school at drop off and collection times and the safety of our pupils, staff and families remains our top concern. If you need to drive to school, please do make use of the 'Park and Stride' scheme: send your registration number into the office and you will be provided with a permit to park in Newbridge Lane car park at drop off and pick up times during the term.

We continue to have challenges with social media and children's inappropriate communications on platforms such as WhatsApp, Tik Tok and Snapchat. Please do look at the recommend age for apps and games (eg WhatsApp is age 16+) and do not allow your children to have the apps and games on their devices. Please see Class Dojo for regular advice newsletters on the use of social media and common apps with primary school children.

We are a reading school! Being able to read and understand what you have read is the key to success and unlocking a world of books and information. To support this essential life skill, please hear your child read regularly, at least five times a week. For those just beginning their reading journey, practising phonics at home at every opportunity is invaluable. Your support with learning to read makes all the difference to your children's life chances.

To further support a love of reading, we hope to take all classes of children to visit our local library again this year. If your child is not already a library member, it's free to join and an enjoyable way to spend some free time while accessing an endless supply of books! Please follow the link to find out ways to join Stockport Library service [Join your local library - Stockport Council](#).

Congratulations to Mr Lampard who has had his children's book published, 'Morning Marauding Munachi'.

As always if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher