

December 2022

# Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



## General information:

*Attendance so far this year still stands at 92% which is much lower than pre Covid times. Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason that you **MUST** inform the school office by 9am. I cannot emphasise this enough as any unauthorised absences can result in a fine.*

*Holidays taken in term time can result in families receiving a fine too as we do not authorise holidays taken in term time.*

*The class attendance figures this year so far is:*

*FS2: 91%*

*Year 1: 93%*

*Year 2: 92%*

*Year 3: 95%*

*Year 4: 89%*

*Year 5: 94%*

*Year 6: 90%*

## Reception Places Sept 2023

*If you know of anyone who is looking to join our lovely reception class in 2023 please ask them to contact the office on 0161 4371715 or email [admin@outwood.stockport.sc.uk](mailto:admin@outwood.stockport.sc.uk) to arrange a meeting with myself. We offer personalised tours of the school upon request. The deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January 2022.*



## What a year!!

As we come to the end of 2022 it's a good time to reflect on our successes and the challenges that we have overcome during the year. At the beginning of 2022 we were very much still living in Covid times. Restrictions were still in place however we didn't let this stop us making sure that our children still received a rich and exciting curriculum. We made sure that we offered lots of enriching activities that our children deserved. Year 6 raised over £1000 for Stockport's Mayor's chosen charity in January, he then returned to judge our Fairtrade Bake Off in February where it was fantastic to welcome everyone back into school to join the fun. Over the year the children have enjoyed lots of trips out in the local community and further afield with Year 6 venturing over to Wales in the summer term as they enjoyed their residential.

I am so proud of how the school has recovered since the pandemic; this is due to the hard work of our staff and the children with the continued support from all of you!

Please have a look at our Twitter feed to see all of the fantastic learning and exciting activities have taken place over the year.

## Sharing our celebrations



It was so lovely to see so many families join us for the EYFS Christmas sing along last week with our youngest children. I also hope that you enjoyed the FS2 and Key Stage 1 production of 'Baarmy Bethlehem and Key Stage 2's Christmas Carol concert at St Catherine's Church. The choir performed brilliantly at John Lewis this month too. We have really enjoyed sharing in all of these events and the children always amaze us with their confident and talented performances.

## Attendance

Total attendance for December is 89%  
The winning class was 1 with 93.7% - Well done!



## Christmas Dinner!



The children enjoyed Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day on 13th December; they enjoyed a festive lunch with crackers, music and lots of fun!

## We are so proud of our children!

We are so proud of our children's achievements both in and outside school so please continue to share these with us. Here are two of our Outwood achievers... Bella qualified for stars through Urmston riding club and got to represent the club at Aintree. She won best turned out award in one of her classes out of 53 horses/ponies. Also Daisy has won lots of certificates, medals and trophies in the many Morris dancing competitions that she has taken part in. We really do have some talented children!



## Goodbye Mrs Beer & Mr Larkin!

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Beer and Mr Larkin, Mrs Beer is moving on to a new role nearer to home and Mr Larkin is leaving due to personal reasons. We wish them both well in the future, they will be missed. Therefore in Nursery Mrs Mahmood and in Year 4 Miss Shorrocks will be leading the classes. Both teachers have already got off to a great start!

*May we take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support this year and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

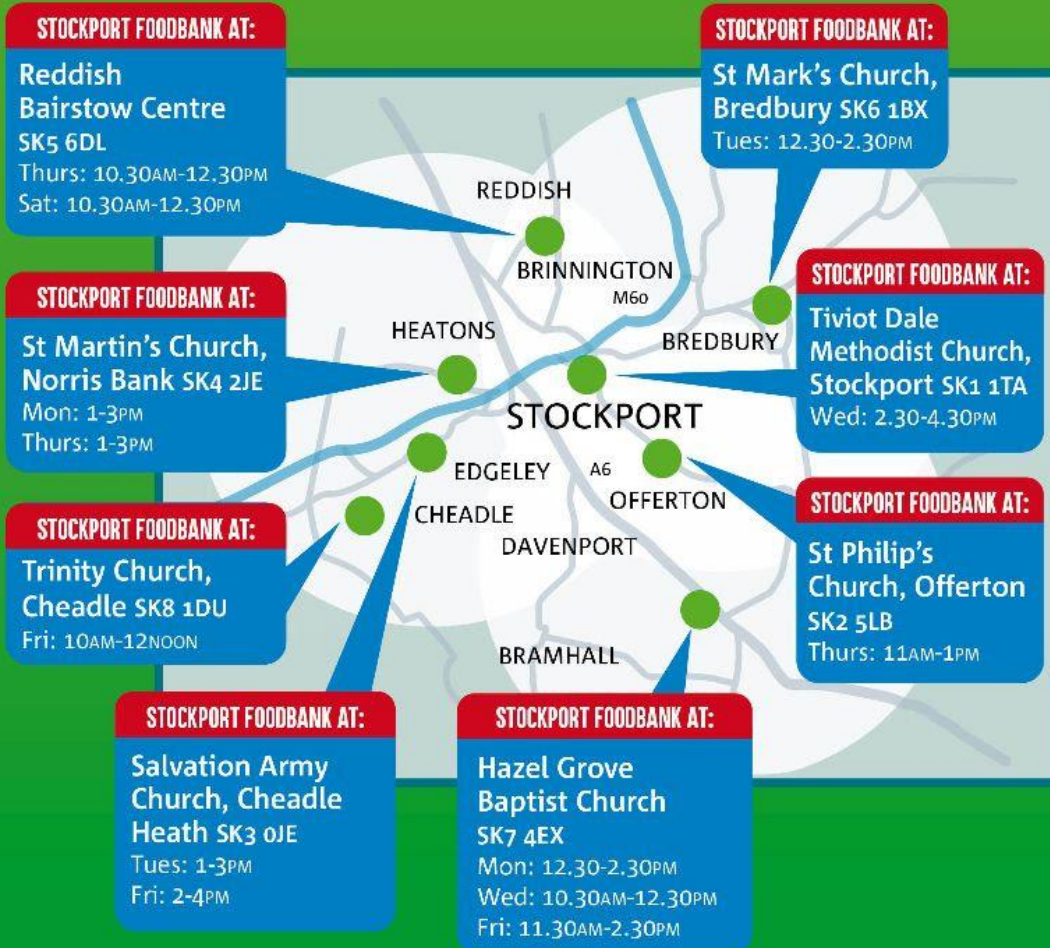
*We look forward to welcoming the children back to school when we re-open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January!*

## Information for over the festive break

Foodbank centres and telephone lines will be open as usual over the festive period apart from on the following dates:

- Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December – all centres and phone line closed
- Monday 2 January – all centres and phone line closed

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## EMERGENCY FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN STOCKPORT

For further assistance, call 07483 115349  
e: [foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk)  
[www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk)



Sports Cool will be hosting a holiday club whilst school is closed. Please see below for details.



# Festive Fun

## Holiday Clubs!

### FREE PLACES

\*eligibility criteria applies

Over 30 sports and activities. Including fencing, glow in the dark dodgeball, Mini Me Yoga and performing arts.  
\*sports are random per day

**SEND ACCESSIBLE**  
(CONTACT US TO DISCUSS)

**5-12 YEARS**

**A FESTIVE PARTY DAY**  
**23/12**

**EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE**

**20% DISCOUNT FOR BLOCK BOOKINGS PLUS 5% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

**BOOK HERE**

**9-3.30PM (FUNDED PLACES ARE 9-1PM WITH DAY EXTENSION AVAILABLE AT SELECTED VENUES. TIMES VARY PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC CLUB ON OUR WEBSITE).**

[www.sportscoolcheshire.org/holidayclubs](http://www.sportscoolcheshire.org/holidayclubs)  
[BOOKINGS@SPORTSCOOLCHESHIRE.ORG](mailto:BOOKINGS@SPORTSCOOLCHESHIRE.ORG)  
0161 2432131

| School   | Funded Dates                                   | PAID Dates   | PAID PLACES £20 PER DAY |
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| OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEALD GREEN, SK8       | FUNDED: 23RD DECEMBER<br>4TH, 5TH, 6TH JANUARY | PAID: 23RD DECEMBER<br>3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH (TUE-FRI)<br>£20 PER DAY |                         |
| SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MOORE, WYTHENSHAW, M22 | PAID/ FUNDED: 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 23RD DECEMBER  |  |                         |
| CLEDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL, MIDDLEWICH, CW10      | FUNDED: 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 23RD DECEMBER        | PAID: 19TH, 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 23RD DECEMBER<br>£20 PER DAY         |                         |
| MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL, MIDDLEWICH, CW10    | PAID/ FUNDED: 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 23RD DECEMBER  |  |                         |

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