THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY *9th Oct 2026*

Dear Parents,

Well done to all of our children again this past week. They are working incredibly hard and it has been a real privilege for myself and other members of our leadership team to visit lessons and see the great work taking place across the school. We continue to be so proud of the children's enthusiasm, effort and positive attitudes towards their learning.

We hope that you got a feeling of this at Parents Evening too. Thank you to all parents who attended this week. We really value the opportunity to work together with you to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss how we can support their continued progress. We look forward to seeing more of you next Tuesday. If you have not yet booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher, it is not too late to do so. Please make sure you speak to the office team.

A special thank you also goes to our Prefects who are fantastic in helping at Parents' Evening.
It has been another busy week for our pupil leaders as we have enjoyed training our Prefects, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Well-Being Champions. It is wonderful to see our children developing the skills and confidence to take on responsibility and make a positive contribution to school life. Our other pupil leaders have also started making a real difference in their roles... Our School Councillors campaigned for the new playground markings, which I am sure many of you will have seen. They look fantastic and give the children a better playtime. Our Pupil Leadership Team will be travelling to London on Monday next week to visit the Houses of Parliament as part of their learning and leadership role. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about democracy, leadership and how things are governed.

I would like to thank our Governors for their continued support of the school and take this opportunity to welcome Ben White, who is our new Chair of Governors. We are very grateful to all of our Governors for the time, commitment and expertise they give to our school. Ben is highly experienced in education and schools and will be writing to you soon to introduce himself properly. Ben is ably supported by Claire Foskett, who is our Vice Chair.

I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA for everything they do for our children and our school. Our PTA AGM took place today, providing an opportunity to reflect on their support and look ahead to the exciting plans for the year. Watch this space to find out more!

Also, you will find more key dates for later this term included in this newsletter. We know how helpful it is for families to have plenty of notice of events and important dates. All dates for events throughout the school year, right through to July, are available on our school website calendar. However, we release dates in stages through our newsletters so that we can keep families updated and give reminders as we go along.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Mr Fordham
Headteacher

AUTUMN 1 AND 2 TERM DATES to remember

Monday 12th October	Pupil Leadship Team visiting the Houses of Parliament	Monday 30th November	Little City Reception workshop visit
Tuesday 13th October	Parent's Evening 3.00pm - 6.15pm	Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Chritsmas Production 9.30-10.30am 2.15-3.15pm
Thursday 15th October	French Day - Non-uniform (red, white and blue)	Thursday 10th December	Rock Steady Christmas concert PTA Christmas disco
Friday 16th October	PTA Disco Bingo - Adults only	Monday 14th December	Year 4 Drumming concert 9.00-10.00am
Wednesday 21st October	Whole school flu vaccination	Wednesday 16th December	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
Friday 23rd October	Last day of school for half term	Thursday 17th December	Nursery Christmas songs 9.30-10.30am Class Christmas parties
Monday 2nd November	Back to school	Friday 18th December	Last day of school term No Rainbow or FLAG club
Thursday 12th November	Individual and sibling school photos	Monday 4th January	Inset day - school closed for children
Friday 13th November	Children In Need	Tuesday 5th January	Back to school
Friday 20th November	Inset day - school closed for children		

STOPSLEY SPORTS



On Wednesday this week, we took a group of five children to Inspire to compete in the Boccia competition. We were put into a group of five schools, with the top two moving into the quarter finals. We finished 2nd in their group with two wins and two draws, showing some excellent control and discipline in tight games. We then won our quarter final and semi-final before winning the final vs William Austin. The team achieved this without losing a game, an incredible performance and have now earned a place at the County Boccia finals later this term! A huge well done!!

SAY HELLO TO OUR ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS!



We are very proud of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) and the important role they play in helping to make our school a kind, friendly and supportive place for everyone.
Our ABAs have received special training to help them deliver lessons and activities to other children about being a good friend and classmate, showing kindness and respect, and knowing what to do if they see or experience bullying.
You may also spot our ABAs on the playground during break times and lunchtimes, proudly wearing their ABA hats. These make them easy to identify, so children know who they can approach if they would like someone to talk to, need some help, or have a worry they would like to share in addition to our adults.
We are incredibly proud of our ambassadors for taking on this responsibility and for helping to promote kindness, inclusion and looking out for one another across our school.

Congratulations

TO OUR GIVEAWAY WINNER!

A huge congratulations to Kiera in Earhart and her mum, who have won our £100 voucher prize draw!

The draw was held for families who completed a Pupil Premium application, with everyone who entered receiving a chance to win – thank you to everyone who took part.

We'll be running more prize draws like this in the future, so make sure you get involved... because you've got to be in it to win it!

Congratulations!

to our class attendance award winners this week!

KS1: Donaldson 98.2%
Prize: TBC

KS2: Sharman 98.3%
Prize: TBC

PTA NEWS



A REMINDER ABOUT CONSIDERATE PARKING!

WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS THIS WEEK ABOUT CARS BEING PARKED ACROSS DRIVEWAYS AND BLOCKING ACCESS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN CONTACTED BY NEVILLES FUNERAL HOME, WHO HAVE ASKED US TO REMIND FAMILIES THAT THEIR DRIVEWAY MUST BE KEPT CLEAR AT ALL TIMES SO THAT THEY CAN ACCESS THEIR PREMISES WITH HEARSES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT PARKING AROUND SCHOOL CAN BE CHALLENGING, PARTICULARLY AT BUSY DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES, BUT WE ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY WHEN PARKING.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND FAMILIES USING THE CO-OP CAR PARK TO PLEASE PARK ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES. MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO USE MOBILITY SCOOTERS ARE FINDING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO GET THROUGH WHEN CARS ARE PARKED INAPPROPRIATELY OR OBSTRUCT ACCESS ROUTES.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO CONSIDER HOW AND WHERE YOU ARE PARKING, AND WHETHER YOUR VEHICLE IS BLOCKING A DRIVEWAY, ACCESS ROUTE OR ANOTHER PERSON'S ABILITY TO GET THROUGH SAFELY.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS AND FOR PARKING COURTEOUSLY AND CONSIDERATELY.

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