



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



A warm welcome to all our new starters this term and welcome back to our returnees. It has been lovely to hear about everyone's summer breaks and see all the excited faces as the children arrive to start their day and become settled into their new routines.

The autumn term is always busy, please make sure that you read through the newsletter so you don't miss out on anything and get the dates in your diary now for the all important events.

Highlights this term are:

- **Child Photographs**
- **Harvest Week**
- **Bring Grandparents to Pre-School Week**
- **Informal Parents Evening**
- **Christmas Performances**

There have been a few changes around the pre-school for this academic year with our pre-school rooms merging and I also wanted to officially welcome our new members of staff to our Stockton family;

Caterpillar Class - Miss Garner room leader, Miss Davies, Mrs Hougham and Mrs Mortlock.

Butterfly Class - Mrs Bannister room leader, Mrs White, Mrs Ebner and Mrs Wright.

Pre-School Rooms - Mrs Oliver room leader, Mrs Drury, Mrs Carvalho, Mrs Wright, Mrs White.

Muddy Acorns - Mrs Zaki forest school leader.

SEND - Mrs Archbold & Mrs Moore.

Ms Hibbitt continues to work alongside Mrs Webb to prepare all the children's delicious freshly cooked snacks and lunches.

Mrs Mortlock & Mrs Lane continue to work together in reception and are here to answer your questions .

It is though with great sadness we announce that Mrs Manley, will be leaving and her last day will be Friday 2nd October. It wasn't a decision she took lightly as she loves being here with the children and apparently the staff! but unfortunately when circumstances changes, hard decisions like a change in job need to be made. We will all miss her very much and the amazing contribution she has made.



AUTUMN TERM DATES

W/c 19th October - Harvest Week

Food bank donations for Hart Food Bank are requested, these can be dropped off at the main door during this week.

W/c 19th October - Bring your Grandparent to Pre-School Week

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

Tuesday 20th October - Individual Child Photographs

*Please remember to wear school uniform if you have it.
Nicky Wood, our school photographer will be here to photograph the children. If your child does not attend pre-school on this day, you will receive an email about bringing them in for the photo shortly.*

Wednesday 21st October - Informal Parents Evening 6-7:30pm

A chance for you to come in and see your child's class, chat with the teachers and see what they have been getting up to.

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

W/c 9th November - Muddy Acorns Fun Day

Further details will be sent out in due course..

Wednesday 12th November - FoSH Little Recyclers Bag Collection

You can donate bagged up clothing, shoes and accessories. We raise 40p per kilo.

8th & 9^h December - Christmas Performances

Further details will be sent out in due course.



Thursday 10th December - FoSH Christmas Raffle

Further details will be available after half term.



Thursday 10^h December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wear your christmas jumper to school day, a suggested donation of £2 per person is kindly requested which goes to the Save the Children charity.

Wednesday 16th December - Last Day of Term

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Parties

Further details will be sent out in due course.

Fri 18th Dec - Friday 1st January - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (School Closed)

Term Dates

All term dates are available to view on the website.
<https://www.stocktonhouseschool.co.uk/term-dates-3/>

Sign up to our Calander
<https://www.stocktonhouseschool.co.uk/diary/subscribe/>





FURTHER INFO...

Tuesday 20th October – Child Photos

If your child does not attend pre-school on a Tuesday, you will be invited to bring them in for the photo. A separate email regarding this will be sent out shortly. Feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

Class photos are taken in the Summer term.

Harvest Week - 19th October

We will be taking part in this year's Hart Food Bank appeal. You can donate tinned and dried foods, personal products and baby products during this week. The current list of most needed products are as follows:

- Bottles of fruit squash
- Packets of flavoured rice
- Packets of Mashed Potatoes
- Jellies and Packet Desserts
- Baby Wipes
- Nappies - Sizes 5, 6 & 7

Bring Grandparents to Pre-School Week

During the week of the 19th October it's the grandparents' turn to come in and spend an hour with your little one in class (We also offer a Mums and Dads in school week later in the Spring / Summer terms).

You can sign up for a date and time with your class teacher from the beginning of October.

Informal Parents Evening 6:00-7:30pm

Come and have a look round your child's class and see what they have been getting up to, it's a chance to speak with the class teachers informally. Feel free to bring your child and sibling(s) and anyone else who wants to visit.

Friends of Stockton House School - FoSH

The Friends of Stockton House School or FoSH for short, is our fundraising committee dedicated to raising additional funds which enables us to purchase "nice to have" extras like; Christmas and leavers gifts for the children, the duck hatching experience in the spring, and Easter eggs for each child to take home. We have also been able to purchase some big outside items for the children to enjoy recently including; the wooden climbing frame and play castle in the big garden, a wooden gazebo in the nursery garden and the bell tent in Forest School, all through the money we raise during the year.

Thursday November 12th is our next Little Recyclers collection. You may drop off any unwanted bagged donations of clothes, shoes and accessories to us anytime AFTER HALF TERM.

More information on how you can help with FoSH is at the end of this newsletter.

We are focusing our fundraising efforts this term on purchasing a new climbing wall for the garden area.

Also you may hear your little one talking about Christmas (sorry!) as we have started creating some wonderful Christmas card designs which will be sent home for you to purchase as cards, gift wrap, tags and more.

All orders received generate a small commission to FoSH! So thank you in advance for your support.

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, plus we have children in school who are medically vulnerable with conditions which mean their immune systems, are severely compromised. Your child 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!

It is a statutory requirement that we account for all children's absences. This means that if your child is off for whatever reason we are required by law to log why they are off. We cannot accept “won't be in today” or “poorly” or other non descript reasons. Also please ensure you either call or Whatsapp us in the morning to advise they will not be in (07487 573692).

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.

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. Staff start bringing children to the doors between 5-10 minutes prior to end-time, which should 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.

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 including email and phone number. We will send a sharing information letter for you to sign so that we can share development information with the preschool, nursery or childminder.

Clothing – appropriate clothing please!

With the weather starting to change just to remind you that children need a sensible pair of shoes to wear (not Crocs or other shoes which do not support their feet or have open toes) and comfy clothing to play in (including leggings underneath skirts). They also need a water bottle each day and a coat. All clothing **MUST** be clearly labelled!

We must also have wet weathers and welly boots in school at all times.

Parking

Please park consideratly, so there is room for everybody and keep within the marked bays and remember it is not Brand Hatch and the speed limit is 5mph.

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.

HOW WE ARE TRYING TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILDREN...



AMAZON WISHLIST Did you know we have an Amazon Wishlist? Click here to make direct purchases for the pre-school: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2CY7710OPOGTQ?ref=wl_share



LITTLE RECYCLERS TEXTILE COLLECTION

Following the success of our last collection in June, we will hold another Little Recyclers collection for all unwanted textiles (clothes, shoes, bags and accessories). **Thursday 12th November.**



FOREIGN COINS

You can donate old and foreign coins and notes.



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY Please keep supporting us and be in with a chance of winning a weekly cash prize as well as the main termly prize of £25k!



EASY FUNDRAISING Once you have signed up we receive small commissions on your online purchases (without costing you a penny more). If you do online food shopping or order take aways, this is a quick and simple way to help us raise money.

RAFFLES We run 2 raffles per year (Summer & Christmas) and are always looking for kind and generous businesses and companies to donate prizes - is this something you can help with ?

Also we would also love to hear from you if your business is able to charity match fund the money we raise through a raffle ? We have been lucky to receive this in the past and it really does make a huge difference to the money we can raise.



Do you follow us on Facebook ? Further information on all fundraising activities will be posted on our page. Keep up to date with what we are organising and how you can help us: www.facebook.com/friendsofstocktonhouseschool

HOW CAN YOU HELP...

1) Easy Fundraising - Please tell your family and friends to sign up too! www.easyfundraising.co.uk

2) Your School Lottery - Sign up today, for just £1 a week - ask friends and family to join too: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stockton-house-school>

3) Direct donation to the FoSH account - Many parents in the past have asked about making a monthly or termly donation into the FoSH account in order to support the pre-school so here are our bank details:

The Friends of Stockton House School
Account Number: 66037484
Sort Code: 60-08-42
Reference: "Donation"

4) Second Hand Uniform - Do you have any to donate back to the school? Do you need a few extra pieces? Email fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk to check stock, place an order or return outgrown items.

5) Christmas cards and raffle tickets all provide fundraising for FoSH.

6) Donate bagged, unwanted textiles for our up coming (after Half Term) Little Recyclers collection. We received 40p per KG.



MUDDY ACORNS **Fleet - Hampshire** **STAY & PLAY**


Wednesday mornings between 09:45-11:30am
£7.00 per child, per session (must pre-book a ½ term block in advance)
Age: Walking (must be steady on their feet) - 5 years old


Outdoor learning and fun play sessions for little explorers.
When: Every Wednesday (during term time) between 9:45-11:30am
Cost: £42.00 per child for a ½ term booking.
Starts: Wednesday 16th September

Book via the school office on 07487 573692 or email: office@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk

 Tree Climbing / Den Building	 Bug Hunting	 Forest & Nature Art	 Tool Work
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We have now started our NEW Muddy Acorns Stay & Play sessions, every Wednesday morning run by Mrs Zaki for children under 5 who are steady on their feet.

Please help us spread the word by telling your local friends and family about these fabulous sessions. Pre-booking for the half term is essential.

Email: office@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk to book your place.