



THE FRIDAY ISSUE

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Congratulations! to the Lucky Lotto winners from the last half term.

You will each have received a winners email confirmation.

Winning numbers are as follows: -

	Winning number	Runner Up	2nd Runner Up
December	83 (£20)	15 (£10)	27 (£10)
January	63 (£20)	27 (£10)	4 (£10)
February	23 (£20)	83 (£10)	40 (£10)

Norris Bank Lucky Lotto is a private monthly lottery draw, run by the PTA, which is open to parents, relatives and friends of pupils at Norris Bank School. The more entrants we get each month, the bigger the prize money awarded to the winner.

Proceeds from the Lotto will help fund school projects such as garden projects. It is an easy and effective way to help the PTA raise funds for school.

Each Lucky Lotto entry costs £2 per month, and this can be paid monthly, by standing order or £24 annually by bank transfer.

If you'd like to be in with the chance of winning a share of the prize money in the next draw, whilst also helping to raise funds for the school, please email norrisbankpta@gmail.com for further details or complete an online enrolment form [here](#)



Easter Disco

The PTA are holding an Easter Disco on Wednesday 27th March. The times are below:

Reception and Year 1—4.30pm to 5.30pm

Years 2 and 3—5.45pm to 6.45pm

Years 4, 5 and 6—7.00pm to 8.00pm

Tickets are £5 each which includes sweets and a drink and can be purchased on ParentPay.

There will be drinks and treats to purchase on the night and lots of prizes to be won!

Please make sure you purchase a ticket before the closing date of Monday 25th March. Tickets *cannot* be sold on the door.



Sport

PSCL are delighted to be able to offer free funded places at our upcoming Easter Holiday Course in Stockport. Funded places are available for children who receive 'benefits related free meals'.

Our Free Funded Holiday Course places will only be available at **Broadstone Hall Primary School**, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, SK4 5JD.

Easter Dates and Times

Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April 2024

We have a morning session and an afternoon session which you can attend one per day.

Morning session: 9am - 1pm

Afternoon session: 11.45am - 3.45pm

How to book?

Every family eligible for free school meals should have received an email from Stockport Council. This email will link you to the booking site used by Stockport Council.

If you are eligible for a place, have attended our HAF provision previously but haven't received your email please contact Kelly Miller at kelly.miller@primaryscl.co.uk who will be able to advise.

Staying a full day?

Families are welcome to pay a small fee (£6) to attend the rest of the day. For example a child may book the morning session and then a small top up to stay until 3.45pm. The option to book the extra time at the holiday course is available through PSCLs booking site <https://primaryscl.coordinate.cloud/book/198877>

To find out more about Primary Sports Coaching Limited and our holiday courses please visit our website

www.primaryscl.co.uk

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day raised a whopping £551! A big thank you to all those who contributed to this brilliant total.



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to come into school to see the fantastic work their children have done. It was a great turnout and much appreciated.

Thank you to all the staff who gave up their evenings.

Cars Continued

In the last Friday Issue an article regarding cars and dangerous driving around school, was included. Unfortunately, the situation has deteriorated. This week a car mounted the pavement, narrowly missing a child. The driver was on his phone and completely oblivious to how close he had come to injuring the child. This incident, along with photographic evidence, has been reported to the police.

The safety of the children, and the school community at large, is of the utmost importance, therefore below you will find the contact details of councillors for the area.

Please report any dangerous driving or parking on yellow lines (which is illegal) to them. The more parents who complain the more chance there is of the council putting effective deterrents in place.



Trees

Last week the eco-warriors planted fruit trees at the front of the Hive as part of their bio-diversity project.



The children loved the planting and were ably supported by Mrs Evans!

Leave of Absence Forms

If your child needs time off from school for any reason, e.g. entrance exams, appointments (not medical), funerals etc. please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form, proof of the absence and return it to school in a timely manner. This can then be added to the register for the Education Welfare Service and will avoid any unnecessary phone calls to you.

The school office need this information **NOT** class teachers as they track attendance and absences across school. Teachers are welcome to be informed however all requests and paperwork **MUST** be done through the office.

Unfortunately, failure to do this could lead to an unauthorised absence and a fine.

Please use the link below to access the form.

<https://norrisbank.stockport.sch.uk/>

Mrs Hillary

It is with great sadness Norris Bank bids farewell to Mrs Hillary who is moving to pastures new. She has been an important member of the staff since 2011.

Thank you, Mrs Hillary, for all your hard work and good luck for the future.



Reminders

If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea, please keep them off school for 48 hours from the last episode. We have had a number of incidences recently where children have been sick at home but sent into school where they are sick again. This spreads bugs and staff have to deal with cleaning which takes them from the rest of the class.

Please think of others before you send your child into school.

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.

All forms for medicine, walking home etc are on the school website. They can be completed and emailed to the office staff.

Please try to arrange appointments, such as routine dental check ups, outside of the school day.

If you need to sign your child into or out of school using the 'Inventory system', please type the reason CLEARLY and ACCURATELY as it forms part of the school record for the Education Welfare Service

The car park is for STAFF only who arrive before the children and depart after the children. Parents must use the Heaton's Sports Club opposite school. More parents are driving into the carpark which is extremely dangerous. Several cars backed out of the carpark when the fire alarm sounded this week, narrowly missing staff and children.

Pick up times—please make sure you know what time your child finishes school. 3.15pm Year R-2 and 3.20pm Year 3-6.

Thank you for your support!



Free School Meals

Have you applied for free school meals?

There are two types of free school meals— Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) and Benefit Free School meals.

UFSM are for any child in Key Stage 1 which is Reception to Year 2. Benefit Free School meals are for any child in school.

You can apply for free school meals if you receive:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit (provided your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get.
- income related Employment and Support Allowance
- income based Job Seekers Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only with an income of less than £16,190
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

The difference between the two for schools is school will receive extra funding year on year with Benefit Free School meals With UFSM there is no extra funding.

Please click on the link below to see if you qualify. It is completely confidential and, if you are eligible, could help the school in these difficult times.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

PTA

The PTA held their AGM last Thursday and, unfortunately, failed to appoint a new Chair to take over from Michelle Knowles.

The PTA have raised an incredible amount of money which has provided many trips, events, resources and equipment for the children of Norris Bank over the years.

As part of the rules for PTA's, a Chair has to be appointed otherwise the association will have to be folded. This would be a great loss to the school as budgets do not allow for the extras that have been paid for by the PTA.

If you feel you have good organisational and people skills, can provide leadership and guidance to the PTA and liaise with the treasurer and senior leaders of school, perhaps you would consider stepping into the role.

They are happy to consider co-chairs too so you get to share the responsibilities with a friend. Please contact Michelle if this is something you are interested in.

They are always looking for parent volunteers to help organise and run the many events they organise throughout the year. The more volunteers they have, the better and the fewer events individuals would be called upon to arrange and run.

Please contact Michelle if you are interested in helping the PTA in any capacity.

[Please click on the link to see how we fund raised throughout 2023 and what we bought in aid of the children.](#)

Free Parenting Places

If you log on to 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.



**Mother/ carer and child
yoga and meditation
session**

☺ **with Ainsley and Claire** ☺

-Friday 8th March

-5-6.15pm

-St Paul's Church Hall,

Heaton Moor, £20

-6 year old plus

-yoga

-journalling

-meditation /relaxation



**Contact Claire on:
07940914579 to
book your place.**

☺ **Limited spaces** ☺



Essential Parent is an online digital library of videos, articles and information to support you in your parenting journey from pregnancy through to parenting teens.

The aim of Essential Parent is to help expectant and new parents and carers bond with their children during the early years and help those children grow into resilient, healthy and independent teenagers and adults.



Stockport parents and carers - to sign up to Essential Parent for free, scan the QR code to register.

Or go to <https://forms.office.com/e/DgmFDYhs4y>



Date	Description
March	
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
April	
W/B 1st	Closed for the Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	School Re-opens
May	
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
June	
10th June	School Re-opens
W/B 10th	Year 4 Times Tables Check and Year 1 Phonics screen
17th-19th	Year 4 Residential to Northumberland
Friday 21st	PTA Summer Fair after School
W/B 24th	Get Active Week
Monday 24th	New Year R Parents Meeting for children starting in Sept '24
Wednesday 26th	Sports Day and Family Picnic
July	
3rd—5th	Year 5 Residential to Anglesey
Thursday 4th	Transition day for Year 6 children to meet their new teachers for September
Wednesday 10th	Reserve day for sports date and family picnic
Thursday 11th	Class Swap Day
Tuesday 23rd	Year 6 Production to parents & carers
Wednesday 24th	Year 6 leavers party & rounders match
Friday 26th	Year R Graduation assembly for parents & carers
Tuesday 30th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 30th	Last day before we close for the summer holidays

