



Little Stoke Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

I just wanted to send a further communication about Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

The advice from Public Health England to schools remains the same. Schools are to remain open as normal and no school should close without being advised to do so by PHE (Public Health England) The advice is for everyone is to continue as normal whilst taking sensible precautions. At school we have put in place the following measures to help reduce risk of infection:

- We have suspended shaking hands at the start of the day which has been a feature of most of our classes.
- Introduced more regular hand washing after breaks, lunch and sports lessons.
- Shown children how to wash their hands properly.
- Rolled out our e-bugs programme a term early to teach children about the transmission of germs and how to reduce this.
- We have stopped using the drinking fountains. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles but we do have some cups and jugs when children forget their bottles.

We currently do not have any children or staff members who have any suspected symptoms and I would like to thank you for your sensible and calm approach in sending your children to school as normal. If we are made aware of new advice, we will of course let you know.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fantastic World Book Day last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing their costumes and talking about the books they came from. Classes worked on their chosen authors and were engaged and enthusiastic. We will be displaying the boards each class have produced around school over the coming week. Do have a look when you come in for parents' evenings. Thank you for your hard work in sending children to school in such a colourful array of costumes. It was a great turn-out!

PARENTS EVENINGS

You should have received your letter today for parents' evenings. For Reception up to year 5 these will be on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March. Year 6 will be on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th. Please send your booking form in as a soon as possible so we can arrange time slots and get these back to you. It will be good to catch up with many of you on those days.

SPORTS RELIEF

Little Stoke Primary School will be supporting Sports Relief this Friday. Your child is welcome to come into school in their sports gear or as their sporting hero in exchange for a donation of 50p-£1.00



AFTER SCHOOL

Whilst we understand that children enjoy running around and playing when school finishes, could we please ask you to keep a watchful eye on your children, particularly key stage 1 children whilst they wait for older siblings. We have recently had children play fighting, throwing sticks and climbing trees all of which are dangerous and not the kind of activities we want to have on school grounds. This includes the increasing number of children cycling across the grass. Please encourage your children to push their bikes down the path. The grass is, of course, completely saturated at present. We do find that children coming into and leaving school in a calm way helps to create a calmer atmosphere in school. Thank you with your help with this. We do appreciate it.

IT SUITE RENOVATION

The old IT suite is taking shape and the developments look very exciting. It is slowly being transformed into a bright, modern space which should be well used by parents, children and staff. We will be inviting you all in to have a look after Easter!

I will send another newsletter out next week with details of our Easter Celebrations which seem to be coming up remarkably fast.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Sargent (Head Teacher)

