



Alexandra Park Primary School

Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 25th November

Thank you to everyone who completed the parental questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and constantly strive to provide the highest standard of learning and Care. I have attached the summary of all the feedback which is extremely positive and some of your individual responses below.

'Amazing school, lovely and caring staff. Pleasure taking my children to school everyday seeing their happy faces.'

'My children are very happy attending this school. I have every confidence in the school's ability to ensure my children thrive in their education and reach their full potential.'

Whilst we love to hear your positive comments, it is important we also pick out areas we can improve. Although 69% of parents felt the class forums have helped their children understand they are valued and their opinions are important, 27% of respondents were neutral on its impact. In school we can definitely see an impact on the children as learners and people. As a result of your feedback, we will communicate our focus to you so you can also have discussions at home. This week we have discussed the starfish story (I love it!) It is short, simple and with a very powerful message for us all and especially children. Have a read with your child - I'm sure you will enjoy it.

<https://www.countryschool.net/news-detail?pk=1250796>

Pupil Premium

Following up on the message you will have received on seesaw, as a school we are passionate about ensuring every child has the greatest chance of success. Our school data for last year shows that our Pupil Premium children make 4 times the national average progress in maths and reading! This is amazing for them! Schools receive additional funding for any child who qualifies for Pupil Premium which we spend on ensuring these children benefit from the highest quality teaching possible and additional support wherever they need it. This might be academic or for their wellbeing. We want as many children to benefit from this additional support as possible so we can help them make this outstanding progress. In addition to this in-school support, families who

qualify for Pupil Premium receive additional payments to help with the cost of living from the Local Authority. This is currently £60 per child which, if you are eligible you should receive this week. To help support families we have purchased an IT support package where we can now apply for Pupil Premium for you! The criteria could be any of these areas:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit (provided your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you feel you may qualify and want this additional support for your child, please message me on seesaw and I will ask Mrs Williams to help you.

World Cup Day

A day to remember! A very fun-filled day learning about the World Cup and our sweepstake teams. The children were so excited to see so many fantastic goals as well as support an inspirational figure - Marcus Rashford. Throughout the game, we saw collaboration, care and determination. We were so proud of England. It's coming home!



Reception

We have been very creative this week in Reception and have made our own stained-glass windows to decorate our Discovery Room, when the light shines through we can see the colours of the rainbow! We have also been investigating how shadows are made, we had lots of fun creating our own shadows!



Wellbeing Ambassadors

The Wellbeing Ambassadors visited some of Stockport Academy's Peer Mentors this week to learn more about wellbeing. They introduced us to the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' and the children took part in an art session where they designed a booklet to explain each of the wellbeing areas. The Ambassadors will now work on preparing an assembly to share their learning with the rest of school.



Star of the Week



Each week when the teachers describe their Star of the Week in assembly, I try and guess who it is before they announce their name. I think the children in the class also do the same thing as I will often see them looking around at the children in their class. Whoever wins, what stands out is how pleased the children are for their classmate. There is usually a lot of high fiving as they come up to the front of our assembly. As always, it was a pleasure to chat with our winners and I hope they enjoyed their drinks and biscuits.

Important Dates

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- Non-uniform **Friday 2nd December** for bottle donations
- Christmas Fair **Friday 2nd December 3:30pm - 5:30pm**
- Stockport Academy Christmas Market - **Saturday 26th November 11am - 2pm**
- School breaks up for half term on Friday 23rd December
- School reopens on Tuesday 10th January

