



What a busy start to the new academic year!

Welcome to all our new starters – this can be a challenging time and I am very proud of the way in which the children are meeting the challenges, with the help of Team Yarm...

Congratulations to the children who have been identified as **Maths Shining stars!** They will have received their certificates through class dojo earlier in the week – well done! How to be great at Maths? Recognise your numbers/ know your number bonds/know your times tables and have rapid recall – playing games is a great way to secure all these skills...

Beth recently received her prize for winning Butterwick Hospice' cupcake competition. Thank you to Miss Puttick for organising this and I know Beth was excited not just to sample the cakes but to spend her voucher! Well-deserved Beth – **Congratulations!**



We are delighted to hear that **FoYPS** have recruited a number of new members – Thank you to the team for continuing to support school in new and creative ways – we hope to see you at the Halloween event just before half term. If you would like to support this group by volunteering please get in touch – you will be warmly welcomed. Look out for the spooky poster!

The pandemic impacted negatively on the way School Council operated – but we did continue to work with our **Head Girl & Head Boy**. This is something we wish to continue with and can now say well done to Sadie and Rishi who were elected by their peers in a private vote. They both received the news of their success in a very humble way and their first task was to provide a quote for the front of my school self-assessment document:

Our school is a caring place to be.

Our education and friendships can blossom and everyone can enjoy being here.

I very much look forward to working with them across the year.

The Trust based **new catering arrangements** began at the start of term. In addition to a new menu and due to the pandemic three year groups never experiencing the hatch and main hall service - staff are making this work and I must say a big thank you to them for supporting over what is an incredibly busy time. We will be carrying out some pupil voice feedback this week and would welcome any comments you may have. We will share some taster sessions with you as soon as this is possible. REMINDER – Thursday 7th October – reduced cost Y3 – Y6 £1.70 – Try it!

We will be contacting you shortly to arrange **parents evening** – we plan to do this via ‘teams’ and hope that this will make the meetings more accessible for you. If you have any concerns or queries prior to this please do not hesitate to contact staff through the office

As we are starting to get ‘out and about’ a little more, ensuring we have accurate **contact information** is crucial – to this end please review the details you have shared with us. If we don’t have your up to date phone number; or if the additional contacts you have given us are no longer available, we can find ourselves (and potentially your children) in very tricky situations – thank you so much for your understanding and support with this.

Martin Gray, the Director of children’s services in Stockton continues to share a lot of information pertinent to our area – we will continue to distribute and publicise on the website. Here are some ‘headlines’ from this month...



COVID-19 Testing/Isolation for those with symptoms

You should take a PCR test if you're fully vaccinated (or under 18) and a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus. You must then self-isolate if the result of your PCR test is positive. If you are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive and you are not fully vaccinated or weren't fully vaccinated until less than two weeks ago you should self-isolate, book a PCR test and continue to self-isolate regardless of whether the result is positive or negative. You can find out more information about self-isolation at www.stockton.gov.uk/covidadvice

COVID-19 Testing No Symptoms

Testing regularly for coronavirus, even if you don't have symptoms, helps keep you and others safe. Visit www.stockton.gov.uk/testing to view the range of testing options available. You must register the test result even if it is negative.

Walk-in clinic at Wellington Square - COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 walk-in clinic at Unit 5, Wellington Square, Stockton Town Centre, every Wed and Sat 2-6pm.

Everyone over 16 can get their 1st or 2nd dose of Pfizer (must be 8 weeks between 1st and 2nd doses), no appointment needed.

Don't forget to get your 2nd dose to get your full protection.

NHS Tees Valley
Clinical Commissioning Group

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'Pop-up' Walk in Vaccination Centre
Unit 5, Wellington Square, Stockton, TS18 1NA

Every Wednesday and Saturday
2pm - 6pm

No appointment needed - just turn up!

Just walk in to get your life-saving vaccination!

For people aged 16 and over:

- * First & second doses of the Pfizer vaccine available
- * Second doses will be available for people who had their first dose at least eight weeks ago

Worries or concerns?
Let's talk - there will be nurses there on the day who can provide further information and support

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COVID Safety Measures

Let's keep protecting each other from coronavirus in the Stockton-on-Tees Borough. Opening a window when you have visitors helps reduce your chance of infection because the fresh air blows Covid particles away. You can find out more on ways to reduce your infection risk by visiting www.stockton.gov.uk/covidadvice

Catalyst Community Support

Catalyst Stockton can offer support if you're self-isolating - and it doesn't matter how old you are! Their volunteers can get your shopping, collect prescriptions and will even take your dog for a walk! Call 01642 733906 between 9am and 12 noon, Monday-Friday, or email covidcommunitysupport@catalyststockton.org

Our **COVID Community Support team** is on hand to support you when you are required to self-isolate. If you need more support while self-isolating contact the COVID Community Support Team on 01642 733906 or email : covidcommunitysupport@catalyststockton.org lines are open 9am-12noon, Monday to Friday.

Test and Trace Support

payment: You could be eligible for a £500 payment if you can't work because you're self-isolating and on a low income. To find out if you meet the criteria visit www.stockton.gov.uk/coronavirus/testandtracesupportscheme If you do, remember to apply within 14 days of your self-isolation ending.



Test and Trace Support Payment

You could be eligible for a £500 payment if you've been told to self-isolate.

To find out more, visit www.stockton.gov.uk/coronavirus/testandtracesupportscheme

Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL

Business Support Grants are still available. There is a range of support available for businesses including the Discretionary Business Grant Scheme, for more information, visit <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/coronavirus/businesssupport> and outbreak management support <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/our-economy/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-guidance-for-businesses/>



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