



# Little Stoke Primary School

9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## KEY DATES

**Transition morning:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
**Year 6 leavers' event:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
**End of term 6:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Start of term 1:** Children return **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are INSET days)

## School uniform:

School uniform is so important for the culture, community and behaviour in school. When the children are smartly presented in school uniform, it helps to promote the school community and expectations.

Please ensure your children come to school in the correct school or PE uniform, including shoes. Next year children will continue to wear PE uniform on their PE days.

In September, we will have renewed focus on uniform. As well as the positive benefits to our school community, this will also prepare children for secondary where they will also be expected to wear the correct uniform and there are sanctions for pupils who don't.

Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of the uniform expectations as many parents may purchase new clothing and shoes over the summer holiday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents, governors, FOLs and of course the wonderful children here at Little Stoke Primary for making a very challenging time to take up a headship, such a rewarding experience. I have relished getting to know the school community and am very much hoping we will be able to return to community events next academic year.

With the release of the latest government COVID guidance, the current COVID arrangements will remain in place until the end of this term. In September, we plan to open without the requirement to have staggered starts and keeping the classes separated in bubbles. Whilst undoubtedly there will still be implications which may mean things are not completely 'normal', we hope to return to some sense of normality. On the next page is the plan for the timings of the school day, please note there are changes in the drop off and pick up expectations.

COVID cases continue to rise in the local area and until 16<sup>th</sup> August, when the Government plan to end the need for under 18s to self-isolate, whole bubbles will continue to be affected by confirmed cases. Please continue to follow government and school guidelines to help reduce/prevent transmission.

Although we are not at the end term yet, I hope that you and your families are able to enjoy a restful summer holiday and we very much look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Mr Dan Ross – Headteacher



## FOLS



FOLs have organised an end of year treat for all the children at Little Stoke Primary School. On the last day of term (**21<sup>st</sup> July**) they have organised for **an ice cream van to visit** the school, classes will be able to go out, one class at a time, to choose an ice cream to enjoy after lunch time. Thank you FOLs this will be a wonderful way to end the school year – fingers crossed for some sunshine (or at least no rain!!).

## **School timings for September 2021 onward:**

Thank you to all those who provided feedback on the proposal to change the timings of the school day.

After taking in to account the feedback given the timings of the day are below. This has been shared with and supported by the governors. **This arrangement starts on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**

### **EYFS and Key Stage One:**

Start: 8:45am

Finish: 3:15pm

### **Key Stage Two:**

Start: 8:45am

Finish: 3:20pm

When the children arrive in school at 8:45, the expectation is that the learning starts immediately. Work in the morning will be focused on consolidation and reinforcing basic skills.

Other changes will include the morning break being reduced to 15 minutes from 20 minutes.

We are also bringing the children in 5 minutes earlier from lunch time in order to be ready to learn at 1pm.

So by cutting transition time for the pupils the actual overall amount of learning time has not been reduced.

This will give teachers and TAs a little additional time to review and plan for the next day to support our ability to build on prior learning.

### **Morning and end of day arrangements:**

KS2: Pupils will now come into the school via the main hall doors. This is so the office area remains free if parents need to pass a message, pass on medication, collect paper work etc.

KS1 - Parent please drop your children off at the new gate, the children can walk into class from there. The children will come from the classroom door to meet parents the other side of the fence at the end of the day. This is because this area may have learning equipment set up ready for the day and we need to limit numbers in this area.

We recognise that there will be times when you need to speak to the teacher, please phone or email to office to let them know so that an appointment can be made for the end of the day after all the children have been seen out.

If there are messages that need to be passed on that day, please let the office know and it will be passed onto the class teacher.

Mornings are key times when teachers need to welcome the children into the classrooms and settle them quickly to their morning tasks, they must be available to the children to do this. Similarly at the end of the day, teachers need to be vigilant and aware of children going to their adults.

## Plea for resources

If you are able to help with any of these items, please contact the school office:

- Logs (for sitting on) for forest school.
- Wood chippings.

We also would really appreciate donations of the following items to support our KS1 provision:

- small toy figures such as fairies, knights, pirates, princesses, astronauts, divers, animals etc.
- dressing up accessories such as hats, capes, glasses etc.
- playdough tools.
- large equipment for the outside area such as drain pipes, gutters, buckets, tarpaulin, netting, garden canes etc.
- hand puppets and finger puppets.
- wooden building blocks.



## Our School Uniform

### LITTLE STOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The following is a list of our compulsory school uniform, which can be purchased from Monkhouse, (see below for details)

- Royal blue jumper/cardigan with school logo
- Royal Blue or white polo-shirt with or without logo or white shirt
- Royal blue checked summer dress
- Grey or black school skirt, dress/pinafore
- Grey or black school trousers or school shorts
- Black shoes only no heels or black trainers **no logos**
- Black, grey or white socks/tights
- Royal blue fleece
- Navy reversible waterproof/fleece coat
- Royal blue book bag KS1- Royal blue book bag or small plan backpack KS2

At Little Stoke we expect all children to wear their school/PE uniform each day. Occasionally we have non-uniform days, but we will always let you know. Children go outside in all weathers, so please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable coat and sensible footwear, including wellies!

Children also need to have a full change of **clothing for PE**. This is a requirement under DfE regulations for Health & Safety. This will need to consist of:

- **Plain white T-shirt or polo shirt**
- Plain Black or navy sports shorts
- Navy, black or grey tracksuit for colder weather
- Daps/plimsolls/trainers

Please ensure each item of uniform, including PE kit, is labelled with your child's name.

Contact Details for Monkhouse:

**Unit 1 Simmonds View, Stoke Gifford. BS34 8HR**  
**0117 962 0011. [www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)**

Please see their website for details on how to order.