



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were lucky to get our first sprinkling of snow for 2021 this week. The children really enjoyed playing on the field, making snowmen and playing snowball games.



## Dates for your diary

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** - Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance @ 6pm

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents @ 1.30pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school pantomime trip to Swindon (Jack and the Beanstalk)

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - KS2 Christmas Performance @1.30pm

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - KS2 Christmas Performances @1.30 and 6.30pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day (wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

**If any families have tickets for any of the Christmas shows and are unable to attend for any reason, please could these be returned back to school. Thank you.**

## How to report Covid Test results –

If you have a positive result from a PCR test, please can you email the office on [office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk)

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

### **Christmas jumper recycling event.**

Don't forget to dig out any Christmas jumpers or tops which your children have grown out of for our recycling event. Please send in tops by Friday this week (Monday at the very latest) and we will then get them sorted. Any donations we do have will be displayed in the school hall on Tuesday (7th) morning from 8am and can be taken away for a donation. This event will only be able to go ahead if we get lots of tops come in so please do have a sort out and ask friends and family.

### **Tuck Shop**

Unfortunately we will not be doing tuck shop until further notice.

### **Class News**

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been focusing on the Story of the first Christmas, making great links to our KS1 performance and learning lots of unfamiliar words to add to our vocabularies. In phonics we have been practicing using our sounds to blend and read words. In maths we have been starting to think about composition, talking about 'wholes' and 'parts'.
- Year 1** This week the children have been brilliant during their play rehearsals! Their singing is fantastic! In science the children have been identifying groups of animals. They have been thinking about the key features that all mammals, reptiles, and insects have and using these to help them sort the different groups of animals. In English we have started to write our own page for Room on the Broom.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have been putting the finishing touches to our Nativity Show and we are very excited to perform for you all next week. In our whole class reading lessons we have been looking at the vocabulary in a non-fiction text about elephants. We have read and written definitions for some very tricky words! We have also worked on the reading skill of inference, and we have become experts at looking for clues to tell us what is happening. In maths we have continued looking at subtraction and we are now subtracting two-digit numbers and crossing the tens boundary.
- Year 3** In maths Year 3 have been adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers, we have continued to work on exchanging and have been applying all of the knowledge that we have gained to problem solve and reason. We have also been working very hard on our Stone Age boy writing and this week we have been focusing on using time adverbials and similes. We have also enjoyed looking at the different uses of different types of rocks and finding more out about fossils.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been really busy this week starting to write our innovated escape stories. We are trying really hard to use all the tricks we have learnt to add lots of interesting details for the reader. In maths we have been learning the tricky skill of subtracting using exchange. We have been using the place value counters and charts to help us to understand what is happening when we need to exchange. As a team, we have loved creating lots of decorations for our entry for the school Christmas door decorating competition and are very proud of our door inspired by 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney'. We especially loved making our cheeky elf selfies!!
- Year 5** Year 5 have been looking at prime numbers and squared numbers in maths. We have also been looking at subordinating conjunctions in English and how we can use them in our writing. We had a great time swimming in our clothes on Tuesday!
- Year 6** This week, Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for the play. In English, we have begun to write our dystopian stories. In maths, we have explored data and how it is used to show information. In geography, we have been exploring the term 'sustainable' and held our own mini COP26 to discuss some of the issues countries have when making changes.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Julian for his enthusiasm in his learning, always being ready to give everything a go independently and his perseverance in all his tasks. We're so proud of you Julian.  
Rafe for his confidence and teamwork during all of our play practices. You kept a smile on your face and kept on singing your best through all of our practices. Well done Rafe.
- Year 1** Jaime and Freya for your amazing new page in Room on the Broom. You used your plans carefully to help you write your new pages and added some amazing adjectives to describe your characters.
- Year 2** Jamie and Leah for showing such enthusiasm for our Nativity show. You are both singing beautifully and remembering all the actions. You have also remembered your lines and when it is time to join the stage. Well done!
- Year 3** Pip for using super independence this week in the classroom, well done, you have worked so hard in everything we have done this week, you should feel very proud.  
Eliza for your hard work in English, you have shown excellent determination in our lessons and you have worked really hard on going the extra mile in your work. This was amazing to see.
- Year 4** Abigail for fantastic effort with all her work this week. You were so creative when creating your elf-selfie and showed great understanding when we began to subtract using exchange. Keep up the hard work, Abigail.  
Harry H for making a really big effort at the moment, especially in maths. You have started to share your answers and working much more with the class and have been pushing yourself, which is really pleasing to see. Keep up the hard work, Harry!
- Year 5** Frankie for an excellent Christmas card design adding your own ideas. You should be very proud of it!  
Chloe for her enthusiasm and commitment to our play. You have worked hard to learn all your lines and the songs.
- Year 6** Gwyn and Emma. During our discussions they listened really carefully and not only gave thoughtful responses but reasoned more deeply about how the answers are not always as simple.

Well done everyone!

### Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 4 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).