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HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers.

Welcome to the October Tilery Times. We have had a very busy month, with lots taking place in school.

We endeavour to keep parents up to date with school life. Information can be found on our school website, www.tileryprimary.org.uk and updates are regularly posted on Facebook. Please 'like' our page for updates. Parental support of your child's education is crucial to their progress

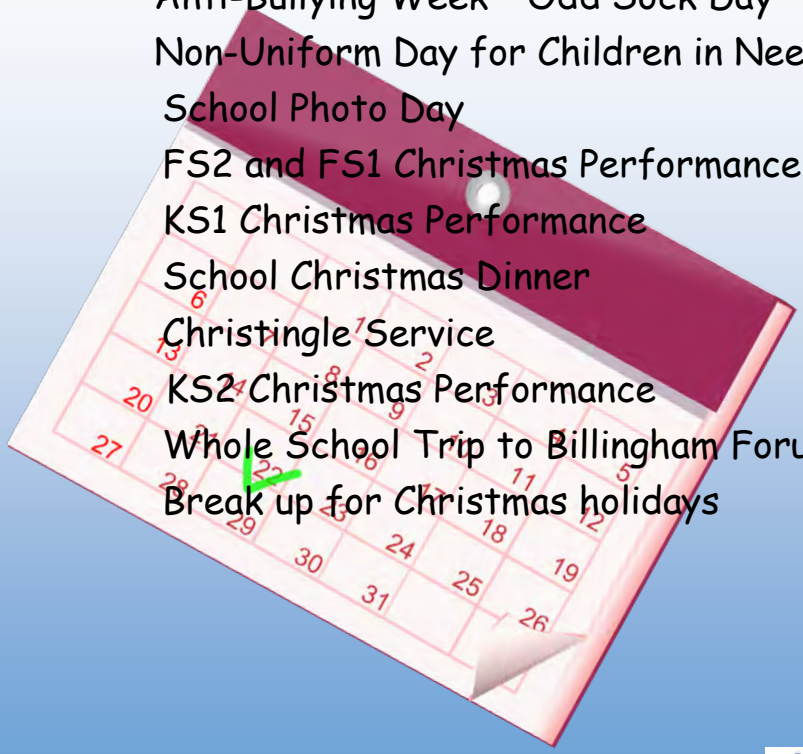
We hope you all have a fantastic and safe half term break and we will see you all back to school on Monday 6th November.

Mrs Stanyard

Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th October	School closed for a PD Day
Monday 6th November	Return to school
Friday 10th November	Inspiration for Aspiration Day
Monday 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Sock Day
Friday 17th November	Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need
Monday 20th November	School Photo Day
Friday 8th December	FS2 and FS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Christingle Service
Friday 15th December	KS2 Christmas Performance
Monday 18th December	Whole School Trip to Billingham Forum
Tuesday 19th December	Break up for Christmas holidays



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GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Reception Visit to Stockton Parish Church

We loved welcoming the reception class (in 2 groups) to Stockton Parish Church on the 2nd October as they learnt about 'community'. They'd had a big adventure getting the local bus (using Mrs Stanyard's credit card!) and walking through the High Street to get to us. They enjoyed singing songs and hearing a story from the Bible about Jesus cooking his friends' fish for breakfast. After this they all caught their own fish (paper ones) and decorated them with some beautiful colours. We can't wait to see them again (and the whole school) for the annual Christingle service on the 14th December.

Blessings,

Rev Mark Miller

EXTENDING THE CURRICULUM

Reception have been out and about this month. They enjoyed a visit to Stockton Parish Church, a visit to the farm and went shopping in Asda. A huge thank you to everyone involved who helped support staff to enable these visits to take place.

Our Year 3 children had a fabulous time at Arbeia learning about the Roman Fortifications.

Sadly, Storm Babet prevented Year 4 from attending but we have rescheduled their visit for November.

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a day at Eden Camp, where they learnt about World War II in the amazing open-air museum.

Year 1 and 2 have taken part in a visit to Tees Barrage to learn about Habitats and the Water-ways.

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 Girls who represented Tilery at the Girls Football Cluster Tournament at Stockton Football Club this week. They were a credit to the school and their fair play was noted.

A small group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils attended the Stockton Athletics competition and did brilliantly. We were so proud of their effort and achievements.

Year 6 pupils have just completed a 2-week swimming block. We were extremely pleased to see so many have now achieved the 25m standard. Well done everyone!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out on these visits. Without their support, school would struggle to take the children out on such a regular basis. If you feel you can support school on a visit, please let staff know.

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NURSERY PROVISION

Don't forget to put your toddler's name down for nursery so that we can contact you at the right time to offer a nursery place when they turn 3. At Tilery Nursery, we offer a 30-hour provision. If you are working and your child is over 3, he or she may be entitled to attend Tilery's nursery full time. Please speak to our Nursery staff for further details.

PARENTAL AND COMMUNITY LINKS

Thank you to everyone who came to parent consultations. It was so lovely to welcome parents into the building and share your children's work and successes with you. If you did not attend parents meeting, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

FREE BREAKFAST

Unlike many other schools, Tilery continues to offer a FREE breakfast bagel to EVERY child in school. Please make sure your child is in school at 8:30am, as we are unable to offer this to children who arrive late as we are busy teaching lessons by then.

FUNDING

Please let us know if you are in receipt of benefits as we are then able to claim more funding to spend on your child.

SITE SAFETY

In order to keep everyone who comes on to site safe, can we please remind you that our site is a non smoking site—this includes the use of vapes.

Can we also kindly ask that you do not allowed your children to ride bikes and scooters on site especially around the admin area. We have had quite a few near misses in recent weeks.

E SCOOTERS

We have a number of children and parents who have electric scooters which they ride around the playground. Although this probably seems like a safe place for your child to ride, we have to issue a ban on this whilst on school grounds. Unfortunately, we have lots of children running around outside and have had several near misses where children have almost been hit by scooters. It is illegal to use these on roads, pavements and cycle paths.

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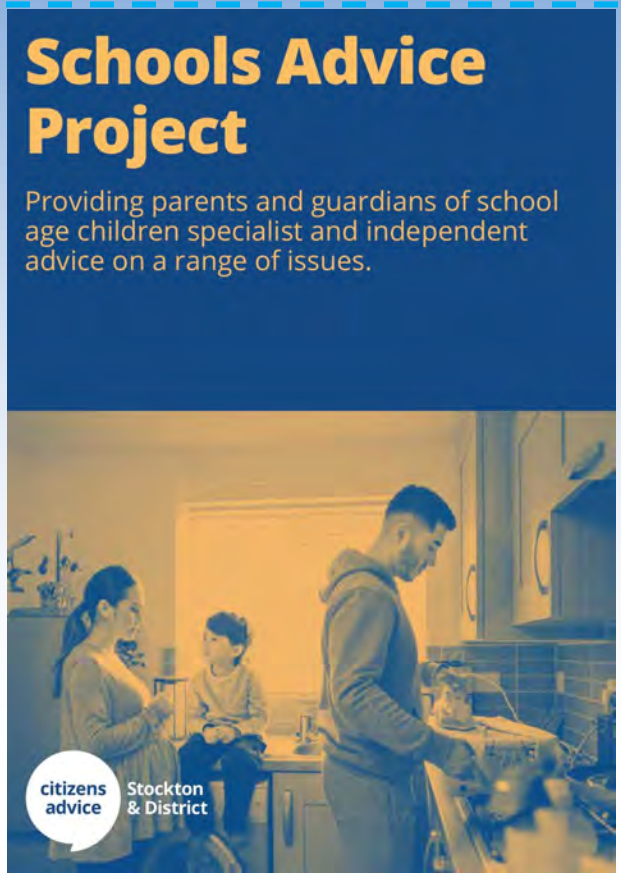

What is the Schools Advice Project?

There's a lot of pressure on families at the moment and so SDAIS is **providing help** to overcome the resulting problems.

The **Schools Advice Project** is working in partnership with schools of the Stockton Borough and their families by providing **free, confidential, and impartial advice** to the parents and guardians of school age children.

The project provides advice and support to **parents, guardians and school staff**. In doing so, we hope to provide a positive change to the children and families we speak to.

Email: schools@stockton-cab.co.uk

Tel (voicemail) - 01642 626104

How can we help?

We provide **free, independent, confidential and impartial** tailored advice.

We can advise and assist on a wide range of issues including:

- Benefits
- Debts and Budgeting
- Housing
- Family
- Employment
- Energy

If you need advice on any of these subjects, **we are here to help you**.

We can accept referrals from schools, or if you prefer you can contact us directly.

Get in touch today to see how we can help you!

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COMMUNITY FUND

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Next half term, we have 2 days when children will be invited into school without needing to wear school uniform. Friday 10th November is Inspiration for Aspiration Day, when we invite children to come into school dressed in the clothes they think they would wear for their dream job.

Children in Need is Friday 17th November and we are having a non-uniform day, so children can wear normal clothes. 50p donations will be gratefully received and can be given via parent pay or through a donation in cash. All children are welcome to attend in their out of school clothes, regardless of if they donate.

PAPERWORK

We still have a number of families who have not returned paperwork to school. It is important that we have up to date contact details in case of an emergency. You also need to sign the photograph consent forms or we will be unable to share your child's achievements on FaceBook.

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ATTENDANCE

You should ONLY keep your child off school if your doctor has advised it. If they need to see a doctor then please bring your child to school for their mark and return them to school after the appointment unless, of course, your doctor specifically says that they are too unwell to attend. If the doctor prescribes antibiotics for your child, they are allowed to return to school straight away. If the doctor prescribes antibiotics to be taken 4 times a day, we can administer medication in school, but parents must complete a medicine form at the office and bring the medication in the original packaging with the doctor's prescription label on it.

If a child is absent from school, for whatever reason, parents must inform school in person, via email or by telephone as soon as possible. The normal routine is to telephone the school on the first morning of absence. If you ring before 8:15am, you can leave a message on our answer phone. Such calls are always logged and the class teacher informed.

A day off now and then may not appear to be a lot, but these add up. Persistent absence is a serious problem at our school. Much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving them at a considerable disadvantage to other children. There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance and low levels of achievement in the future. The national expectation is that children should have 96% attendance. If you consider that:

Less than 5 days absence = 98%+ attendance

14 days absence (approx.) = 93.5% attendance

20 days absence (approx.) = 90% attendance

30 days absence (approx.) = 88% attendance

Then look at research which shows that:

Of pupils who have attendance of 50% or less, only 3% manage to achieve grades of 9 to 5 at GCSE, including English and maths

Of pupils who have attendance of 80% or 90%, only 35% manage to achieve grades of 9 to 5 at GCSE, including English and maths.

Of pupils who have attendance of 95% or above, 73% achieve grades of 9 to 5 at GCSE, including English and maths.

The odd day here and there **DOES** matter to your child's education!

CLASS	%	POSITION
YR5/6 Mrs Carter	97.9	1
YR3 Mrs Fender/Mrs Stoker	95.7	2
YR5 Mrs Pickering	95	3
YR3/4 Mr Large	93.8	4
YR4 Mrs Turner	93.8	5
YR1 Mrs Chapman	93.6	6
FS2 Miss Gent	93.4	7
YR1/2 Miss MacIver	91.3	8
FS2 Mrs McFee	91.1	9
YR6 Mrs Rodgers	91.1	10
YR2 Miss Hunt	89.6	11
Totals	93.4	

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COMMUNITY CHAMPION WINNERS

Well done to our two winners of the Community Champion Award for October. They will each take home the Community Champion trophy for the next month

KS1

Well Done Ava for passing her level 1 in swimming

KS2

Well Done Zara who Achieved second place in a National Competition

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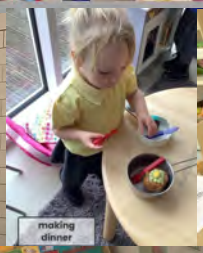

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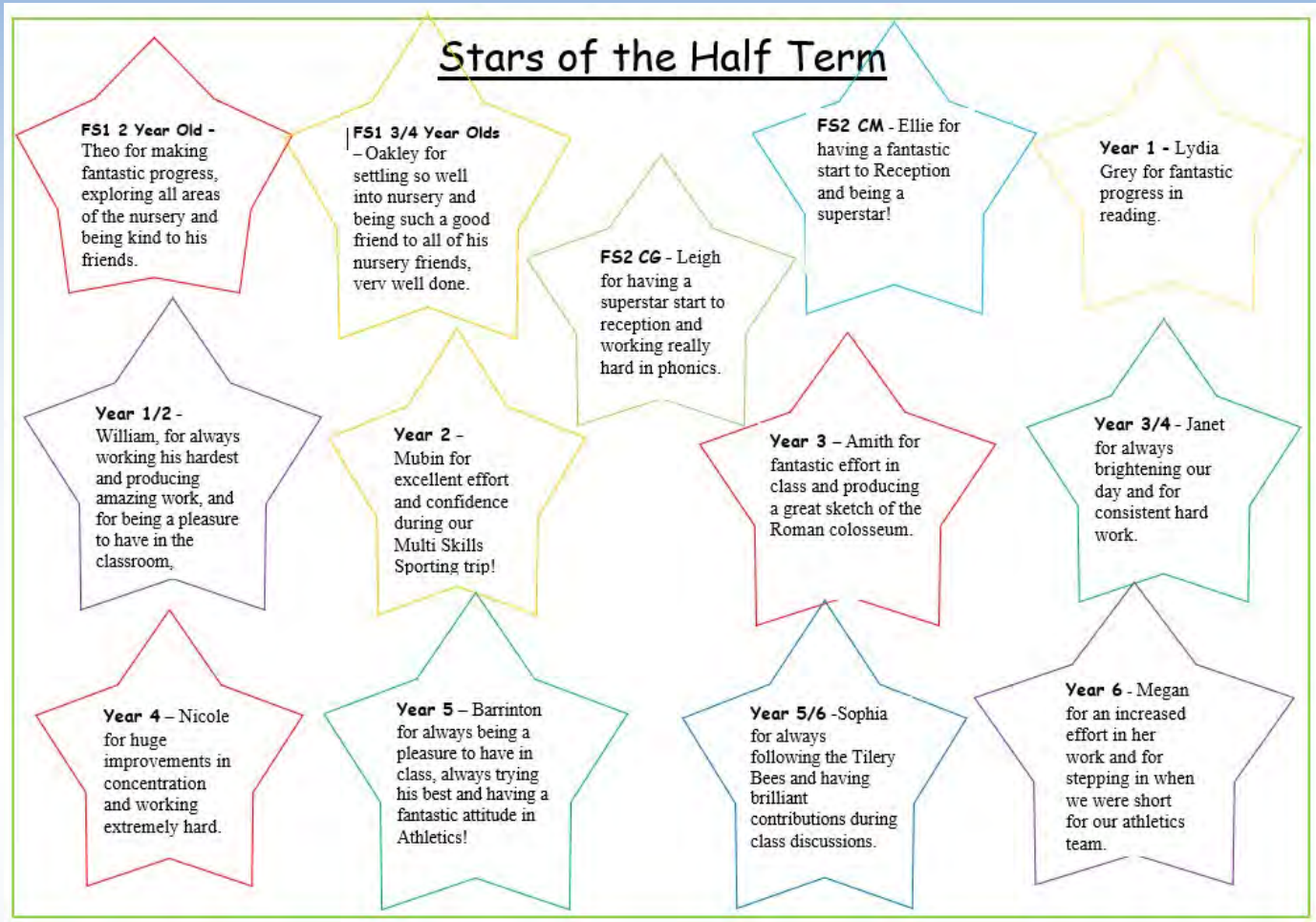

HOUSE POINTS

House	Weekly	Half Termly
Stephenson	860	5756
Cook	858	4867
Grey-Thompson	768	4688
Butterwick	738	4923