



SCHOOL NEWS

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I am delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

This is a Government-led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across schools and in the community. Some of the competitions we have participated in include tri-golf, football, cross country, dodgeball, multi-sports and athletics.

I would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and commitment to participating in the events, the staff for organising and attending and our families for helping with transport and supervision. This increased participation has really improved our Games and PE offer in school and has included all our Year groups.

End of Year Reports & Open Evening

The End of Year Reports will be sent home on Tuesday so please take a look in your child's bag. Nursery, Year 3 and Year 5 are the only year groups which won't have additional assessment information as there are no statutory tests for these ages. You will also find an end of year questionnaire which needs completing and returning to school. Please bring this to the Open Evening taking place on Wednesday 12th July, 5pm - 7pm. If you have any questions about the report or inserts, please bring these with you to discuss with the teachers. Feel free to go and visit your child's teacher for next year, bearing in mind that Mr Cope, Mr Redmond, Miss Hobson, Mrs Macfarlane, Mrs Chappell and Mrs Vedvik will be in their current classrooms.

Thank You and Goodbye!

This week we held our final Full Governing Board meeting. It is an end of an era as we said 'Goodbye' to Hamayoun Choudry and thanked him for his role, not only as governor for eight years but our Chair of Governors since 2018. His unwavering support of the school has been amazing as well as the many, many hours of time he has volunteered. As all governors do, he has carried out the role of both supporting and challenging the senior leadership of the school and I thank him for his measured and reasoned approach. He supported us immensely in the management of school throughout the pandemic and has always been on hand when needed. He has chaired the Governors' Resources Committee and kept an overview of the school budget through the most challenging of times. He will be very much missed on the board of Governors.

We have yet to appoint a replacement for Hamayoun and so in the meantime, our vice-chair, Dawn Copley, will take the role of acting chair.

thank you



Free School Meals

Important message for Year 2 Parents: from September, your child will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. You will need to either provide a packed lunch or pay for school meals. I have attached a letter with a return slip to indicate your preference for September. We will also send a paper copy of this home next week.

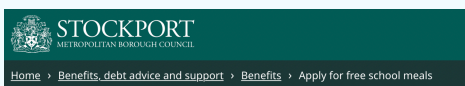
Are you eligible for Free School meals?

Anybody can apply for Free School meals if they meet the following criteria:

- *Income Support*
- *Universal Credit (provided your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get)*
- *income related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *income based Job Seekers Allowance support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *Child Tax Credit only with an income of less than £16,190*
- *the guaranteed element of Pension Credit*

Even if your child doesn't want to take a school meal, we strongly urge you to register as this generates income for the school (up to £1300 per child) which can be spent on resources to support your child to make the best possible progress as well as in other areas which may be needed.

To apply, you will need your National Insurance number and to follow this [link](#) to complete the online form. If you need support with this, please contact our school office who will assist you with the application.



[Apply for free school meals](#)

Girls' Football



Here is a great example of how we have achieved our School Games Gold Award. We took a team of eight to play in a World Cup Tournament involving 300 girls from 28 Stockport schools. We played 8 games, won 5, drew 1 and lost 2. A fantastic achievement. We couldn't keep count of the number of goals scored by Abby, and Teigan received the teamwork award for playing in an unfamiliar position to strengthen the team. They all played really well and their behaviour and attitudes were outstanding. Well done!



PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN YEAR 6 SPECIAL

Are you worried about your child navigating through the next few months? You are not alone!

Join fellow Stockport parents and carers who want to support their Year 6 child cope with change and move on to high school more confidently.

Free online sessions 130-230

30th June 2023
7th July 2023
14th July 2023
21st July 2023

Delivered by: +

Sally Wilkinson - Primary Jigsaw
Heather Newton - Inclusion Service
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Please see attached flyer for more information

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

