



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coffee mornings

We would like to invite you to our coffee and information mornings with our school Educational Psychologist, Emma Herring. Each coffee morning will focus on topics to support families. There will be time for discussions along with tea, coffee and cake.

The dates for these are:

Friday 18th November (9-10am) – ‘Guided play to support emotional and social skills’

Thursday 23rd March (9-10am) – To be confirmed

Thursday 6th April (9-10am) With the additional support of Jo Allott (Special Needs Advisory Teacher) – To be confirmed

Please contact Katie Roberts, our school SENCO if you have any questions or have a topic area you would find useful to cover - krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk

Parking around the school

Please can I ask all parents and family members to be considerate with their parking outside the school gates. Please ensure that pathways are kept free on the opposite side of the road so that children have a safer area to cross. Parking across this area makes it difficult for families to cross over, especially in the wetter, colder weather. Parking should be clear of any junctions and off the yellow zig zags. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent evenings

After the October half term, parents will be able to sign up for a parent’s evening slot. Parent’s evenings will take place during the week beginning 7th November. These will be face to face meetings where you can come into school and have a look through your child’s learning books. The slot for each child is 10 minutes. Your class teacher will let you know when this time has ended in order to ensure that we stick to timings and to not keep anyone waiting. If you require more time with the teacher to discuss anything further, another appointment can be arranged. A list of days and times will be available on your child’s classroom door **from Monday 31st October**. If you are unable to come into school to sign up, you can ring the office on 01235 764407 or email

office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk

We will also have the book fair in school during this week. The children will all have a visit to book fair during school time and will have had a chance to see all the new books, novels and texts.

We are recruiting

We have vacancies for a lunch time supervisor. We are looking to appoint a committed and energetic member of staff to join our outstanding, happy primary school. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a motivated and driven team of staff who ensure that the children’s wellbeing and learning is at the heart of everything we do.

All job role details can be found on our school website:

<https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Dates for your diary

Friday 21st October - end of term at 3pm

Friday 21st - Flu immunisations for all Year groups (Consent email has been sent home on 13.09.22)

Monday 31st October – Children return to school for term 2

Week beginning 7th November - Parents/Teacher evenings – In person or via zoom, Book fair in school

Friday 11th November – School photo day (individual photos and siblings who attend Stockham School)

Friday 18th November – Children in Need day led by the school council

Monday 21st November - Athlete Visit (Kelly Simm – commonwealth gold medal gymnast)

Tuesday 13th December – whole school pantomime trip to see Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Tuesday 20th December - 12pm term 2 ends.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

As we approach the end of this first busy term of the year, we would just like to share with the school community some of the activities the Governing Board have been involved in since the start of the school year. As Governors, we have a very privileged role in helping to shape the strategic direction of the school; we don't get involved in the 'day to day' operations - that is for Mrs Burbank and her staff - but we do have some statutory duties to undertake to ensure that Stockham pupils are kept safe and receive the very best education that can be provided. To this end, the Governors started the year with our 'Strategic Planning Meeting' where we outlined some of the key areas in which we can support the school - with a particular emphasis on the curriculum. All governors take responsibility for shadowing one (or more!) particular areas of the curriculum: we come into school, meet with staff and try to really understand what the children are learning and how they are being prepared for the next stage of their education. Our BFG's (Big Friendly Governors) are 'attached' to each year group and get to know the staff and children really well. We also have some less exciting - but equally important - work to do around shaping school policy, keeping children safe, and ensuring that the school spends its budget in the most effective ways. If you are interested in Governance, then please do get in touch via the school office, or email our Chair of Governors - Mrs Jo Wilkinson jo.wilkinson@stockham.oxon.sch.uk

Finally - and perhaps most importantly, the Governors would like to thank Mrs Burbank and all her staff for their hard work this term and to wish them - and the Stockham children and parents - a very happy October break!

Fiona Henderson (Co-Opted Governor)

Edwards and Ward are looking for people to join our growing catering operation, and we are looking for a Catering Assistant at Stockham Primary.

The position is 16hrs a week, Monday to Friday, term time only, based around 10:30 to 14:00

If you have any questions, please contact John Boor (Operations Manager, E&W) on 07973 800555

Class News

Year F In Foundation this week we have been exploring pumpkins following our story last week of 'Pumpkin Soup' - we have even made and tasted our very own pumpkin soup! The children have been looking closely at the insides and outsides of the pumpkins and drawing very detailed observational drawings of them. In art we have continued our learning about Yayoi Kusama by looking at her 'pumpkin' artwork and using it to inspire our own 3D Pumpkin artworks.

- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we enjoyed our last lesson on team games in P.E, we really enjoyed playing football tennis! We have finished our learning about Wantage with an independent write about all the things we have learnt written in best. In maths we have looked at number lines and number tracks.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have edited and published their amazing superhero stories. We have been comparing numbers in maths. In art we have made pop art post cards and in geography we have started to explore what a country is using google earth to find them.
- Year 3** We have had a busy week this week. In English children continued to research facts and useful information about Oxford using the internet safely and have written their holiday brochures, using persuasive writing. In our design and technology lessons we have learnt the importance of measuring accurately and how to use a saw safely. Children made a rigid frame with wood and chose to add struts or jinks to strengthen their frame.
- Year 4** During the last week of this first half term, the children have been bringing in wonderful pieces of homework linked to our topic Ancient Romans. The class have also been learning about area in maths, using squares to identify the area of a shape and creating some of their own. This week we had our last PE lesson this year on badminton and it is clear that everyone's hand eye coordination has improved. We wish everyone a lovely, well deserved, half term break.
- Year 5** This week has been very busy with swimming, but wow, the children have made so much progress! It has been great to see the children become so much more confident in the water! We have also been finishing off our work on place value in maths and editing our independent writing.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week tying together all of our learning about North America. We have written fantastic information pages about our imagined top predators using all the writing techniques we have worked on this term. Ask your child to describe their imagined creature and its unique characteristics. In art we have brought together our learning about the Native North American artists and have made our totem poles. We had to choose an animal to represent and carefully construct our totem poles. We finished them off in traditional colours. We are all very proud of the final pieces. We have also been very excited to have started our pen-pal project with a class in Canada. Our letters about ourselves will be posted during the half term and we can't wait to get our replies back.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Freddie for his confidence in telling the time from the analogue clock and also for his teamwork in knowing our class routines so well that he could tell the class adults that it must be time for tidying!
Izzy for careful attention to detail during our art lesson. You listened carefully to the demonstration and used the advice in your own work. Well done!
- Year 1** Millie for showing determination this week in all your learning, you have given everything 100% and it has been lovely to see your confidence build.
Louie K for showing independence and confidence with your amazing math's skills, you can work out some really tricky calculations and share your reasoning. Well done to you both!
- Year 2** Isla for a super term. It has been lovely to see your confidence grow as the weeks have passed by and staff love to see you appear in the morning with a lovely smile on your face!
Ariella for your perseverance in English to write some careful sentences. Jenny was very proud of how you were so determined to write them all and you used your best spellings.

- Year 3** Maisy for working hard and trying her best with her spellings.
James for supporting and helping others during our ICT lessons and for always working hard and showing he is ready for the next task.
- Year 4** Jasmine for her brilliantly written newspaper article about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Her growth mindset shone through by her attitude to improve her work to use a formal tone and include the 5W's. Well done Jasmine.
Alistair for his perseverance with his reading. Not only has Alistair had a positive attitude to his English lessons, but he has also found a newfound enthusiasm for books and wanting to discuss what he has read with those around him. Well done Alistair.
- Year 5** Elijah has been working hard this year demonstrating real independence and determination in his work. Well done Elijah!
Leon has made huge progress in his swimming. He has used his determination and confidence powers and has done so well! Well done Leon - keep it up!
- Year 6** Rafe for working so independently on your totem pole. You were so patient, careful and showed great perseverance. You did a great job with the construction and paper mâché and all the adults in Year 6 were very proud of you.
Euan for amazing non-fiction writing about your imagined creature. You have used some great language choices and made it really clear how your creature is adapted for its environment, what its prey is and how it hunts. Great work, Euan. Keep it up!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 6 for having the tidiest classroom. 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 pmgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

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