



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be our final newsletter before Christmas. We have had such a busy week, performing KS2 shows, visiting the pantomime, Christmas dinner day, golden time and ACE card treats.

Congratulations to all the children who received an ACE card this term:

Foundation: Teddy and Dominic

Year 1: Stanlee and Finley

Year 2: Oscar and Mawa

Year 3: Stirling and Freya

Year 4: Leo and Amelie

Year 5: Lucy and Elijah G

Year 6: Kiki and Olivia

We spent the afternoon on Wednesday decorating Christmas biscuits.

We are excited to welcome Miriam Doyle, who will be our **new school business manager in the office**. Miriam is an experienced business manager and will be working alongside Penny in the office. Miriam will be officially joining Stockham School in January. Nay's last day in the office will be Wednesday 20th December.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 12pm

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return for Term 3.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year in 2024!

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

Year F Well, we have had a very busy week in Foundation this week! A good time was had by all at the pantomime on Tuesday and then again on Wednesday at Christmas dinner day. We enjoyed lots of different Christmas activities, including making crowns, placemats and Christmas cards. Thank you to all who came along to Foundation's 'Wake up and Read' on Friday to share books together, it was so nice to see so many of you!

- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed our trip to the pantomime to watch Snow White as well as enjoying our lovely Christmas dinner! We have made lots of Christmas crafts this week in preparation for Christmas dinner and craft fair. We have continued to work on adjectives in English and have concluded our science topic by drawing what clothes you might need to wear in different seasons.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 really enjoyed their visit to the pantomime to watch Snow White. It made us laugh and we loved joining in. In English we have completed our instructions for how to be a king or a queen using our knowledge from our history lessons and the funny parts of the Cat and the King stories to add more detail. In our instructions you will find commas in our equipment list, conjunctions such as First, After that and Finally and all the vocabulary we have mastered this term. In maths, we have begun the tricky skill of adding and subtracting by exchanging tens.
- Year 3** In maths this week, Year 3 have been looking at different ways of representing multiplication facts. We have also completed our work on the U.K by learning about counties, focusing in particular on Oxfordshire. We have been enjoying lots of Christmas activities, including our trip to the Pantomime on Tuesday and Christmas dinner on Wednesday. We have begun making our 'sock snowmen' for the Christmas craft fayre as well.
- Year 4** Year 4 had an amazing time at the Pantomime, watching Snow White. They all behaved beautifully and were a pleasure to take out! We spoke about what the actors did on stage to make it a good performance and how we could use this to help us on Thursday and Friday in our own performance of Deck the Halls. In PSHE we have been thinking about first impressions of people and how these can change when we get to know someone. All the children enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers and had a lovely time eating their Christmas lunches together in the classroom on Wednesday.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a very busy week. We have been practicing for the performance as well as enjoying a fantastic trip to the Panto and the Christmas dinner day! We have also been working on our Greek myths and a Christmas maths challenge! We are looking forward to welcome all the parents/carers to our Christmas Craft Fair next week!
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week completing our learning about fractions by finding fractions of amounts and also finding the whole when given a fraction of an amount to begin with. We have also been very festive this week! We have enjoyed sharing our version of A Muppet Christmas Carol with Key Stage 1 and also our families. We were really proud of our singing and acting and hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did. We had a great day out at the theatre on Tuesday watching Snow White and also had a great Christmas dinner day on Wednesday. We have also been very creative this week making Christmas cards, decorations for the Christmas Craft Fayre and calendars. We are looking forward to sharing all of our amazing art work with you next week.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Gabino- it has been lovely to see you joining in with our learning and trying your best recently! Keep up the good work!
Sylvia- you are always working so hard, Sylvia. You always try your very best in all that you do, and it is great to see you being such a good role-model for us all!
- Year 1** Jago for stepping up last minute in the show when another member of the cast was poorly, this takes a lot of confidence, and you made a fantastic lead star in the second performance!
Evie for always being so kind and considerate to others around you. You always do the right thing and are often first to put your hand up to give things a go, keep up the good work Evie! Well done to you both.

Year 2 Louie K: For being a fountain of knowledge this term. Your use of vocabulary to explain your understanding is fantastic.

Willow: For excellent use of phonics in all your writing tasks. You think carefully about your sounds and what you have already read to help you apply this skill confidently.

Year 3 Freddie - for his amazing acting skills in our KS2 show - he played the part of the conductor on the Polar Express brilliantly!

Miley - for great answers in guided reading this week. You really thought carefully about the characters in the text.

Year 4 All of Year 4 for their wonderful behaviour on the whole school trip to see Snow White. It was a pleasure to take you all and you made me feel very proud. Well done Year 4!

Year 5 Pip and Mason have been fantastic while practicing and performing for the Year 5 Christmas performance. They have both pushed themselves out of their comfort zone on stage and performed their lines admirably! Well done Pip and Mason!

Year 6 Toby for always working incredibly hard. You always listen really well in lessons and try hard to apply what you have learnt into your own work. You are a great learning role model to others and should be very proud of your achievements in Year 6 so far. Well done, Toby.

Lemario for putting lots of effort into our Christmas concert performance and for being so enthusiastic about your character. You have embraced the concept of our show and have made me smile with your dedication to being the character played by Gonzo in the film! Well done, Lemario!

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.

<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 pmsgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

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