

# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who are working so hard to socially distance both on the school grounds and outside during lockdown 2. It is such a hard and unnatural thing to do!

I have been advised that there are children/families mixing with other children/families when not in school for play dates. This is strictly against government guidelines under the new restrictions for lockdown 2 unless you are part of an exclusive childcare bubble. I would encourage you to use virtual platforms to keep connected.

We are trying our very best at school to keep everyone safe and therefore I ask you to adhere to the guidelines as we do have members of staff with vulnerable family members.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

On a much more cheerful note it has been lovely to hear the children starting to practice their Christmas songs. We will be having a meeting on Thursday to discuss the release date and will keep you updated.

**3rd December** - Nasal flu spray day for all year groups (if you have registered your child)

**4th December** – The Quantum Theatre Company will still be able to come to school to perform 'The night before Christmas' playlet to individual KS2 year groups in the hall. (7th December are the Key stage 1 performances). We will be asking for a £2 donation towards the cost of this show.

**Wednesday 16th December** – Christmas dinner day – children may wear a Christmas jumper to school, or wear something festive in their hair.

**Friday 18th December** - Term ends – 12 pm – F, 1, 5 and 6

Term ends – 12.10pm – 2, 3 and 4

Many thanks,

Mr. Joe Burbank.

### Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to everybody who voted in the ballot for the Parent Governor positions. We are pleased to announce that Dennis Burson and Rebecca Sheather have been appointed to the governing body as Parent Governors. In addition, Tyrone Rees has been voted to join the Governing body as a co-opted governor.

### Stockham school 2020 tea towels

Stockham School 2020 tea towels are now available! These high-quality cotton tea towels feature self portraits of all the pupils (and child drawn portraits of all the staff) and are a lovely way to see the entire school together.

You will shortly be receiving an order form with your child(ren), if you would like tea towels as Christmas presents for grandparents, aunties, uncles or anybody else, please return your form to school by Monday 7 December so that we can get orders to you before the end of term. We will continue to sell these after Christmas though where stock allows. We have an initial order of 300 tea towels which will be sold on a first-come first serve basis, but if there is demand we can order more (extra deliveries will be after Christmas). There is also an order form with this newsletter.

If you have any queries, please contact us at [friendsofstockham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstockham@gmail.com).

## CLASS NEWS

- Year F** This week in Foundation we have continued thinking about the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and adapted it to our own version of 'We're Going on a Red Kite Hunt'. We had a lovely hunt around the field looking for the Stockham Red Kites. In maths we are continuing to explore numbers 1-10, working on 'one more than/one less than' a given number.
- Year 1** In maths, Year 1 have been beginning to learn to subtract, we have talked about all the words that mean subtract and making up our own subtraction stories. In English we have been continuing to look at Fairy Tales, we have looked at lots of different versions of Little Red Riding Hood. We have also story mapped our own version making some changes to the traditional tale that we all know!!!
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have enjoyed planning our own stories in English this week. We have had wonderful ideas for our characters and settings and are looking forward to writing our exciting stories next week. In maths we have all shown exceptional perseverance in our lessons. We have been subtracting two digit numbers and have used a range of methods to help us to understand this. We never gave up and showed great determination to succeed.
- Year 3** This week in maths we have been using compact column subtraction to solve problems, and in English we have been reading our work aloud with appropriate intonation. In geography, we have been using atlases to locate and identify counties in the UK, and we have started practising our Christmas song!
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week starting to innovate our own Escape stories. We have brainstormed some ideas and have even story mapped them. We are looking forward to writing them next week. In maths we have been moving on to subtraction including more than one exchange with 4 digit numbers- some of us found it tricky but we used our Learning Powers to help us. In history we learnt all about Roman towns and even planned our own.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been looking at descriptive writing in English and we have started looking at factors and multiples in maths. We have also been exploring the difference between meteoroid, a meteor and an asteroid in our space topic and we plotted the orbital path of Halley's comet!
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been writing descriptively in English and exploring pie charts in maths. In science we have used and made electrical circuits.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Esmee for always using her super listening powers and showing some really great work in maths this week.  
Isla for showing great perseverance super powers by working really hard on her phonics and making great progress. Well done Isla!
- Year 1** James for using such fabulous confidence with his reading and phonics, you were prepared to have a try at all of the words we were looking at and you were able to read them fabulously!  
Saloma for using great listening during our lessons about Little Red Riding Hood, you were able to think of some brilliant ideas about how we could change the story of Little Red Riding Hood to make it our own!
- Year 2** George for showing wonderful presentation in all your books. You have shown such pride in your work and your handwriting is beautiful. Well done!  
Eliza for showing excellent determination and perseverance in our maths lessons. You should be very proud of all your hard work, well done!
- Year 3** Isabelle for confidence in lessons and Joey for perseverance. You both use your learning powers to help you achieve the best you can. Well done!

- Year 4** Edward for an incredible effort with Spelling Shed. Last week he did over 100 games! A fantastic effort! Keep it up, Edward!  
Ella for being a wonderfully happy, cheerful member of the class. You are always so positive and thoughtful. We shall miss you very much - good luck in your new school.
- Year 5** Alfie J for some excellent contributions during class using his confidence learning power. Well done Alfie!  
Jess for using her perseverance during our guided reading session.
- Year 6** Noah and Ethan for their determination in maths. They worked really hard in their group and impressed the adults with the effort they made to learn the bar model method.

Well done everyone!

### **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.