



THE FRIDAY ISSUE

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PTA Easter Disco

The PTA Easter Disco was held on Wednesday 27th March and was a roaring success. A massive £1,519.76 was raised on the evening.

All the children danced, sang, ate and drank their way through the disco.

A big thank you to the PTA for organising and running the event, and to the Easter bunny who kept the children entertained. Let's hope he has made a full recovery!



Weetabix Wildcats

Stockport County Community Trust is excited to launch a brand new **GIRLS ONLY WILDCATS** session starting next week on Monday 4pm – 5pm at Power League Centre, Heaton Mersey, and on Tuesday 4pm – 5pm on Tuesday 4pm – 5pm at Stockport Sports Village, Woodley.

Weetabix Wildcats is the place to be, everyone is super awesome; from the friends you'll meet to Stockport County Community Trust qualified coaches who deliver the sessions.

So, what is Weetabix Wildcats? Well, it's non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their age.

Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends.

The free football session is provided by County Community Trust's experienced, accredited coaches in a relaxed, structured, and safe environment. The session is open to girls only aged 4 - 11.

For more information please see the poster below.

Heaton Moor Golf Club

Heaton Moor Golf Club, on Mauldeth Road are running a free Golf Taster Day on Sunday 19th May and are looking for anyone who is interested in having a go.

For more information please see the poster below.

Class Photographs

The last day for ordering class photos has been extended to Monday 6th May.



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/>

Spanish

Last term, Year 6 were lucky to receive a visit from the language ambassadors from Priestnall School. These pupils, who included a Norris Bank alumnus, delivered lessons to both JW and JMCL about the forthcoming Easter celebrations in Spain.

Mrs Durkin, the Priestnall language lead, who accompanied the ambassadors, was impressed with our children.

Norris Bank children who move onto Priestnall now have the opportunity to study Spanish as well as French to GCSE.



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!

Congratulations to Amber R in Year 1!



In the year Stockport has been named Town of Culture, John Lewis Cheadle and Art Battle Manchester present 'My Happy Place', an art competition for Stockport's inspiring young creatives to show their special place in the world and what it means to them.

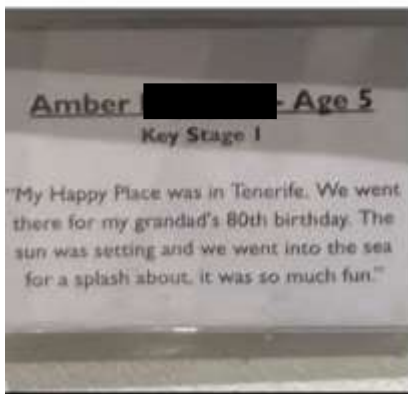
Out of 325 entries, 50 were chosen to exhibit in the shop including 12 winners

You can view the winners art here and our runners up at the Place to Eat- First Floor, Customer Collection Point and Pictures and Mirrors- Ground Floor, and Furniture - Basement.

We hope you enjoy celebrating Stockport's talented young artists with us.



MY HAPPY PLACE
Art battle competition
For John Lewis Cheadle



Amber [redacted] - Age 5
Key Stage 1

"My Happy Place was in Tenerife. We went there for my grandad's 80th birthday. The sun was setting and we went into the sea for a splash about. It was so much fun."



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 have appointed 2 parents to share the role of PTA Chair. They are Mrs Felicity Sawkins-Hersee, who has children in Reception and Year 2 and Mrs Kirsty Cader with children in Year 2 and Year 6.

Congratulations to you both and thank you from school for taking up the mantle!

If any parent is interested in helping the PTA with the events they run throughout the year, please contact either of the above or the outgoing chair, Mrs Michelle Knowles.

All help is gratefully received.

Music Celebration

On Tuesday 26th March, a Musical Celebration was held in the hall.

The choir celebrated 100 years of Disney by singing a medley of songs. They sang beautifully.

Children who play woodwind, string and brass showed how far they have come by playing a variety of songs.

It was a wonderful afternoon which everybody thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you to all the parents who gave their time to attend.

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.





Sunday 19th May

Junior Taster Day

Heaton Moor Golf Club

Session Times



Session 1 1pm - 2pm
Session 2 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Coaching & Equipment Provided
Refreshments Available

ALL ages welcome

This event is FREE and places are limited, so please book ASAP to avoid disappointment



Children below school year 8 must be accompanied by an adult

****Please book before 15th April 2024****

To register and book

www.bookwhen.com/hmgc



Community
Trust



Mondays
4.00 - 5.00pm
Power League,
Craig Road,
Heaton Mersey,
SK4 2AP
Ages 5-11

Tuesdays
4.00 - 5.00pm
Stockport
Sports Village,
Lambold Grove,
Stockport,
SK6 1DZ
Ages 5-11



Register Here

All sessions are £2 - card payment only

For further details please get in touch ☎ 0161 266 2700 ✉ communitytrust@stockportcounty.com

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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
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

