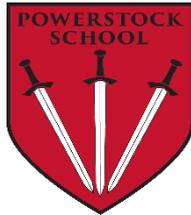


# Newsletter

## November 2020



*“Learning together to be the best that we can be!”*

We know that these few weeks will be a challenge in some way for everyone and want to work together to help your child learn, thrive and really enjoy their time in school. We have rigorous measures in place in school and our whole team is working hard to make sure that standards remain high in all aspects. I have linked some new information about the lockdown at the end of this newsletter.

Our new website is ready: <https://powerstock.school/> We worked on it over half term and hopefully you will find it easier to navigate and full of information. We will be updating regularly with photos like this from our Wellbeing Friday session:



The children made clay characters using natural materials for decoration and detail.

We want school to be as normal as possible for the children and have some lovely things planned for the rest of the year. Next Friday 13th will be **BBC Children in Need** day and we would like to continue with this event as far as we can. For a £1 donation we are inviting your child to dress up for Pudsey in perhaps yellow/spotty clothes. We also have a number of wristbands for sale in school (£1 each) if you would like one – there will be a collection box in each class.



This year, Children in Need has teamed up with Joe Wicks the Body Coach for a live-streamed morning activity. Schools all across the UK are getting together with Joe Wicks at 9am on the day for a specially tailored activity session. It's the perfect workout for children to kick off a full day of fun-packed fundraising.

Each class will be enjoying an activity packed morning to promote awareness for this fantastic cause.



The staff will be “spreading some magic” on the morning so look out for us in the playground on the day...!

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As we all know, everything is a bit different this year but this doesn't have to mean “not as good”! With that in mind, we have **something special planned for Christmas** this year. In the next couple of weeks we will be working on our Christmas Nativity. KS1 and Reception children will be telling the story with some contributions from everyone else in the school. This will be a filmed production and the finished product will be sent to everyone to enjoy.



We will make sure the children have a wonderful build up to the end of term with the help of the PSA. We will be providing a present for each child, making Christmas decorations to bring home and hopefully some Christmas cards that the children will produce for you to use to send to your friends and families. Local Food Links will deliver their **Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** December for those who would like it. We will also be decorating the classrooms in true festive style and following the Advent story in the lead up to the end of term as well.



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In getting outside as far as possible, it is important that your child has suitable shoes and a **warm, waterproof coat**. We do try to be outside for breaktimes even in wet drizzly weather and warm clothes will ensure that your child stays with their class at all times.

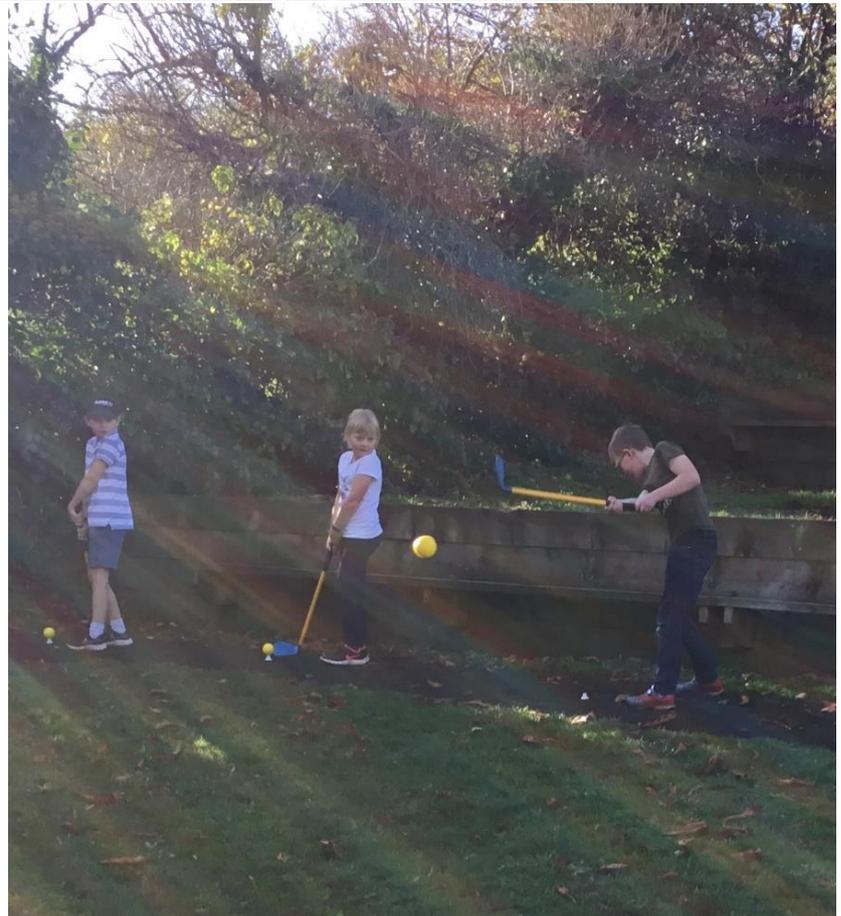
Also, please make sure items of clothing (coats in particular!) are named.

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**Flu immunisation** will take place on November 25<sup>th</sup> at school for all year groups. You will receive a letter about this soon. We usually have a good take up for this and we are hopeful that this year will be even better to keep everyone safe.

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We have designed our PE this term around our current risk assessment which observes distancing and low contact. Here are some photos from our first golf session today! Just as much if not more fun than usual!





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## Important Covid-19 information:

Please read -

[New guidance for schools](#) Published 5.11.20

Please remember not to send your child into school with anything other than their packed lunch/drink ie. No bags unless it is forest school that day. We have difficulty storing these and want to minimise the risk of home/school infection where we can.

Plastic or metal packed lunch containers are more easily cleaned and again reduces the chance of infection.

We ask that you still adhere to strict Classroom drop off times to make sure that classes are kept separate and to ensure that your child does not miss out on being part of their class group from the start of the day. If your child is late or arrives at the incorrect time, it does mean that extra cleaning may need to take place to ensure everyone is kept safe.

In the **event of a class closure** due to Cv-19 or a **child needing to isolate at home** I have emailed a new Remote Learning Policy. This includes important information setting out what our provision will be so please do take the time to see what we have in place.

**Thank you all for your continued support!**

