



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. It is very typical that the sun is now shining! We have all loved returning to school, especially sharing our first whole school assembly together!

Year 1 Garden Project

We are excited to be celebrating the official opening of the Year 1 garden tomorrow at 3pm with a visit from the Mayor! We have been extremely lucky to have been given both monetary donations and bundles of hard work and time from the community and especially from our parents in Year 1. A special thank you to Becs Sheather for her outstanding motivation and organisation skills which, with the help of Year 1 families, has transformed a blank area of field into an inviting, fun, continuous learning provision for children to enjoy for years to come. We still have a roof to add to the shelter and some final touches, so please donate if you can: [Year 1 donation page](#)



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th September – Year 5 and 6 children - mental health champion training

Friday 1st October – Invictus games visitor in school – children to come to school in sportswear and trainers ready to take part in a whole school circuits challenge

Thursday 21st October – End of term at 3pm for all children

Friday 22nd – Inset day – Staff vision day – no children in school today

Monday 1st November – Start of term 2 – 8.40-8.50am

Monday 8th November – Photo day - individual photos taken of children

Monday 15th November – Flu nasal spray offered to all children by NHS nurses (more information to follow)

Friday 19th November - Children in Need day – School council to arrange

Wednesday 8th December – Whole school pantomime trip to Swindon (Jack and the Beanstalk)

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas dinner day

Friday 17th December – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

Class News

Year F Foundation have spent the week settling in to their new classroom, exploring all the activities and learning their new school routines. We have also enjoyed making some musical instruments to use in our music area.

Year 1 This week we have been very busy learning all about the new routines of Year 1! In maths the children have been practising their sorting skills, thinking of different ways they could sort a group of objects. This term our topic is Marvellous Me, so in geography we have been thinking about where we live and looking at where England is on the map. The children have loved watching the builders put up the canopy in their new garden and can't wait to play under it.

Year 2 We have had a wonderful start to our first term in Year 2. We have worked hard to build our Year 2 team this week with lots of activities to prepare the classroom and to prepare us for learning. We have thought carefully about what makes a good team and we are already showing excellent encouragement, support and care of one another. We have even decided on a team name for the year! We are Team Tigers!

Year 3 In Year 3 we have had a great first week back in school. In English we have enjoyed writing a letter to our future self and in maths we have been problem solving and using all of our fantastic maths skills to take on different maths challenges.

Year 4 Year 4 have had such a brilliant return to school and I have been so proud of how they have all coped with the change of year group. We have been really busy thinking about how we can be a really effective and happy team this year and we have even decided on our team name - Year 4 are now the Year 4 Yetis! This was inspired by the idea of 'we might not be able to do it yet(i)! but if we try we will be able to!' I look forward to all the things we are going to be able to achieve as 'Team Yeti' this year.

Year 5 The children have all had a great start to Year 5. We have spent this week looking at different mind-set messages to how we approach our learning, and identified some of the many talents we have in class. We have also started our new geography topic looking at South America.

Year 6 All of Year 6 has had a fantastic start to the year. We have been exploring what it means to be resilient and looking at our inner strengths. We have also been looking at how to have positive learning attitudes and be role models for everyone else in the school.

Soaring High

This week the following children have earned "Soaring High":

Year F All of Foundation class for settling in to Stockham school so quickly and showing such independence and enthusiasm while exploring their new classroom environment. Well done Foundation!

Year 1 All of Year 1 for how well they have settled into Year 1! We have had a brilliant first week!!

Year 2 All of Year 2 for an absolutely amazing start to the year. I am so proud of you all Team Tigers, well done!

Year 3 Louis and Mason for both using such fantastic team work when writing your letters, it was absolutely brilliant to see you working so well together! I can really see what great learning partners you are going to make, very well done boys!

Year 4 Kathy for having such a wonderful attitude to everything she has been asked to do since joining Year 4. She has worked so hard on everything we have done so far and produced some wonderful pieces of artwork. What a great start, Kathy. You should be very proud of yourself.

George for having a wonderful start to Year 4. He has worked really hard and had such a wonderful attitude to everything he has been asked to do. He worked particularly well on a piece of artwork we did and really pushed himself to follow the style of an artist we had looked at. Well done, George.

Year 5 Phoebe for showing amazing confidence in class! Well done Phoebe we are all very proud of you!

Archie for showing great listening skills during our lessons - especially when we were learning about where South America is located.

Year 6 Lily for being enthusiastic in lessons and having her hand up to share lots of ideas. She was also very determined in her spellings lessons.

Isaac for his amazing and thoughtful answers in all lessons this week. He has been really positive and enthusiastic and a good team player.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 5 for having the tidiest room. Well done!

Second-hand uniform

Good quality, second-hand uniform is available from Friends of Stockham with all money raised coming directly to school. For information on availability of items, please see this facebook group or email friendsofstockham@gmail.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Stockham-School-Second-hand-uniform-sale-103641978169121>

School Uniform

If you need new uniform please order online or by telephone. The website is pmsgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from [pmsgschoolwear](http://pmsgschoolwear.co.uk).