

Stockingford Academy News

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This Week at Stockingford

Happy New Year everyone...although the holidays already seem some time ago!

In our assemblies this week, we thought about using the new decade to set personal goals. It doesn't matter what has happened so far, each day is a new opportunity to make a new start. If you get a chance, have a chat and see what targets your children have picked for themselves. We have been incredibly impressed with how reflective they have been.

Before the Christmas break, some of our Year 6 children decided to sacrifice their Christmas parties and instead donate the money that would have been spent to Crisis, in aid of people who were homeless over the festive period. They suggested this for themselves after seeing a video highlighting the problem. It's safe to say that most adults who I shared this with, were reaching for the tissues! If the same happened to you, I hope you have another packet close by!

This week, Hollie in Year 6 returned to school with a new, short, stylish bob haircut. No surprise there you may think, lots of children have new term haircuts. The surprise comes when you discover that Hollie's hair used to be waist length and she has had it cut off to make real hair wigs for cancer patients after discovering her friend has a brain tumour and will lose her hair through the treatment procedures. Hollie's actions are a model for all of us. Her small choice will make a huge difference to someone else when they are feeling pretty low. We are all incredibly proud of Hollie and I, for one, will be looking out more carefully for ways to help others in 2020.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs G Bowser

Attendance
Congratulations to 6AD who came first with a 97.6%, 3AC came second with 97.5%
and in third place is 1LE with 96.8%

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| RKL | RKS | RSB | 1LE | 1AR | 1GC | 2RO | 2RG | 2JD | 3AC | 3F/T | 3LM | 3LH |
| 86 | 89.5 | 93.8 | 92.9 | 88.1 | 89.16 | 93 | 94.1 | 87.3 | 94.6 | 93.2 | 92.5 | 91.6 |
| 4SC | 4JR | 4TS | 4CH | 5CG | 5BW | 5KW | 5MP | 6AD | 6CC | 6MM | Haven | |
| 91.2 | 87.8 | 93.1 | 97.5 | 94.3 | 92.2 | 92.3 | 92.8 | 92.4 | 95.9 | 85.9 | 91.4 | |

The School Calendar

Upcoming Events!

| Date | Event |
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| 15th January | Year 5 Young Voices - Genting Arena |
| 21st January 6pm | Year 5 Young Voices performance at school |
| 14th February | End of Spring Term 1 |
| 17th February | Start of Spring Term 2 |



Birthday Zone

Birthdays
1st January —
10th January

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| Imogen Rae Y2 | Kensley YR | Emlia Y3 | Luca Y2 |
| Nicole Y 3 | Evie Y5 | Milie-Anne Y2 | Morgan YR |
| Riley Y2 | Logan Y4 | Tyla Y6 | Darcie Y2 |
| Jemlia-Joy Y6 | Larna Y5 | Aubrie Y4 | Maddison Y3 |
| Robyn Y5 | | | |

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 22,593 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 4,612 on the previous year.