



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Stockham School is a nut free environment, please can you ensure children do not bring in nuts as snacks or in packed lunch boxes. We have children with severe nut allergies in school. Please check certain cereal bars for any nuts in their ingredients.

If children would like to bring in a break time snack this should be items such as fruit, tube yoghurt, no nut cereal bar, cheese, bread sticks or any other healthy alternatives. Lunch boxes must not contain fizzy drinks, pure chocolate bars or sweets.

Year 1 Garden Project

We had a fantastic afternoon celebrating the opening of the Year 1 garden last Friday. It was lovely to get all the parents together and to have the company of the Mayor, Jim Sibbald. The Year 1 parents will be running a market stall outside The Bear at Wantage Market on Saturday 25th September - raising money for the Year 1 Learning Garden project.

Please pop along to find FRESH VEG BOXES, CARDS & GIFTS, CAKES and lots of fun prizes to be won at a TOMBOLA.




One of our Year 1 parents is "Swimming For Stockham", completing a marathon over 30 days to try and raise money for the roof of the pergola attached to the classroom. She's at 12.5km of 42.195km (only 29.695km to go!) and has raised £618 of the £1000 needed.

Sponsor her here: <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/swimming-for-stockham>


Music opportunities at Stockham

Would your child like to learn to play a new instrument? We offer a variety of different lessons in school. Please see below for more details:



**Lessons in
piano, keyboard
or singing**

for adults and children of all ages and ability levels – beginners and nervous pupils a speciality!
Music Theory tuition also available.
Lessons can take place at school or teacher's studio in Central Wantage.



James Mitchell ARCM, AOTOS qualified.
DBS certified. Over 30 years experience.

email: jamesmitchellonevoice@sky.com
Tel: 01235 767975
Cloisters End, The Cloisters, Wantage OX12 8AQ

Brass lessons with Sara

Email: sjwallbridge@outlook.com



Apply online for tuition from the Oxfordshire music company for string instrument lessons and drums.

[Oxfordshire music service](#)

Dates for your diary

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 In Foundation class this week we have been thinking about ourselves - we have been looking really closely at what we look like, so that we can paint our self-portraits for a class display. We noticed that sometimes we have the same skin, hair or eye colour as our classmates, and sometimes it is different. We have also been thinking about what we like and don't like and how this can be different to other people as well. We explored our feelings with the story 'The Colour Monster' and made some amazing feelings jars to help us recognise and name these emotions when we are feeling them ourselves.

- Year 1** In Year 1 this week we have been really enjoying our topic of marvellous me. In art the children have been very busy drawing some fantastic self-portraits, thinking carefully about where their features sit on their faces. In geography this week the children have been looking at where they live, we spent some time studying pictures and maps of Wantage thinking about things we recognise.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have already earned our class treat and are looking forward to a pyjama party next week! We showed superb teamwork and used our learning powers brilliantly in each lesson which meant we have collected 10 marbles in our jar! In maths we have been representing and partitioning two digit numbers in a range of ways and in history we have begun to study the Space race.
- Year 3** This week in Year 3 we have had an extremely exciting week; In English we have been watching the different versions of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and comparing them with the book. We have also thoroughly enjoyed tasting all the different chocolate and sweets and then thinking of exciting names for our own chocolate bars. In maths we have been recapping numbers to 100 and using part-whole models and dienes to represent numbers. We are also very, very excited about our trip to Cadbury's World on Friday.
- Year 4** Year 4 have had a great week! We have been deepening our knowledge of the story we learnt in English and have been doing lots of role play activities pretending to be the different animals from the story. This has helped us to learn how to write direct speech correctly. In maths we have been deepening our understanding of place value and have been making numbers up to 10000 using lots of different maths resources. We have been scientists thinking about solids, liquids and gases and geographers learning about some of the different rivers in the UK and the world.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great week. We have started to look at place value in maths and we have been looking at Scott of The Antarctic's diaries in English. In geography we have continued to investigate South America and we have started to consider the differences between human and physical features.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been very busy acting as role models across the school this week. We have taken part in sports leader training and mental health workshops - thinking about the roles we can take on across the school. In English we have been focussing on the power of words and writing poems about who we are. In maths, we have been exploring patterns, measuring and cube nets. We all really enjoyed our first swimming session!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Olivia and Oscar C, both for showing every single one of the Stockham learning powers in the week since they have started Foundation!
- Year 1** Erick for his hard work during our geography challenge. You worked really hard on your picture of where you live and even had a go at some independent writing! Well done!
Miley for trying really hard with the different challenges in class this week. It makes all the adults smile when you chose to have a go at the learning challenges during your exploration time.
- Year 2** Amelie and Rupert for always showing you are ready to learn and ready to work. You listen very carefully and take pride in all that you do. What a wonderful start to Year 2! Well done!

- Year 3** Jasmine for showing such brilliant talent when sketching her picture of Florence Nightingale, your finished picture was absolutely amazing and you can really see how much care and attention you have taken over your drawing. Well done Jasmine!
- Logan for showing incredible team-spirit, you are such a good example of what a member of team meerkat should look like. You are honest, caring and you are always looking out for other members of your 'pack'! Well done Logan you have set an excellent example to the rest of your team this week.
- Year 4** Harry B for making a really good effort in handwriting this week. He listened really carefully about how the letters should be formed and tried super hard to make his writing really neat. Well done, Harry.
- Annabelle for contributing really well to our English lessons this week. She has made super suggestions about what the different characters might have said to each other and wrote some fantastic speech as a result. Well done, Annabelle.
- Year 5** Mia for working with great independence and confidence in all subjects. Well done Mia!
- Euan for using his team work skills and contributing brilliantly in all our lessons. Well done Euan!
- Year 6** Brandon for his excellent determination with his spelling practice this week.
- Molly P for really showing confidence when leading games with the younger children and having her hands up lots to share her ideas in lessons.

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.

<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).