



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back at School. All the children look very smart and have embraced all the new changes with an air of excitement.

The weekly newsletter will now arrive by email to you on a Friday morning, please keep an eye out each week for this important communication from school to home.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Inset day – school closed to children

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Year 5 swimming sessions

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - end of term at 3pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Flu immunisations for all Year groups (Consent letter will be sent home)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Children return to school for term 2

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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need day led by the school council

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

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – whole school pantomime trip to see Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December -12pm term 2 ends.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

**Please can we remind parents / carers to not use the school car park to drop off children. Thank you.**

### **Class News**

**Year F** In Foundation this week we have been busy getting to know our new classroom, finding out our school routines and meeting all the adults who will be helping us. Mrs Hackwood, Wendy, Clare and Jacqui are so proud of all the children for listening carefully, being kind to each other and showing such amazing independence.

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been settling in to our new classroom and getting to know the adults and the classroom expectations. We have started our mastering number sessions with a particular focus on subitising numbers to 5.

**Year 2** Year 2 have been busy settling into their new classroom. We have been focussing on using our listening skills and looking at what makes us heroes. We have decided to be the Year 2 team 'Cheetahs' and have been exploring what Cheetahs do that makes them a good team.

**Year 3** This week we have been focusing on settling back into school. We have been discussing and demonstrating how we can fill other peoples and our own bucket based on the book 'Have you filled a bucket today?' We have discussed kindness and how we will support each other in the classroom. In maths we have been looking at 2-digit numbers to 100, how numbers are represented and partitioning. We have also been developing our team ethos by playing team games and getting to know each other.

- Year 4** The first week for Year 4 has been brilliant. As a class we read the book 'The Colour Monster' and used it to explore our own emotions and those in others. Sharing our ideas about how we can encourage happiness in others and how sometimes we can feel more than one emotion at a time. In English we practiced using a thesaurus to find synonyms for our poetry. We then went on to expand our understanding of the range of emotions we can feel and created our own colour monster. In maths we began the unit of Place Value and have been learning different ways numbers can be represented and the skill of partitioning. A great first week Year 4!
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great start back to school. We have started the term looking at growth mindset in maths and considered what we need to be successful. For example, teamwork, deep thinking and making connections. In English we have started reading the book the Explorer which links to our South America theme.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week and have had a brilliant return to school. Everyone has worked really hard and come back with a great attitude to their work and being the eldest in school. We have loved exploring the book 'The Planet in a Pickle Jar' and have had some great discussions about what items they might put in their 'pickle jar' to preserve it for the future. We also had great fun actually making one. We all astounded all the adults in the year group with our wonderful descriptive writing based on the book too. In maths we have been exploring the skills which are important to being a good mathematician.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Ollie for being so brave about coming into the classroom more independently each day. We know this has been hard for you but you are showing lots of determination and perseverance. Well done!  
 Florence for impressing Mrs Hackwood with her confidence in her reading and writing. Even when you were not sure of the word you kept trying all the strategies you knew to work out the words. Well done!
- Year 1** Louie L and Joshua for starting their Year 1 journey with positive learning attitudes while showing a range of learning powers in particular confidence and independence with your mastering number. Well done!
- Year 2** Idris for using brilliant listening skills all week.  
 Stirling for really taking his time with his hero writing to make sure it was his very best.
- Year 3** Sophia for using her perseverance in maths, you really worked hard in representing numbers to 100 using tens and ones. With your perseverance you fixed the mistake independently. Well done, Sophia!  
 Dominic for being a great role model. Dominic has worked extremely hard this week on listening and following instructions and showing he is ready for learning. Keep up the great work!
- Year 4** Yassin for having a brave and positive attitude. Joining a new class and school can be scary, but you have already started to make friends and made great contributions to lessons. Welcome to Stockham Yasin!  
 Lexi R for being independent and helpful in the classroom. It can be strange settling into a new classroom, however you have embraced the new routines and offered help to your classmates and adults. Keep it up Lexi!
- Year 5** Bella and Liam for a really positive start to Year 5. It has been lovely to see you both use a wide variety of your learning powers - teamwork, independence and perseverance as well as asking lots of questions, which links to the school driver of curiosity. Well done!

**Year 6** Milo for an absolutely amazing piece of descriptive writing based on our book The Planet in a Pickle Jar. Your choice of language was outstanding and you described both the emotions of the moment and the room in such detail. Well done, Milo!  
Tegan for having a wonderful attitude to your work this week and for a wonderful piece of writing based on our book The Planet in a Pickle Jar. You used some wonderful language choices and really pushed yourself. Keep it up, Tegan!

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to everyone 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](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).