



# Norris Bank Primary School

# THE FRIDAY ISSUE

## Friday 3rd November 2023 Issue No: 22

### Anti-bullying Week

Monday 13th November will be seeing the start of anti-bullying week. During the week the children will participate in circle times and assemblies linked to the theme of 'Make a Noise about Bullying'.

On Monday 13th we are also asking the children to wear ODD SOCKS to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us unique!

### Mr Hillary

School was very sad to say goodbye to Mr Hillary who has been a Teaching Assistant at Norris Bank for 11 years.

He was given a great send off with an assembly which included photographs throughout his years here.

His 'jokes' will be greatly missed!

Enjoy your retirement Mr Hillary. We're sure we will see you soon on residential etc.

### Poppies

Poppies, slap bands, reflectors, bracelets etc are on sale in the classrooms every day. They can also be purchased at the school office.

Norris Bank has successfully raised large sums of money for this very worthwhile cause in previous years so grab yours before they all go!

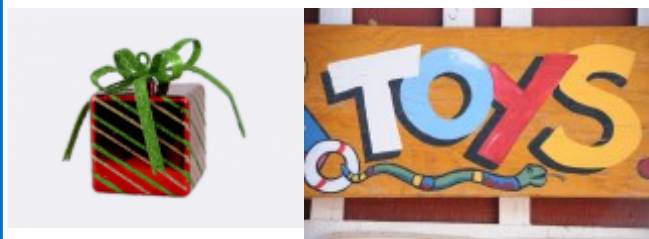


### Christmas Request

Our Early Help Services and School Age Plus are asking for donations of Christmas toys/ gifts for vulnerable families in Stockport. They are asking that they are in good condition or new as they will be distributed in time for Christmas to children of families who can't afford any presents this year.

Please bring any donations to the office.

Thank you.



### Free Parenting Places

If you go to [inourplace.co.uk](https://inourplace.co.uk) you can access the free parenting courses using the access code Redrock. Many of these could be used to help support children who are struggling with big feelings and their wellbeing.

### Reception Stay and Play

This week we have had two fantastic stay and play sessions in Reception. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with their families and it was lovely to see them so engaged in the indoor and outdoor activities.

A big thank you to all of our EYFS families.

### PTA Hallowe'en Disco

The Hallowe'en disco raised a magnificent £1583.79.

Witches, warlocks and a whole range of weird and wonderful costumes appeared. Everybody had a wonderful time.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising and running this event.

Thank you also to the staff who stayed and danced the night away!

### Children in Need

This year Children in Need falls on Friday 17th November. This is the same day as we are asking for a bottle for the chocolate tombola for the PTA Christmas Fair.

We are therefore asking children to come to school dressed in non-uniform for chocolate and if parents would like to donate to Children in Need you can do so via the link below

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12671>

### Christmas Trees

A charity called JustHelping run an annual Christmas Tree Collection in aid of local charities.

In partnership with [St Ann's Hospice](#), JustHelping ran their most successful Christmas Tree Collection to date in January 2023. Through collecting and recycling 5,270 Christmas trees across Stockport, Trafford, Salford and Manchester, the Collection raised £63,078.99 for fifteen local charities in the area.

#### **Plans for 2024!**

They are partnering with [Francis House Children's Hospice](#) along with St Ann's Hospice this year. Working with another brilliant charity in Manchester will help accelerate the growth of the project, recycling more trees and raising more money for our local community!

We have historically worked with various schools across Greater Manchester who have helped support the collection by sharing our digital poster. Our market research clearly suggests that families with children are much more likely to buy real trees- therefore needing for them to be collected and recycled!

Please see the digital poster attached.



### Football

Our Year 6 girls played in a tournament on 19th October at Broadstone Primary. The girls didn't concede a goal during the round robin stage but lost in the final to Broadstone 1-0. We had a brilliant morning and delivered some great football. Woman of the match goes to Maisie. Well done girls!

Our Year 6 boys team had a game against St Winifred's Primary on 17th October. The team fought hard, showing off their attacking and defending skills. Henry scored a fabulous goal but unfortunately, the better team on the day won. Man of the match goes to Ted who never gave up the entire game.

Well done team!

### Reminders

Please remember when you are sending a packed lunch or treats for the class when it is your child's birthday, this is a **nut free** school. There are children in school with severe allergies.

Parents Evening 6th and 8th November. Don't forget to book!

#### **PTA Christmas Fair**

Please see attached timetable for dress down days for bottle and chocolate tombola's.

Date	Description
Monday 6th November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 8th November	Open Day for Reception children due to start in 2024
Thursday 9th November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Week beginning 13th November	Anti-bullying Week
Friday 17th November	Dress down day for chocolate Tombola
Saturday 18th November	Children in Need Day
27th and 29th November	Whole school trip to Savoy cinema
Tuesday 28th November	Flu Vaccinations
December	
Friday 1st December	PTA Christmas Fair after school
Tuesday 5th December	Reception Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Friday 8th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Performance to parents and carers
Tuesday 19th December	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert to parents and carers
Wed 20th & Thurs 21st December	Children's Christmas Parties
Thursday 21st December	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Friday 22nd December	Inset Day: school closed
January	
Monday 8th Jan	School re-opens
Friday 26th	PTA Coin Line
February	
W/B Monday 5th	Big Detective Week
Friday 9th	Last day before we close for half term
W/B 12th	School closed for half term
Monday 19th	School Re-opens
March	
Monday 4th	Parent Teacher Meetings

Date	Description
Thursday 7th	Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
Tuesday 26th	Class and group photos
Wednesday 27th	PTA Easter Disco
Thursday 28th	Last day before we close for Easter
<b>April</b>	
W/B 1st	Closed for the Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	School Re-opens
<b>May</b>	
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday: School Closed
Tuesday 7th May	Year 3 Residential to Castleton
Monday 13th	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 21st	Year R-2 book share session
Wednesday 22nd	Year 3-4 book share session
Thursday 23rd	Year R and Year5-6 book sharing session
Thursday 23rd	Last day before we close for Whit holiday
Friday 24th	Inset Day: School Closed

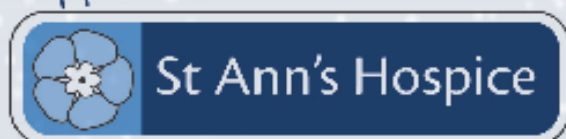


Registered charity number 1149068

# Recycle your Tree!

In aid of

supporting



Registered charity number 258085



**FRANCIS HOUSE**  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Registered Charity No. 228859

Registration closes Sunday, 7th January, 2024



[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

After cost, the first £57,000 will be attributed to St Ann's Hospice. The remaining pot will be split 40% St Ann's Hospice, 40% to Francis House Children's Hospice, and 20% to other local charities and community groups.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from 11th to 14th January 2024.  
Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.



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REGULATOR**



# Stockport Inclusion Service

## Online session for parents and carers



We will look at what schools do when a child needs more support and how you can be involved in the process

**WHEN:** 7-8pm 14th November 2023

**BOOK:** Please email [is.admin@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:is.admin@stockport.gov.uk)

