

# The Stockingford Buzz



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Dear Parents,

Amazingly, we find ourselves in October already! We certainly had an eventful September and we're looking forward to welcoming our Reception children and staff back into school on Wednesday next week.

With school being so busy, teachers have not all completed their phone calls home yet. If you haven't had yours yet, please don't worry - we haven't forgotten you! These important chats will continue next week.

Thank you to everyone who is remembering to wear face masks or coverings at the beginning and end of the day. We understand that the longer this situation goes on, the more frustrating it is for everyone but your actions make a difference. When you come onto site please help us to keep your children in their lining up areas rather than letting them play or run around. Thank you.

Confirmed cases of Coronavirus are increasing at the moment although overall infection rates are not as high as earlier on in the year. Our actions now, will help to prevent illnesses in the future, for ourselves and the people we know and love. You can check the infection rate in areas through this web-site: <https://schoolcovidmap.org.uk>

## Technology for families

We are now able to order laptops and tablets for identified families who otherwise would not be able to access information and lessons for home learning. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey on the link below so we can see if your family is eligible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/iethometech>

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Bowser

## Attendance

These are the percentages for the attendance for each class from 21.09.20 - 25.09.20.

1LE	1CR	1GC	2RG	2FT	2AT	
96%	98.5%	94.4%	97.9%	100%	92.1%	
3RO	3GL	3AC	4LH	4CG	4JR	
96.5%	96.8%	98.6%	99.6%	98.4%	98.8%	
5BW	5SW	5KW	6CC	6AD	6MP	Haven
93.4%	96.3%	91.8%	98.6%	93.4%	96.1%	98%

## Congratulations!

A very big well done to 2FT for achieving 100%. This is fantastic!

Congratulations also to 4LH who achieved 99.6% and 4JR coming third with 98.8% Overall we had 8 classes achieving over 98% and a further 6 achieving between 96% and 98%. This is brilliant and means we have a school attendance of 96.4% which is so close to our target of 97%.

Well done - let's keep it up!



## Birthday Zone (26th September - 2nd October)

Marcel Y3

Lena Y1

Elsie Y5

Lois Y3

Caelum Y3

Lewis YR

Anujen Y4

Tira-Mai Y2

Tommy Y6

Max YR

Elijah Y4

Alfie Y4





## Other News at Stockingford Academy

### Attendance Explained

#### *What are Authorised and Unauthorised Absences?*

Part of our job is to make sure that children attend school every day so they can receive the full education they are entitled to. We understand that children get poorly and in that case, it is quite right they should stay at home until they are better. However, sometimes children miss school without good reason. Mrs Lloyd makes phone calls to the carers of children who are absent and works with families to try and make sure children are coming to school every single day.

An absence is either **authorised** or **unauthorised**. An absence is **authorised** when a child has been away from school for a legitimate reason and the school has received notification from a parent or carer. For example, if a child has been unwell, the parent writes a note or telephones the school to explain the absence. Only the school can make an absence authorised. Parents do not have this authority. Consequently, not all absences supported by parents will be classified as authorised. For example, if a parent takes a child out of school to go shopping during school hours, this will not make it an authorised absence.

An absence is classified as **unauthorised** when a child is away from school without the permission of both the school and a parent. Therefore, the absence is unauthorised if a child is away from school without good reason, even with the support of a parent.

The school day begins at either 8.45am or 9am (dependent upon Year Group). The register is taken once the children have settled into class. If a child is not present when the register is taken they are given a late mark. If a child arrives at school later than either 8.55am or 9.10am they are given an **unauthorised absence** mark. The afternoon session begins at 1:15pm or 1.30pm and the same procedures apply.

If a child is absent and we haven't had notification from the carer by 9:30 am a text message or call will automatically be sent to the parents carers. If there is no response to the message and there is any doubt about the whereabouts of a child, the school's Pastoral Team will then be in contact straight away with the parent or carer, in order to check on the safety of the child.



### Stockingford Stars - After School and Breakfast Club

We are very proud of our before and after school provision which we offer to all pupils. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am - 8.45am/9am depending upon child's start time. The cost of breakfast club is £4 per hour. After School Club runs from 3.15pm until 5.15pm. The cost of the afternoon session is £3 per hour.

Stockingford Stars is run by members of our school staff. They are all fully trained and liaise with class teacher about the needs of each pupils.

If you would like more information, please contact the school office or go to our website where you will find a letter in the 'Newsletters' section of the website.

