

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff of Stockwell Academy would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you all for your continued support, throughout this calendar year. This time last year the children were still working in 'bubbles'.

School and classes looked very different from what they did in last December.

The children have made great progress in class and school life has almost returned to normal.

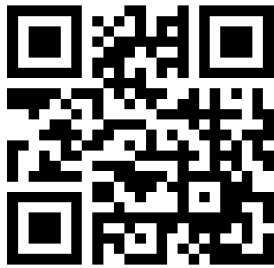
A major factor of that has been the return of parents to school and being inside the building for events, Nativities and meetings.

As a school we really value your commitment and your support in helping us give your children the best education we can give them.

Our recent "Reading Launch" event saw over 130 parents/carers join us for the relaunch of our number one focus—Reading.

Please be certain that there is no greater gift that we can give a child—as that of teaching them to read. If a child can read—they will succeed in life. If they can't—they will be left behind.

Thank you to the many families that support the school in making sure their children can read.



GR Code for the Academy

Special points of interest:

- End of Term Message
- Attendance
- Future Dates

Attendance

The government guidance relating to attendance has changed. The current government guidance is below:

Attendance at school has been mandatory since Monday 8th March 2021 and the usual rules on attendance will apply, including:

- It is the parents' duty to ensure that their child, of compulsory school age, attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- It is the schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence
- Schools have the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

We will now be sending out attendance related letters again. These will be late letters, warning letters and referring continued unauthorised absences to the Local Authority, who will issue fines.

Please make sure that your child attends school regularly.

This weeks attendance is 84.2% / The year to dates attendance is 90.4%

Help Us Achieve The National Average of 96% Attendance!

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behaviour and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When pupils are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Pupils who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to do well at high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when pupils are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as the Foundation Stage.

For example, young primary school pupils who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority.

We have had a number of late pupils arriving this week. Please ensure your child arrives on time for the start of their school day. If your child has an appointment, please provide evidence of the appointment. If evidence is not provided, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Thank you for your continued support



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Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th December 2022—School closes at 3pm for the Christmas break

Wednesday 4th January 2023—School reopens for Spring Term 1

Friday 10th February 2023—School closes at 3pm for the half term break

Tuesday 21st February 2023—School reopens to pupils

Friday 31st March 2023—School closes at 3pm for the Easter holiday break

Monday 17th April 2023—School reopens to pupils

Monday 1st May 2023—School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023—School closed for the Kings Bank Holiday

Friday 26th May 2023—School closes at 3pm for the half term break

Wednesday 7th June 2023—School reopens to pupils

Friday 21st July 2023—School closes at 3pm for the Summer break

These dates & times may be subject to change, but we will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible if they need to be changed.

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