



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been so busy in school with some very exciting events and opportunities. Some children met Suzie the dog, who is supporting the 'Paws to read' project in school. Some of the children read so beautifully to Suzie that she started to fall asleep!



Cross country

This week, we took 20 children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Wantage park to take part in the inter-school annual race. It was an incredible morning of successes. The year 5/6 girls AND boys teams both finished in first place! The Year 3 and 4 teams came in 3rd place overall; a wonderful achievement.

There was some inspiring running from all the children. Well done to Lucca and Ava who were first over the finish line against all the other schools. Our Year 5/6 boys individually finished in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th position out of all the boys. The Year 5 and 6 girls individuals took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place too. I was so proud of all the children. Thank you to all the parents who transported and made this such a memorable moment. Next competition = Year 5 and 6 tag rugby (4th October after school at Stockham).



Year 5 and 6 author visit

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to the Beacon to hear a talk from an author called Lauren St John. Lauren's new book 'Finding Wonder' was published on the 7th September. It was lovely to see many children keen to buy a signed copy of her new book.

PC Haynes visit to Stockham School

Year 1 and 3 had a great visit from PC Haynes. They explored the role of the community police and focused on anti-bullying (ahead of Anti-bullying week in November).



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd October – Whole school Bassistry music workshops (Fully funded by our partnership Springline Schools)

Friday 6th October – Winter Water safety roadshow assembly

Monday 9th October – Year 5 swimming sessions start

Thursday 19th October – End of term 3.10pm

Friday 20th October – INSET day.

Monday 30th October – Children return to school for term 2

Monday 6th November – Flu spray for all children (separate consent letter will be sent home)

Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week (more information to come soon from Miss Lovegrove and the anti-bullying ambassadors)

Friday 17th November – Children in Need day – led by our newly appointed school council members and Mr Burbank

Tuesday 21st November – School photo day (individual portrait photos and siblings' photos who attend Stockham school)

Friday 1st December – Non-school uniform day – bring in a luxury item for our Christmas hampers

Tuesday 12th December – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner day and present room

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 12pm

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return for Term 3.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

Year F This week in Foundation, through the story book 'Colour Monster', we have been thinking about the different emotions that we can feel. The children thought about the words happy, sad, angry, scared, loved and what they mean and can feel like. Later in the week, we thought about what feelings feel nice or not so nice and how to support the different feelings that we can get. The children have been busy in phonic lessons and have been introduced to the sounds, g, o, c and k. These sounds have also been hiding in the learning environment and we have really enjoyed hunting to find them! The children have also been busy in maths, learning how numbers 2, 3 and 4 are composed of 1s and thinking carefully about how the whole is made up of

smaller parts.

- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been busy learning about our 5 senses in science. This week we focused on our taste and tasted some jam, lemon curd, marmite and honey, we didn't like the marmite very much! In English we have been completing our story maps based on the colour monster story and continuing to find out about our local area and King Alfred in History.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been really enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London. This week we created Tudor style houses from Pudding Lane and listed all the reasons why they caused the fire to spread. In English we have begun recycling the story of Eliot the Midnight Hero with our own superheroes, missions and super powers. In geography, we have created fact files on the three different types of wildfire.
- Year 3** Year 3 have been busy in English this week finishing their Stone Age stories. In maths, we have continued our work on place value, focusing on placing 3-digit numbers on a number line. In history, we learned about the Skara Brae, which was once a Stone Age settlement. In music this week, we created a soundscape to accompany a short film.
- Year 4** This week in Year 4 we have been learning more about the Romans' invasion of Britain. We looked into the reasons why Britain was so appealing to the Romans, and how many attempts they had to invade! We have also been working on rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a very busy week. They have continued to explore place value in maths and have been writing and editing their non-chronological reports. We also had a fantastic visit to the Beacon to hear the Lauren St John talk about her book Finding Wonder. The children were all a credit to Stockham School following all of our 3 rules. Well done Year 5, we are very proud of you!
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week. We have been investigating our new text The Ways of the Wolf. We have made predictions about the type of book we think it will be and explored some of the tricky vocabulary in it. We are looking forward to learning more about wolves as we delve further into the book. In maths we have been revising methods for addition and subtraction and have reminded ourselves about common factors and multiples. As geographers we have explored some of the geographical features of North America and as scientists we have learnt about light reflection and carried out an investigation about how light reflects differently on different surfaces. We all also really enjoyed our visit to The Beacon and listening to author Lauren St John talking about her life and books.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Sienna-Rose - Sienna, you did some marvellous Colour Monster work this week! It was lovely to see so much concentration and effort go into your work which made a fantastic end result!
Alexander - You have consistently shown fantastic listening skills this week and you are always ready to have a go, what a great attitude to have towards learning, keep it up!
- Year 1** Eddie for using all your learning powers this week to focus on your work, you have shown great determination, and this has shown in your work, well done.
Nandi for trying so hard with your story board in English this week, the adults have been really impressed with your determination and perseverance, well done.
- Year 2** Jacob - For applying your enthusiasm to what we are learning this term to your independent work with amazing outcomes.
Lilah - For sharing a thoughtful piece of homework with the class. You did some great research and writing about what you discovered.

- Year 3** Kayden - for great editing of your Stone Age story. You listened carefully to the feedback you were given and acted upon it independently. You should be really proud of your finished story!
Isabel - for a great start to Year 3. You have followed the class rules really well and you are working really hard in lessons. Well done Isabel!
- Year 4** Charlie for having a great attitude to his learning this week. You have put lots of effort into your work this week and produced some great work. Well done, Charlie!
Keep it up.
Joshua for always being respectful to others. You always use your manners, and are a fantastic role model for other students to follow. Well done, Joshua!
- Year 5** Elijah R for always showing great independence in class. You always settle down quickly to work, do your best and produce work of a great standard! You are a credit to Year 5. Well done Elijah!
Lexi F for a fantastic cross country race. We were so impressed with your determination to keep on going and your all round brilliant effort! Well done Lexi.
- Year 6** Hafsa for settling in so well to life in Year 6 and at Stockham. You have embraced our learning powers and already made lots of friendships.
Lucas for taking such care and attention in your artwork. You looked at the original North-West Atlantic coast artwork really carefully and paid particular attention to the small details when recreating it in your work. I was so proud of how much you focused on the task. Well done, Lucas.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 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).