

Friday 12th January 2024

NEVILL INFANT NEWS

Dear all,

Happy New Year to you all. I sincerely hope you all managed to have an enjoyable and memorable time over the festive period and that you recuperated ready for the new opportunities and experiences of 2024!

It has been a great start to the new year at school. We have been talking all about new year resolutions, the Roman God Janus who had two faces; 1 to look back and 1 to look forward and Mrs Stoddart did a very exciting science assembly!

You should receive your Topic Taster this week which will tell you all the things your child will be learning this term and we sent out the Spring Dates at the end of last term to help you plan. We will try and keep dressing up days to a minimum from parent feedback but there will be times when we do this and hopefully you will have enough notice ... please do not buy anything special, speak to teachers who can help you with this.

I am personally very excited as we are finally getting our outdoor area sorted and the allotment area ... as a very keen gardener and grower I know the impact being outdoors and 'growing your own' can have on our mental health and wellbeing.

Look after yourselves and have a great weekend.

Mr Whitfield

Dates

15th Jan → Y1 Fire of London Workshop

18th Jan → CENSUS DAY

18th Jan → Govs Mtg

25th Jan → YR @ Man City

25th Jan → SEND Coffee Morning

29th Jan → Pupil Questionnaire

30th Jan → Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

5th Feb → Little Brown Bears Nature Walks

5th Feb → YR to Bramhall Park

Dates

6th Feb → Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00)

 7^{th} Feb \rightarrow Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00)

8th Feb → Y2 parents in for fantastic Finish

8th Feb → Y1 parents in for Showcase

9th Feb → 100th Day of School

9th Feb → Last day of Spring ½ Term 19th Feb → Children return to school

Update on Outdoor Environment

We are absolutely thrilled and delighted to see the outdoor area finally taking shape. The fence looks great and the new pathway is going to make the environmental garden much more accessible. Mr Walsh is making the archaeological dig-site from scratch and I have bid for extra funding to help us resource the area. Mrs Fallon and I started Gardening Club ... or 'Little Seedlings' as we like to call it and we envisage this lasting all year. We have made a great start in digging and weeding and the children have a long list of things they would like to grow ... exciting times!!

Nursery Mystery Readers

Next half term our children in Elephants Class will be treated to mystery readers each week. If you or another family member would like to be a mystery reader and come into school to read to our Nursery children please contact Miss Ivy or see Miss Agnew in the front office.

Can you help or do you know someone who can??

We are looking for 10 sturdy plastic bottle crates (often used for pub deliveries) to help with construction activities in the outdoor area either for free or a small cost – please email in to school or see Mr Whitfield if you





CENSUS DAY

Please be reminded that **Thursday 18**th **January 2024** is CENSUS day. As a school we will receive additional funding based on the pupil-level information including school meals. Please encourage your child to have a free school meal on this day – we usually only have a handful in each class that do not. It is an American theme with burgers, veggie nuggets, pizza and of course Jacket Potatoes!

Thank you!!



A big thank you to The Sensory
Bus who came to visit at the end
of last term – the children loved it!



Teacher Research

In the Spring and Summer terms and beyond we are engaging in some school-based teacher research. We will be investigating:

- The impact of plants and lighting on pupil learning behaviours
- The extent to which non-written feedback can enhance pupil achievement
- How a daily phased arithmetic-based programme can improve number skills

If you or your children spot something different happening in classrooms, fear not, we are just investigating new and improved ways to both offer and get the best from your children. We will feedback soon.

PCSO

Our local PCSO Maureen has been able to visit all of the children over the last term. We cannot thank her enough for helping to help us teach our children how to keep safe and remain safe. What a fantastic local resource to have!!

Miss Westwood

Miss Westwood in Koala Class will be leaving to have her baby on 26th January. We did think she would go to the end of the half term but this has not been possible. We are very busy trying to find the right replacement for the rest of the year and as soon as we have we will let you know.

Call for urgent donations

Little Brown Bears and Elephants classes are in urgent need of additional underwear, socks and clothes for children to change into if needed. If you have any unwanted items that are in good condition please bag them up and we happily take them off you ... please drop at front office or pass to class staff. Thank you!!!!

Communication this week						
Whole school	12.01.24 - Newsletter; 12.01.24 - Topic Tasters					
Little Brown Bears						
Elephants (Nursery)						
Koala Bears (Reception)	09.01.24 – Mr S Holiday Club for Feb Half Term					
Polar Bears (Reception)	09.01.24 – Mr S Holiday Club for Feb Half Term					
Sea Otters (Y1)	09.01.24 – Mr S Holiday Club for Feb Half Term; 10.01.24 – Great Fire of London reminder					
Blue Whales (Y1)	09.01.24 – Mr S Holiday Club for Feb Half Term; 10.01.24 – Great Fire of London reminder					
Sea Turtles (Y1)	09.01.24 – Mr S Holiday Club for Feb Half Term; 10.01.24 – Great Fire of London reminder					
Leopards (Y2)	09.01.24 – Mr S Holiday Club for Feb Half Term					
Lions (Y2)	09.01.24 – Mr S Holiday Club for Feb Half Term					



Housepoints

	Bruntwood	Lyme	Woodbank	Vernon
This Week	165	143	140	142
Total	2006	1919	2287	2286

Certificates

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Emerald
24	6	0	0	0	0

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Go For It Gorilla



This week the following children have all really shown a Growth Mindset and let their teachers know they are a 'Go For It Gorilla'. Please see the school website (Parent Section) for more information on growth mindset.

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Reuben T Eleanor K Rosie J Sienna PK Jack T



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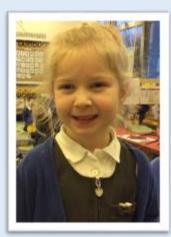
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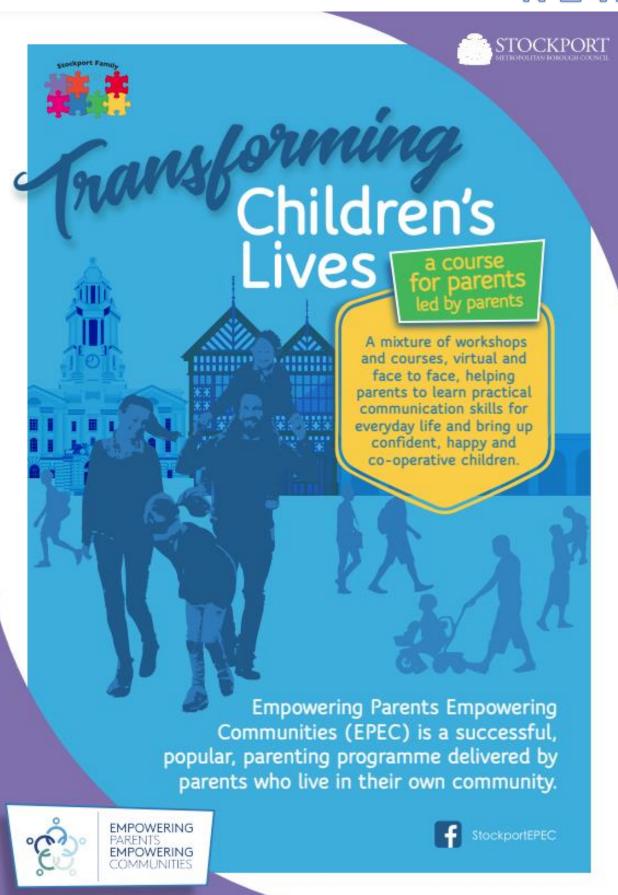


These children have been voted for by their class mates to be the Honeycomb Hero – they have been following all of our Golden Rules beautifully and the other children have noticed how great they have been – Well Done, we are very proud of you!!



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What do EPEC courses cover?

EPEC offers a variety of parent led courses and workshops both face to face and virtually. Each course course is facilitated by two EPEC certificated Parent group

- leaders (PGLS). Topics include:
- Being good enough
- Feelings
- Play/spending time with your children
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Discipline strategies
- · Listening and communication
- · Coping with stress

What types of EPEC courses are there in Stockport?

There are three EPEC parenting courses:

- Being a Parent for parents/carers of children age 2-11 years
- Living with Teenagers for parents/ carers of adolescents aged 11-16 years
- Being a Parent Together for couples/ co-parents to complete together

You can speak to a member of the EPEC Team for any further information by telephoning: 0161 406 9558.

You can also email:

Very

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provoking

You can also email: admin.epec@stockport.gov.uk where you will be asked to provide your details.

So how do you access the course?

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EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES I'm not alone and other parents go through the same

It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere

confident mum and met new people 99

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It's good to talk and to make time for myself 99



