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**WELLINGTON STREET, STOCKTON ON TEES**

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**Head Teacher: Mrs S Skillcorn**

31st May 2019

Dear Mum, Dad / Carer

We have had another super term in Mill Lane.

**SATs**

We are so incredibly proud of our Y6 and Y2 children who, like the rest of the country, have been busy taking SATs tests this month. They have worked very hard and all of our children tried their very best.

**Sun Protection**

Please remember to send your child with a sun hat and apply sunscreen before school as we are working more and more outside now that the weather is warmer.

**Sporting Success**

Some of our Y5 children travelled to Middlesbrough sporting village to take part in a variety of athletics events including sprinting, hurdles, 600m, relays, jumping and throwing activities. The children really tried their best and some of them have now qualified through to the next round. Six Y5 boys and two Y4 boys competed in a Cricket festival at Stockton Cricket club. The boys worked exceptionally well as a team and won 3 out of their 4 games. With fantastic batting skills and great teamwork when fielding, the boys are through to the next round.

**Extending the Curriculum**

Year 5 visited Preston Hall Museum as a starter to their summer topic ‘Revolution’. They found out lots of interesting information about the Victorian period and took part in the Victorian School Day Workshop. Year 1 visited Butterfly World at Preston Park and enjoyed finding out all about butterflies and their life cycle. Year 2 enjoyed a day exploring HMS Trincomalee in Hartlepool. They found out how people lived on board a ship over 200 years ago and even got to be pirates!  A huge thank you to some of our Key Stage 2 children who helped with bag packing in Asda to raise money for school funds. We received lots of lovely comments about how polite, well behaved and helpful the children were from all of the lovely customers who donated so generously. **PTO**

**Snapchat and Instagram**

Please monitor your children’s use of the internet. There have been recent cases of children using inappropriate and abusive language to each other at home on these sites, which is illegal. The legal age for using social media sites such as these is 13 years of age. If you would like support in putting parental blocks on devices, then please contact Mr Abbott who is happy to help.

**Punctuality**

Nearly all of our children arrive at school on time. However, we do have a couple of families who persistently bring their children to school late. This really impacts on learning as they miss the beginning of the lesson and have to ‘catch-up’. It is unfair for other children if the teacher then has to explain the lesson again instead of supporting learning. ALL children should be in school by **8:45am** please.

**End of the Day**

Please be patient when waiting for your child at the end of the day. We endeavour to hand them all over to you within 3 minutes. Rude or aggressive behaviour is never acceptable and will not be tolerated! It is essential that teachers see that children walk directly to the adult collecting them so please stand back. You are very welcome to speak to the teacher at the start or end of the day, but please wait until all of the children have been handed over safely before doing so.

**Attendance**

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW to take your children out of school during term time. Please make sure that holidays etc are booked during the 13 weeks children have off school as holidays. Head Teachers are unable to authorise absences for holidays and the local authority **WILL** fine parents for doing so. This term 3 of our families received penalty notices due to unauthorised leave.

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| Year Group | Attendance |
| Nursery | 87.9% |
| Reception | 93.2% |
| Y1 | 94.9% |
| Y2 | 96.0% |
| Y3 | 96.5% |
| Y4 | 94.3% |
| Y5 | 95.8% |
| Y6 | 96.3% |
| Total | 95.3% |

Unfortunately, some classes have slipped to below 96%. Please ensure that you send your children to school EVERY DAY unless your doctor says that they need to stay at home. If they have a headache, temperature or tummy ache then you can give them a spoonful of Calpol and inform their teacher. We will keep a close eye on them, keep them in a playtime and send them home if they are too unwell to stay and need to see a doctor.

**Local Events and Activities**

There are lots of events and activities on in the local area to entertain your children during the summer. We try to post some on our Facebook page but you can check them out at [www.stockton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/libraries) and [www.teesactive.co.uk](http://www.teesactive.co.uk)

Stockton Borough Council invited children to design a wrap around, based on the history of Stockton, for the town centre cleaning machine. Our children took part in the design and naming competition as part of our Keeping Safe Day in April. The winning designs were from Year 2 and Class 8 and the winning name 'Rocketrider' came from one of our Year 6 children. The judges were so impressed that they have displayed the children's entries in Rediscover Stockton for everyone to see.

**Books in other languages**

We are extending our library of books in languages other than English. If you have any children’s books that your children no longer read and that are written in different languages, eg German, Urdu, Spanish, Russian etc, we would be very grateful to receive them.

**Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 8th June Family trip to Light Water Valley

Wednesday 19th June Y5 & Y6 Residential to Disneyland, Paris

Tuesday 25th June Y3 & Y4 Residential to London

Tuesday 2nd July EYFS Sports Day (3rd if raining on the 2nd)

Wednesday 3rd July Theatre company in school about Positive Mindset for KS1 & KS2

Thursday 4th July School reports out to parents

Monday 8th July New starters meeting for parents of children starting Reception in September

Monday 8th July KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (9th if raining on 8th)

Wednesday 10th July Summer Fair

Thursday 11th July KS2 performance of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Tuesday 16th July Nursery Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 18th July Y6 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 18th July Break up for the summer holidays

Friday 19th, Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July School is closed for PD Days

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn

Head Teacher