



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

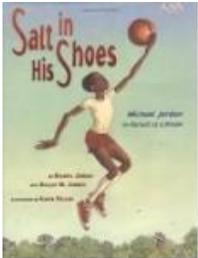
## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term our school values are 'Goals and Ambitions'. In assembly, we found out about a famous historical basketball player called Michael Jordan and how determination and hard work allowed him to achieve his dream. I have set the children a little task to complete at home ready for next Monday's assembly. Please look out for the goals and ambitions paper slip in your child's bag and encourage them to discuss these or bring in their thoughts to school. [Salt in his shoes You tube clip](#)



### **Dangerous parking on the junction opposite school**

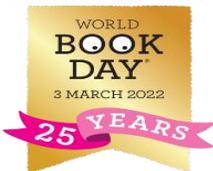
Please can parents and carers park their cars for drop off and pick up in a safe place. There have been a few near-miss incidents due to cars parked dangerously on the junction opposite the school.

### **Dates for your diary**

**18<sup>th</sup> February** – 3pm – school finishes for February half term

**28<sup>th</sup> February** – Children return to school for term 4 (8.40=8.50am)

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** – World book day



The theme for this World Book Day follows the message "You Are a Reader," and there will be a focus on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The World Book Day organisation will be working with schools and nurseries to distribute gift vouchers to ensure that all children can have a book of their own.

**7<sup>th</sup> March** – Whole school visit from Ben Smith (401 marathons in 401 days athlete). Ben was bullied at school. He raised over £330,000 for anti-bullying children charities. Ben will be talking to the children about finding their happy place and good mental health. Children may come to school wearing clothes that make them happy or represent who they are as an individual (suitable for both the weather and for practical wearing in school)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3Q5hsSU9L8>

**Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents evenings

**8<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term 4 at 12pm.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

## **A message from Jo Wilkinson, Chair of Governors:**

We are delighted that Katy Radburn-Smith has joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor role. Katy has children in Year 3 and Year 6, and works locally in healthcare communications.

### **Class News**

- Year F** In Foundation class this week we have been looking at the signs of winter that are all around us and we have been reading non-fiction books as a class to gather information about winter. We went for a wintery walk to take photographs and have written a class book about what we can see in the winter. We have been experimenting with ice when it has been cold enough to freeze water overnight and watching what happens to ice from the freezer when it gets warm in our classroom. We have also been thinking about how animals survive in the winter and enjoyed making a den for hibernating animals and bird feeders for any birds that haven't migrated during our outdoor learning time this week.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we had our first lesson on the new Chromebooks. The children had a great time learning where the different letters are on the keyboard through an online game and showed off their super coding skills during our lesson. In English we have been learning about proper nouns! The children have been spotting the proper nouns in a sentence and giving them a capital letter! In maths we have been learning how to take away using jumps on a number track.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have begun learning to multiply by 2, 5 and 10 in our maths lessons. We have been using cakes and plates to help us group and have shown how we can write these groups in a range of number sentences. In design and technology, we have been designing models of the Great Fire of London that we can use to retell the story of this historical event that happened in 1666.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have been adding and subtracting 100's and we have also been using our knowledge of number patterns to help our understanding of adding and subtracting.  
In English we have started to look at our story 'Secrets of a Sun King.' We have been looking at what a good diary entry needs and how they are presented.  
We have also been really enjoying our topic of light in science, we really loved talking about different light sources and exploring the sun as a light source.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of our story 'The Willow Pattern'. We have thought about how to use coordinating conjunctions linked to our story and using adjectives to describe both characters and settings. As historians we have been thinking carefully about what we know about other periods in history and how this can help us to make sensible predictions about what the Shang Dynasty might have been like. In maths we have continued to learn about measuring and have now started to add different lengths. We are also loving our new coding programme!!!
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great week. We have been looking at multiplication in maths and in English we have started our new topic based on the Nowhere Emporium. We have also started thinking about why Geographers do fieldwork.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been exploring what a settlement is in geography and the push and pull factors causing people to travel to new areas. In English, we have been learning to speak in the manner of a formal letter aiming to request support. In maths we have been analysing pie chart data.

## Soaring High

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

**Year F** Maia for her great contributions to our maths lessons. You are always concentrating and working hard on your maths skills and it is wonderful to see how much more confident you are with counting and numbers. Well done Maia!

Kyla for confidently using her phonics skills and showing independence in her writing this week. Well done Kyla!

**Year 1** Stirling for your brilliant writing! You really impressed the adults this week with your independence and determination in your morning writing. It was lovely to see you re-reading your work independently to check it made sense and making any corrections needed. You are becoming a super writer! Well done Stirling.

Tyler for your amazing computer skills! You worked really hard during our coding lesson this week. You listened to the instructions and using the mouse pad to select and order the different pictures. Well done Tyler!

**Year 2** Leah for showing the confidence to work independently in our maths lesson this week. It was lovely to see you believing in yourself and you produced some excellent independent work.

Teddy for excellent maths work in your group this week. You showed excellent listening and independence, well done.

**Year 3** Elijah G for using such fantastic confidence and independence when creating his presentation about the Ancient Egyptians. You clearly worked very hard on this and you stood up confidently in front of the whole class and showed us all. Well done Elijah!

Lucy for using such perseverance and confidence in maths lessons, I have seen a great improvement in your work and you are never afraid to challenge yourself, this is amazing to see, well done Lucy!

**Year 4** Polly for working really hard at the moment and for having a positive attitude. You have worked particularly hard in our English lessons recently and have written some good descriptions. Well done, Polly, keep it up!

Elijah for always being a very supportive friend to his classmates and for working particularly hard in our coding lesson this week. You quietly worked through each level and managed to 'de-bug' the codes really successfully. Well done, Elijah.

**Year 5** Leon for using your independence in English to produce an excellent piece of writing. Well done.

Tegan for fantastic perseverance and independence in English. Your transmission report was excellent!

**Year 6** Gwyn for his interesting and confident contributions to class discussions this week. Violet for her determination in maths to understand new methods and persevere through mistakes.

Well done everyone!

## Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 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](mailto: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 [pmgschoolwear.co.uk](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk) and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from pmgschoolwear.