



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



Where has the year gone ? I know this is a little late but hope everyone has settled back in, especially the newbies to the Pre-School.

The summer term is always extra busy, please make sure that you read through the newsletter, so you don't miss out on anything.

Highlights this term are:

Duck Eggs
Class Photos
Bring Dad to Pre-School Week
Sports Days

Formal Parents Evening
Fleet Carnival
Kindergarten Leavers Assembly

There have been a few staff changes around the school since September and I wanted to officially welcome our new members of staff to our Stockton family.

Caterpillar Class - Mrs Moore room leading, Mrs Bracken, Miss Davies (since Dec '24), Mrs White (since Feb '25), Mrs Mortlock and Ms Oliver.

Butterfly Class - Miss Garner room leading, Miss Handley, Mrs Kirkup, Mrs Ebner and Mrs Wright (since Jan '25).

Daffodil Class - Mrs Bannister room leading, Mrs White, Mrs Drury (since Feb '25) and Mrs Archbold.

Poppy Class - Mrs Davidson room leading, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Manley, Ms Oliver and Mrs Archbold. Miss Hamblin continues to work across all classes helping with speech, language and additional needs.

Mrs Webb (kitchen catering) is now on maternity leave, we have been joined by Ms Hibbitt who will be working alongside Mrs MacKenzie to prepare all the children's delicious snacks and lunches.

Mrs Manley has also been promoted to Deputy Early Years Manager and will continue to also be an EYP in Poppy Class.

See below for some of things we have been getting up to over the past few months from book week, Easter egg hunts and colour mixing our own colours to getting creative at Muddy Acorns making our own "nature" food "burger and fries".



Easter Egg Hunt



Bear Hunt (book week)



Dear Zoo (book week)



Colouring Mixing



Muddy Acorns



SUMMER TERM DATES



Tuesday 13th May - Duck Eggs

Our duck eggs arrive for hatching today, we will take lots of photos and videos. All of the children will have lots of opportunities to see them as they hatch, and then as the ducklings grow and want to explore!

Thursday 22nd May - Official class photos

Please remember to wear school uniform if you have it.

Nicki Wood, our school photographer will be here to photograph the classes. If your child does not attend pre-school on this day, we will be in contact about bringing them in for the photo.

Mon 26th May - Friday 30th May - HALF TERM (School Closed)

W/c 9th June - Bring Dad to Pre-School Week

A chance for the dads / male relatives to come in and play with their child in pre-school. Please pre-book a time slot with your class teacher.

Wednesday 18th June - Nursery Sports Day (Caterpillar & Butterfly)

Starts at 11am, you are invited to stay and enjoy a picnic lunch with your child on the field after the races have finished. Further details will be sent out.

(Back up date of 25th June)

Wednesday 2nd July - Kindergarten Sports Day (Poppy & Daffodil)

Starts at 11am, you are invited to stay and enjoy a picnic lunch with your child on the field after the races are finished. Further details will be sent out.

(Back up date of 9th July)

Thursday 3rd July - Formal Parents Evening

You will be invited to pre book an appointment with your child's keyworker, enjoy a glass of wine and look through their learning journal or leavers report.

Saturday 5th July - Fleet Carnival

We invite you to join us in this year's Fleet Carnival - Rio De Janeiro theme!

Please contact the office to confirm your child's place.

Tuesday 15th July - Kindergarten Leavers Assemblies

Start at 09:30am - Further details will be sent out to Kindergarten parents.

Thursday 17th July - LAST DAY OF TERM

Term Dates

All term dates are available to view on the website.

<https://www.stocktonhouseschool.co.uk/term-dates-3/>

Sign up to our Calender

<https://www.stocktonhouseschool.co.uk/diary/subscribe/>





FURTHER INFO...

Thursday 22nd May – Class Photo Day

If your child does not attend pre-school on a Thursday, you are invited to bring them in for the photo.

Timings:

Caterpillar Class: 9:15am

Butterfly Class: 9:30am

Poppy Class: 9:45am

Daffodil Class: 10:00am

Those who do not attend on a Thursday will have received an email about this, please ensure you let us know if you are bringing your child in for the photo or not.

Bring Dad to Pre-School Week

During the week of the 9th of June its the dad's / male relatives turn to come in and spend an hour with your little one in class.

You can sign up for a date and time with your class teacher from next week.

Fleet Carnival - Saturday 5th July

We will be taking part in this years Fleet Carnival. We would love your support either by joining us in the procession or along the highstreet cheering us along.



If you would like to join us and haven't yet confirmed but email the office to let them know. The children taking part will be getting creative and making their own T shirts and masks in school.

Tuesday 15th July – Kindergarten Leavers Assembly

9:30am start - tissues at the ready, as we celebrate the children's successes and time here at Stockon with our leavers assembly.

FoSH Summer Raffle

Are you able to donate a prize to the FoSH Raffle ? If so please contact the office team as soon as possible. We can name check businesses by way of thank you and appreciate all contributions, big or small.

We have been busy contacting lots of local businesses and attractions collecting some amazing raffle prizes for you to win including an overnight stay that Aviator hotel, a Thamesboat River cruise and tickets to Wellington Country Park!

Numbers will be available to purchase after half term.

FoSH Rainbow Hampers

We will be asking for donations toward the class rainbow hampers once again. It can be anything from a bottle, box of chocolates to a hand soap or a candle. Think outside the box and lets create some fab prizes together!



I think that is it for now but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Office as we are more than happy to chat.

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Sickness – please keep them home!

If your child is poorly or you have to give them Calpol in the morning then they must not attend. It is not fair on the child or the class to send them in when they are not well. They will tell us if they have had “pink medicine” so please refrain from sending them in if poorly. They are only little and just need to be at home to get better with cuddles on the sofa.

Absence – please let us know!

If you know your child is not going to be attending on a given day (holiday, day out, sickness, etc.) then please kindly contact the school and let us know, and the reason why. This is especially important if your child has a dietary requirement, as the kitchen needs to know whether to prepare a meal that day.

Collection Times – please do not be late!

Collection of children must be **by** their scheduled end time. It isn't like 'big school' whereby you collect 'from' the time they finish – it is 'by' the time they finish. If your child attends, for example, 9am to 2pm they must be collected **before or by 2pm** so that the children who have paid for the next session (i.e. 2pm – 3pm) can continue with their activities.

Also, staff are on a rota for lunch so either are required in the hall to serve the food to the children or need time to have their own lunch. They only have a short break for lunch before the children finish and return to the classroom so any late children will limit their requisite break. The doors open 10 minutes prior to end-time to allow plenty of time for collection. If you know you are going to be late to collect, please call us **before** your child's scheduled finish time. Do not wait for us to call you as you will receive a late collection fine (£30 for the first 15 minutes or part thereof and then £2 per each minute thereafter) as per our Fees, Funding and Payment Policy. It is not fair on either the staff or the child to be late to collect so please ensure you allow enough time to get here.

Suncream & Sun hats

With the sunshine here, please ensure on warmer days your child comes to pre-school with suncream already applied and a sun hat to wear in the garden.

Clothing – appropriate clothing please!

The weather has been a bit up and down but just to remind you that children need a sensible pair of shoes to wear (not Crocs) and comfy clothing to play in (including cycling shorts underneath skirts). They also need a water bottle each day and a coat on the cooler days even if it looks dry - it has been particularly chilly this week especially in the mornings in the garden. All clothing **MUST** be clearly labelled!

Parking

Please park considerately, so there is room for everybody and keep within the marked bays.

Party Invites & Birthday Cakes

Although I appreciate that you wish to invite classmates to parties, although we are happy to distribute invitations it is not the responsibility of the pre-school to chase for attendance.

Furthermore, due to allergies of both children and staff members, please do not bring cakes, sweets or other food items to the pre-school as it is **not** allowed.

Water bottles

Please make sure that you only send your child in with water in their water bottles! Any bottle found to contain liquid other than water will be emptied and replenished with water.

Office Admin Hours

Just a reminder that the office is only manned by one person so we may not be able to answer the door, phone or get back to an email or text immediately. We do endeavour to reply to all calls and emails the same day; however, there will be occasions where this will not be possible, especially if we have gone down to a class or the garden to deliver a message, so do bear with us.

Split Provision – please let us know

If a child attends another pre-school, nursery or childminder it is important that we are informed. Please can you confirm via your child's Home Link book if they attend, giving details of the person or organisation. We will send a sharing information letter for you to sign so that we can share development information with the preschool, nursery or childminder.