



Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

Where does the time go? It is hard to believe we are already at the end of our first half term, it has been an extremely busy time in school.



Year 6 enjoyed their residential visit to Carlton, I was privileged to be able to join them and witness their achievements on day 2. Key Stage 2 spent a fantastic morning listening to the Band of the Coldstream Guards. As always, we have been actively involved with Stockton Sports Partnership. Next half term is looking equally busy!

Web Site and Curriculum Information



We are really pleased to have our new look website live and available to view. This year we have posted curriculum information for classes directly onto our new website. We

have also added further information to the curriculum pages. This is something we will continue to add to as the year progresses. Paper copies are available on request.

Harvest Festival

The children have enjoyed their Harvest Festival in school, we were privileged to be joined by the Reverend Brenda. Thank you so much to you all for your kind donations for Thornaby Foodbank.

Attendance

Attendance as always remains very important, for children to learn they need to be in school. Attendance has been fantastic this half term, as a school our attendance for this first half term is 97.1%. In line with our policy, all leave of absence requests will be unauthorised unless the exceptional circumstances threshold is met. Remember, curriculum learning takes place up to 3:20pm on a Friday. When a child is collected early from school they are missing key learning time.

Following its success last year, we are opening the Attendance bank once more for classes to earn rewards for good attendance. Classes gain £2.00 in the bank when they have a weekly attendance of 97%, £5.00 for 100% attendance with a bonus of £1:00 for the top attenders. Attendance for this half term is:

| Class | Attendance | Earnings |
|-----------|------------|----------|
| Reception | 96.2% | £6.00 |
| Year 1 | 96.7% | £6.00 |
| Year 2 | 98.1% | £15.00 |
| Year 3 | 98.3% | £17.00 |
| Year 4 | 97.7% | £12.00 |
| Year 5 | 97.8% | £14.00 |
| Year 6 | 97.1% | £12.00 |
| The Hub | 98.5% | £23.00 |

Rights Respecting School

This year we are focusing on the following 8 articles, please ask your child about them:



Article 2: You have the right to protection against discrimination.

Article 12 : You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

Article 13: You have the right to find out things and say what you think, through art, speaking and writing, unless it breaks the rights of others.

Article 14: You have the right to think what you like and be whatever religion you want to be, with your parent's guidance.

Article 28: You have the right to an education.

Article 38: You have a right to protection in times of war. If you are under 15, you should never have to be in an army or take part in a battle.

Article 31: You have the right to play and relax by doing things like sports, music and drama.

Article 40: You have the right to help in defending yourself if you are accused of breaking the law.

Car Park

A gentle reminder, that if you are using our carpark please do so considerately and only park in designated parking spaces. To keep all of your children safe when returning from visits, we have clearly marked bus bays. On a number of occasions previously, cars have been left in the bus bay, preventing buses from coming into the carpark. This results in children disembarking buses further away from school, potentially impacting their safety. When you are dropping children off in the car park please turn your engines off. When cars are left running our youngest children attending Nursery are breathing in these fumes, this is not good for their health.

Sporting Achievements

We have been involved in a number of sporting events so far this year.

Sports Leaders



After the success of last year, we now have trained six new student sports leaders in school. They are working closely with Mr Kriehn and Mr Snelson to develop playground games at break and lunch times. They will also be setting up and supporting small tournaments within PE lessons.

Cross Country



We took teams from Years 3 to 6 to compete in the Stockton cross country finals. The children did extremely well, everyone of them determined to achieve their best.

Five children qualified and went on to compete in the Tees Valley finals, all completing with extremely respectable times.



Tag Rugby

Myton Park fielded a team of Year 5 and 6 children for Stockton's tag rugby competition. We had an unbeaten run with 4 wins and 3 draws, just pipped to the winning spot coming a close second.

For both competitions we are extremely proud of the children who took part, not just for their achievements but for their attitudes. Their resilience and level of sportsmanship is an absolute credit to them and to school.

House Captains

At the end of last year, children in Year 5 were invited to apply for the role of House Captain. The quality of all of their letters was outstanding, so much so we have extended the range of leadership positions on offer at school. House Captains for this year are:

Red Team: Muhammad Sharjeel and Isabella Coe

Green Team: Bella Fydler and Isla Coles

Blue Team: Lucas Stephens and Eliza Mayo

Yellow Team: Joel Norman and Daniel Foster



You can follow the progress of the house team on our website where house points are updated weekly.

Diary Dates

Please see below up and coming diary dates, some with additional information. Please take note of the

two new dates we have added that were not on your diary of events.

Mon 6th Nov Children return to school

Wed 8th Nov: Individual Photographs

Fri 17th Nov: Children in Need

This is a non-uniform day, children are welcome to bring in a voluntary contribution to support this charity.

Tues 19th Dec: School finishes for Christmas

Wed 3rd Jan 2024: Children return to school

NEW DATES

Thurs 7th Dec: Nursery and Reception to visit the Arc to see Well Done Mummy Penguin.

Friday 8th Dec: KS1, KS2 and The Hub will visit Stockton Riverside College to see their production of Miracle on 34th Street.



Christmas Dates:

All of our Christmas dates are available on the diary overview sent out. We will be in touch with further information when we return from half term.

On a final note, thank you again for your continued support – we really do appreciate it. Have a lovely holiday and we can't wait to see you all again on Monday 6th November 2023

Best Wishes

Mrs Williams

