



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are getting very excited to share with you their Christmas nativities and songs. Please ensure you have tickets to see the shows and join in our celebrations.



Congratulations to all the children in Year 1-6 who have been selected as anti-bullying ambassadors. I was very impressed with all the speeches and posters that the children had prepared, particularly in Year 6! We will be working hard together to ensure that the school is a happy and kind place to learn.

Dates for your diary

Friday 2nd December – Non-school uniform day – please bring in a luxury item for the FOS Christmas hampers.

Monday 5th December – Years 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity (evening – 6-7pm), Ticket sales for the Key Stage 2 concert - 8.30am

Tuesday 6th December – Years 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity (1.30pm – 2.30pm afternoon), Ticket sales for the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert - 8.30am

We can only offer two tickets per family (there may be more available for the afternoon show after the ticket sales). The children may have quiet voices during speaking parts and will have worked hard on their performance, so we do ask that children below school age do not attend the nativity shows. Please speak to Mrs Burbank if this means you are unable to see the show, as we would like all families to be able to attend.

Wednesday 7th December – Foundation Christmas Singalong – 5.30pm

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

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Thursday 15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas celebration for parents 2pm-3pm and an evening performance at 5-6pm. (The Key stage 2 children will be performing Christmas songs and poems on the stage in the school hall).

Tuesday 20th December - 12pm, term 2 ends.

Wednesday 4th January – INSET day – no children in school today.

Thursday 5th January – Children return to school for Term 3.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Christmas Dinner

Please remember to fill in and return your child/rens Christmas dinner options slip. Make sure you put your child's name and class on the slip. Please be aware that there will be no other options i.e., Jacket potatoes or brunch bags available on this day.

On Monday 21st November, we held our sponsored fitness circuit and motivational assembly with athlete Kelly Simm, a commonwealth gold winning gymnast. She was very engaging and inspiring for the children and they loved seeing some of her skills. It was a really fun day and all the children were full of energy and enthusiasm. As a school, we managed to raise over £1,200 and counting! This is absolutely incredible and we want to say a huge thank you to our children for taking part and to all the parents and carers in the local community who supported the children through sponsorship. This money both supports the charity, who are able to keep running and supporting Olympic and Paralympic athletes to compete at the highest level, and our school where we now have a large amount of money to dedicate to PE equipment in school.

The children will be celebrating soon by receiving their sponsorship rewards and using lots of new equipment. Well done everyone!



On Thursday 1st December, we took 9 children to a Boccia tournament at Wantage school. The children were all determined to try this new sport and worked really well in their teams encouraging each other. Kai was noticed for very steady hand and great aiming skills. All the children had lots of fun and made their teachers proud.



Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we carried on being animal scientists and learning about nocturnal animals, particularly hedgehogs and bats. We had lots of fun representing these animals in our artwork and trying out echolocation! In maths we have been thinking about the composition of the numbers 4 and 5, using blocks in paint to make 'stampoline' patterns of all the ways the Numberblocks could make 4 or 5. With the arrival of December we've also been getting very festive in our Elves Workshop play area and sewing stockings to hang on our classroom mantelpiece.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been busy practicing our Christmas performance ready for our shows next week! We have written sentences to describe Funni from The Secret Sky Garden. In maths, we have learnt how to systematically work out number bonds and we have learnt how we can use this skill to know that we have found all of the bonds.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have been practising using 'because' and 'when' in sentences and using sentence starters to compare. In geography, we have been revisiting some map skills and looking at a compass rose. In science, we have been exploring the stages of a human life cycle and creating posters to show off the information.
- Year 3** This week in Year 3 the children have learnt about what sources can be used to find out about the past. They've learnt about primary and secondary sources. They have now completed sewing their Stone Age Boy trousers, which are all looking really good. We have begun learning our songs for our Key Stage concert.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been exploring the life of a river including new geographical terms. This topic has been linked to our English lessons where we are creating a Chronological Report using our knowledge of compound and complex sentences. We have started to get in the festive spirit by joining in the school tradition of decorating our classroom door for Christmas and practicing our songs for the Christmas Concert.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week writing our own Greek Myth in English. We have also been exploring multiples in maths as well as learning our songs for the Christmas concert.

Year 6 Year 6 have been really busy this week. We have been writing our final piece for this unit of work; writing an explanation text about how the Maya have influenced us in our lives today. We had to remember lots of different writing features such as clear paragraphs, technical vocabulary, grouped information and links back to the original question we were explaining. In maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide using fractions. We have learnt a couple of tricks to help us. As historians we have been learning about the city states of the Ancient Maya and had fun planning our own city states. We have also started to get excited about Christmas and have been rehearsing for our Christmas performance.

Soaring High

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

Year F Evie for her enthusiasm and perseverance in phonics - you are making great progress in your reading and writing and it's wonderful to see how excited you are in your learning.

Eddie for his listening and teamwork this week - you have been focused and trying hard this week and it's been lovely to see you engaged in your learning and showing kindness to your friends.

Year 1 Louise for trying really hard in phonics this week, all of the adults have noticed how hard you have been trying to use your phonics knowledge in your writing in class. Bobby for showing independence this week in your learning, you have really shown great listening and determination when completing your work. Well done to you both!

Year 2 Henry for his brilliant listening this week. He has been really enthusiastic to share all his ideas.

Toby for his determination in our school play rehearsals to learn all his lines and remember exactly when to say them. You stood out to your teachers for your loud voice and confidence.

Year 3 Chloe for working hard and being on task in all her learning this week.

Daniel for working hard and showing kindness to all.

Year 4 George for his improved presentation of his work during lessons. You take care with your handwriting and have a positive attitude when given the opportunity to improve your work.

Pip for always being ready to start the next activity or lesson with a 'ready to learn' attitude. When working with a partner you are always encouraging.

Year 5 Lucas has shown real determination and independence in his maths this week. He has thought carefully about the questions he has been working on making links to previous learning. Well done Lucas

Jenson has shown a real determination to improve the presentation in his English this week. Well done Jenson!

Year 6 Violet for always working so hard and for going the extra mile with the tasks we are doing. You always persevere to get a piece of work done, sometimes even after the lesson has stopped and this shows real determination to do your best. Well done, Violet.

Jacob for having a much better attitude in maths lessons this week. You have been much more positive and surprised yourself with what you have been able to achieve. By listening carefully and applying what you have been taught you have been able to multiply and divide fractions this week, well done.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Foundation 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).