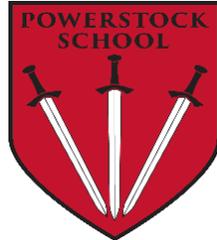


Powerstock Primary School

Learning together to be the best that we can be ~ for every child, life in all its fullness.
I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10



January Newsletter

Note from Mrs Greenham

All of us have been affected recently by the icy roads in some way - the weather can be so disruptive but luckily it is very rare with the last occasion being the Beast from the East in 2018. I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for all your support, especially those of you who offered help to others directly. We had so many messages about people giving time and resources to help those of you who got stuck and the Three Horseshoes were fantastic, providing delicious fish and chips when our hot school lunch provider couldn't get through - what a wonderful school community we have.

Website Survey

We are constantly trying to improve and add to our website so that it is a good source of information for you and also for you to see what your child is doing in school. To help us do this we need to have your views and suggestions. Please do our less-than-2-minute survey to give us more of an idea:

<https://tinyurl.com/powerstockwebsitefeedback>

Lunch Boxes & Snacks

Please make sure that your child has a healthy snack and lunch box (if they bring one) in line with our prospectus advice. **This means no crisps, sweets, chocolate or flavoured drinks please.** We are engaged in the Healthy Schools Scheme and hope to make healthy improvements as the year goes on. The School Council have found that the healthier snacks and lunches are, the less plastic we use too!

Uniform

Full uniform please including school shoes - please see the office if you are having difficulties providing these items.

Jack and The Beanstalk



Tree House Theatre came to school today to perform Jack and the Beanstalk! Many children had never seen a pantomime so it was great fun to join in and really enjoy the revived story of Jack, his mother and the giant...a story of good triumphing over evil with songs to sing and lots of "it's behind you" and "boooooooo!". All great fun and a true traditional tale experience.



This was all thanks to the PSA for funding this opportunity - thank you very much PSA!



The watchers.



The big, scary giant.

Online safety



As you will know, we spend time teaching children about online safety as part of our Computing lessons and PSHE. However, we are increasingly aware of and concerned about pupils accessing phones, devices, social media, chats and so on at home and the impact that this is having.

To help families with this issue, we are running a parents **Tea and Talk** event (with cake!) at 3pm on Wednesday 1st February and would love as many parents as possible to attend so we can raise awareness of the dangers, inform and help you keep your child safe online. Please do have a look at our revamped Online Safety page:

<https://powerstock.school/policies-and-information/online-safety/>

and come along on the 1st Feb with any questions.

Dates for your Diary

27th January—Science Day

31st January—Scouts Assembly 10:00 with Joy Edwards

13th—19th February Half term

20th February— First day back to school

2nd March—World Book Day—please bring in any books (in good condition) you don't want any longer for our book donation to Oxfam UK. Please could you child bring in their favourite book from home to show in assembly that day and dress up as your favourite character.

16th March—KS1 Multiskills at Colfox

22nd March—KS2 STEM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

3rd—14th April Easter holidays

17th April—First day back in school

1st May—Bank Holiday

8th May—Bank Holiday

8th May— “Chance to Shine” Cricket begins for 6 weeks (details to follow)