



Alexandra Park Primary School
Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 2nd September 2022

Welcome Back!

A huge welcome back to all our children and families. It really has been great to see all the children over the last 2 days. They have all come back with great attitudes; big smiles and ready to learn.

Open Art Exhibition at Stockport Memorial War Museum.



A huge congratulations to Oscar and Elsie who entered some work into the children's section of the Open Art Exhibition at Stockport Memorial War Museum. Their work was chosen for exhibition and has been on display all summer. Over the summer, members of the public have voted for their favourite pieces of art from both adult and child categories. Amazingly, Oscar's artwork was voted in the Top 5 and he will be attending an award ceremony on Saturday where he will get to meet the Mayor of Stockport. His winning piece of art - "Totem Pole" - was created at school in our Art Club, and he was also awarded 'Artist of the week' for it at the time. We hope that lots of other children will enjoy the after school art club this year as well as all the other clubs on offer.

Football

There is no doubt that for many of our children their favourite part of the school day is playing football at break and lunch time with their friends. I know as a child it was certainly mine! A vast majority of the time when the children play football they are fantastic. However, there are going to be times in school when children may make poor choices, and this does tend to be during football. This year we want to ensure that the children maintain the same high standards of behaviour and respect towards each other when they play football as they do at all other times in school. One action which helped this last year was the children shaking hands at the end of the games as would happen in a professional match. This year to further help the children make good choices, we are introducing yellow and red cards. We have communicated to the children how the card system will work and thought it would be useful for you to have the same information

- Any arguing, shouting or verbal discussions which we would not accept anywhere else in the school will result in a yellow card.
- Any physical contact, pushing, kick out etc will result in a straight red card.
- Two yellow cards during one breaktime would lead to a red card.
- Two yellow cards in a week, would result in a meeting with Mr Brooke.
- A red card would lead to a week's ban from football, and again I would meet with the child.

Attendance

We are all very aware that over the last few years there have been periods of time where the children have unfortunately had to be away from school. A new year always feels like a new start, and we now need to prioritise every child being in school. Research before covid showed that when children regularly miss days at school, they struggle to keep up with school work; find it harder to make and keep friendships, which is a vital part of growing up; and do not make the progress they are capable of. I do not want this to be the situation for any child at our school and I am sure you feel the same. I completely understand that children will be ill and there will be the odd day when they are absent. Where this is the case, please let Mrs Lockett know in the office. Where we see children start to struggle is when their attendance drops below 94%. Where this is the case, I would phone you to help work out a plan for how we can increase your child's attendance. Linked to the above, Stockport Council will be issuing Education Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence. Please avoid booking holidays in term time as this would be classed as unauthorised absence.

Punctuality

Every minute counts! Our school day starts at 8.40. The first 15 minutes are 'Ready to Learn' time, where the teacher or teaching assistant supports your child in a less formal manner. It may be as simple as asking them about their evening and giving a child to talk about something which is important to them; or it could be following up and helping them with an area of the previous day's learning; or an activity which will help them with the learning they are going to do during the day. Whatever the activity, we know that when children are in school early, they are settled, happy and ready to learn. Conversely, we know when a child is late, they often find it difficult to settle and they say they feel like they are catching up, which is not a nice feeling for them. For all of these reasons, please ensure your child arrives at school at 8.40.

Uniform and bags

I am delighted to see all the children looking so smart. I had intended to send a reminder to you before the half term saying if the children are wearing trainers, they need to be fully back, but from what I have seen all children are wearing appropriate footwear. Thank you for this. As bags are kept on pegs at the back of the classroom, all bags that children bring to school need to be drawstring bags of a reasonable size. This allows us to maximise the space in the classroom and we appreciate your support with this.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that we are a **nut free** school. We have children and staff who have nut allergies and therefore please ensure that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school.

Year 3

We started off our school year at Hogwarts after receiving our acceptance letters in the post during the holidays! We donned our robes and got sorted into our houses in the great hall. We then took part in different lessons including potion making, care of magical creatures, quidditch and transfiguration. We loved being witches and wizards for the day and know we are going to have a magical year in Year 3!



Year 4

In 4 Kahlo we have taken inspiration from Frida Kahlo today. Using collaboration, we created this wonderful set of wings as we are ready to spread our wings and fly!



Important Dates

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will start on Thursday 15th September 8.40 to 9.10 and will be held every week.
- Care in the Community nomination to be sent in via Seesaw on Friday 14th October
- School breaks up for half term on Friday 21st October
- School reopens on Tuesday 1st November
- Parents evenings Wednesday 9th November 3.15pm to 6.00pm
- Parents evening Thursday 10th November 3.15pm to 7.30pm