



# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2024



Welcome everyone to a brand new year. A big welcome to all our new starters and returners, we hope you all had a fun filled summer!

I certainly did have a fun filled summer, which kicked off with me getting married! I am no longer Mrs Bounds, but now Mrs Moore. For our honeymoon we had a wonderful time travelling across the USA in an RV!

You may have seen the posts on facebook, but we got our nursery garden gazebo built (thanks to some fabulous dad helpers) and the gardens and classrooms have had a spruce up too.

I am now appealing to EVERYONE regarding your children being ill and attending Pre-school. We have several IMMUNO-SUPPRESSANT children within the setting and it is vitally important EVERYONE takes heed of our **"Is your child too sick for Pre-School"** poster regarding colds etc. Also, it is important if your child has or even suspects something, that you let us know what it is in order for us to let the relevant parents know (no names will be passed on, just the illness details). Finally, if you are calling or messaging to say your child will be off today, please say why not, instead of "they wont be in". Thank you in advance for your help keeping all our children safe.

Autumn Term is always busy so please make sure that you read through everything, so you don't miss out on anything.

### Highlights this term are:

- **Individual child photos - 1st October**
- **Harvest Week - W/c 21st October**
- **Informal Parents Evening - 24th October**
- **Christmas - W/c 9th December**

We would like to formally introduce and welcome to our team, Miss Bannister (Caterpillar Class) who started in April '24 and Mrs Kirkup (Butterfly Class) who started September '24.

Muddy Acorns is due to get underway next week (16th September) with the newley named Mrs Moore back at the helm. Info will be sent out to those parents whose children are signed up for Muddy Acorns by the end of the week.

Boogie Beats will also be starting back week commencing 16th September.





# AUTUMN TERM DATES

**Tuesday 1 Oct** - Individual Child Photographs  
**w/c 21 Oct** - Grandparents & Harvest Week  
**Thursday 24 Oct** - Informal Parents Evening 6pm - 7:30pm  
**TBC-** Muddy Acorns Fun Day

**Mon 28 Oct - Friday 1 Nov - HALF TERM (School Closed)**

**Friday 8 November** - FoSH Bag2School Collection  
**Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November** - Road Safety Week  
**Tuesday 10 December-** Christmas Performance  
**Wednesday 11 December** - Christmas Performance  
**Thursday 12 December** - FoSH Christmas Raffle  
**Tuesday 17th December-** **LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Wednesday 18th December INSET DAY - (School Closed)**

**Wednesday 18th December** - Stockton House School Christmas Parties  
(Kindergarten 10:30-12:30pm and Nursery 11am-1pm)

## Autumn 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/>

Friends of Stockton House

**BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION**

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!  
**FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024**  
Please bring your bags in from Monday 4th November.  
**NOW 40p raised for every kilo donated!**

You can donate good quality clothes, shoes (tied together), bags, hats, ties, jewellery, soft teddies, bedding (not duvets or pillow inserts), household linen, towels, curtains, belts, etc.

STOCKTON HOUSE SCHOOL'S  
**HARVEST WEEK & GRANDPARENTS' WEEK**  
21-25 OCTOBER 2024

foodbank  
@HartFoodbank





## FURTHER INFO...

### Collections Times

Collection of children must be **by** their scheduled end time. If you need time to speak to a class teacher re your child, please can you get here up to 10mins earlier (especially the 12noon collections) as staff are rotated for lunch, have meetings or go home..

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.

### Tuesday 1st October - Individual Child Photo Day

On this day your child can have their photo taken by Nicky Wood, our official photographer. If your child attends on a Wednesday they will automatically have their photo taken. If your child doesn't normally attend on this day, we will provide a time slot and instructions nearer the time.

### W/C 16th October - Grandparents Week & Harvest Week

This week we give the opportunity for a grandparent (or family member) to come and spend an hour with their grandchild in their class. A booking sheet will be available in your child's class nearer the time.

We will be holding a collection for Hart Food Bank this term so please bring your donations to pre-school from the w/c 16th October. You can check their website for current shortages. <https://hart.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

### Thursday 24th October - Informal Parents Evening

Between 6-7:30pm you are welcome to have a look at your child's work as well as have an informal chat with the class key workers about how your child is progressing. There is also the chance to have a wander around the school to see what else has been going on so far this term in the other rooms. It is a family-friendly event so you can bring children and grandparents with you. Second-hand uniform will also be available to purchase raising funds for FoSH.

### TBC - Muddy Acorns Fun Day!

All parents/carers of children who currently attend Muddy Acorns are invited to come join in for an hour during their child's session. You will receive an email with the time and date of your slot so please ensure that you RSVP regarding attendance as we have to account for all persons on site from a Health and Safety perspective.

### Friday 8th November - Bag2 School Collection

As part of FoSH's ongoing fundraising and in partnership with Bag2School, we will be collecting unwanted textiles (clothes, shoes, towels, bedding, soft toys etc) between Monday 4th and Thursday 7th November. See the FoSH Facebook page for further information. A full list of what donations are accepted can be found on this link: <https://bag2school.com/>

### Before 31st December! Please renew your 30 hour codes!

If you qualify for 30 hours funding then it is imperative that you renew your code before it expires. HMRC will send you reminders and you must ensure that you act as we cannot renew these for you. If your code expires then we will be unable to apply it to your invoice, in which case, full fees for hours over and above the 15 universal hours will be charged.

### FoSH Christmas 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.

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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## 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 (Velcro trainers) and comfy clothing to play in. They also need a water bottle each day and a coat each day even if it looks dry. All clothing **MUST** be clearly labelled!

## 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.

## 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.

## Change in Details

Please make sure that you keep us updated with any changes in address or contact details. You can easily do this via the Parent Zone app or by emailing [office@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk)

## Slow Down!

Please remember that there is a speed limit in place of 5MPH. I know it is slow but the speed is to protect you and your children!

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Sickness – please keep them home!

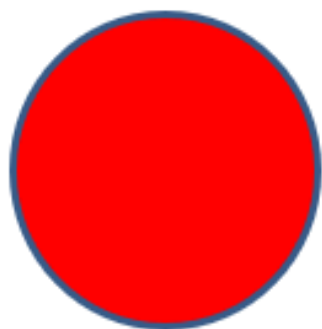
If your child is poorly or you have to give them Calpol in the morning then they must not attend. It is not fair on the child or the class to send them in when they are not well. They will tell us if they have had "pink medicine" so please refrain from sending them in if poorly. They are only little 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.

# Is your child too sick for Pre-School today?

## Too sick for Pre-School



- Temperature over 37.8°
- Wheezing or shortness of breath
- Constant runny nose with yellow/green tinge
- Lethargy
- Diarrhoea or vomiting
- Red, sore eyes which have a discharge
- Sore throat or swollen glands
- Undiagnosed rash
- Cannot join in daily routine (including outside play)
- Needs Calpol or similar analgesics (pain relief)
- Chesty cough

## OK to come to play



- Mild, infrequent cough
- Clear, runny nose
- Active, rested and playful

**Please note your child should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness and or diarrhoea.**

