



# Stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



**BULLETIN #4**

**29 November 2024**

*A short and sweet update on key things you need to be aware of ready for the next week or two at school.*

### Christmas begins!

Next week we see Christmas creep into school tentatively.

**KS1 nativity rehearsals** start – if you haven't sent your child's costume in, please do!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> we will all be **wearing Christmas jumpers and hats** with £1 donation for Miss Hatt's fundraising 'Hatts off to George'.

**Classrooms will be decorated** for Christmas on Friday and there will be **carols around the tree after school** as we wait for the tractor parade to pass us as they open festivities on the High St. **Year 3/4 will be singing** as a school choir at St Peter's from 5.40pm



### Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality at school promotes good attitudes that follow through into later life and sets a strong work ethic which businesses need. Shockingly, we haven't had a single day this academic year with no absences!

All children whose attendance was under 96% received a letter this week with their attendance figure on so that you as parents are aware of time missed; we do this so we can share our concerns and keep you in the loop with data related to your child.

### Sleep

Our wellbeing Wednesday assemblies with the whole school have been focusing on sleep, specifically a routine that helps you get the best sleep and doesn't feature screens before bed.

We know that blue light from screens, especially at a young age like primary school children, can affect the body's natural rhythm and stimulate the brain – the very opposite of what we're trying to achieve at night! It affects the production of melatonin, the chemical necessary to induce the body to sleep. [Read more on The Sleep Foundation website.](#)



### Staffing update

We are now fully staffed for January with a successful appointment of Mrs White as our PPA & leadership cover teacher. An experienced teacher, Mrs White will begin her induction over the remaining weeks of this term.

The current arrangements for covering Mrs Dodman whilst she's ill will continue until the end of this term with Mrs McClue and Mrs Reynolds doing an excellent job. I realise that changes of teachers are difficult for some children but they offer excellent continuity and knowledge of each child.

### Panto packed lunch

Due to timings of the panto on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, we will be offering packed lunch from the school kitchen rather than a hot dinner. Lunch choices will be out with next week's newsletter.

### Winter PE kits

We are now firmly into colder weather and had too many children this week who weren't sufficiently wrapped up for their PE lessons. Please could you check over the weekend that your child has all of their winter kit ready for Monday – we are sending PE bags home today so you can check they have all they need.

- ✓ Tracksuit bottoms - dark navy or black
- ✓ Jumper or hoodie
- ✓ PE t-shirt
- ✓ Trainers (not plimsolls)