

STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Under 'normal' circumstances, Stockham School has an open door policy. We understand that this year is very hard for parents, not being able to come into the school building. We thought we would cheer you up with some photos of our learning:

Foundation class at forest school



Year 1 enjoying exercise with the sports coaches in school.



Year 2 working hard on their chalk firework pictures



Year 3 - These are our Christmas card designs - we created winter scenes of a snowy forest using collage and paint. We think they turned out really well, and we hope you like them.



Year 4 Colour mixing in art.



Year 5 after an exhausting daily mile.



Year 6 - Environment art, writing display and our hockey lesson.



Important information about Parents evenings - Week beginning 9th and 16th of November

Thank you for booking your time slots on parentmail. The booking system was more complicated than we anticipated! You will receive a zoom code from your child's class teacher. Please only join the meeting when it is your turn. You will hear an alarm ring when your 10 minute slot has finished. The teacher must leave the conversation at this point as they will need to be on time for the next parent's appointment. It would be really helpful if your zoom profile shows a user name that the teacher can recognise i.e. your child's name (rather than Samsung galaxy 16) who is waiting to join the meeting. Please follow the link for more help on changing your username for a meeting: <https://www.alphr.com/how-to-user-name-in-zoom/>

Friday 13th – Children in Need Day – Children may come to school wearing bright colours, spots or stripes! A donation bucket will be in each playground with our Year 6 children.

Monday 16th November – School photo day. Children will have their individual photo taken.

Friday 20th November – Non school uniform day – please bring into school a luxury item for the Christmas hamper raffle (more details to follow from the Friends of Stockham)

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 KS1 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

I will be taking some unpaid parental leave to spend time with my family. This time is fully supported by the school Governing Body and will start on the 16th November and end on the 16th December. Mr Joe Burbank will be Acting Head Teacher in my absence. Please use your child's class teacher as a first point of call for any concerns and queries.

Many thanks,
Mrs. Ruth Burbank.

We have an exciting opportunity for a KS2 Teacher position at Stockham School starting in January 2021. – See below
<http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Lunchtime supervisor maternity cover position

We have an exciting opportunity available starting in November for a new lunchtime supervisor. £9.25 an hour (7.5 hours a week) Please see the school website for further details:

<https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

If you are interested or know somebody who would be ideal for this role, please complete the School Support application form found at the above web address on our school website and speak to Mrs Ruth Burbank.

CLASS NEWS

- Year F** This week in Foundation we have been finding out about Diwali, we have been retelling the story of Rama and Sita, making Diva lamps, and exploring mehndi and rangoli patterns. In phonics we are learning about the digraphs ff, ll and ss and in maths we are looking at numbers to 5 in detail.
- Year 1** In maths Year 1 have been focusing on calculating their number bonds to 10. In English we have been really trying hard to use finger spaces and full stops in our sentences. We have also enjoyed finding out about Remembrance Sunday and Children in Need.
- Year 2** In maths Year 2 have been looking at finding the difference between 2 numbers, we have worked on using the bar model to help us with doing this. In English we have been re-telling the poem of The Freedom Song we have been trying really hard to ensure that we are using the correct sequence in our story telling. We have also really enjoyed finding out about Remembrance Sunday.
- Year 3** In English we have been investigating biographies and autobiographies, and in maths we have been regrouping ones and tens when using column addition. In geography we have been using atlases to locate the major cities of the UK, and in PE we have been skipping to improve our fitness.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of our story Escape From Pompeii. We have explored the main characters, written in role and devised some conversations between the characters. In maths we have been adding using the vertical method, including exchange. We have had to use our place value knowledge to help us with this. We have been historians this week, finding out about the Roman invasions to England and learning what a Roman soldier would have looked like. We spent time on Wednesday talking about Remembrance Day and we made our own poppies for a class display- look out for it in our class window.

Year 5 This week Year 5 have been looking at descriptive features in our writing. In our maths we have been looking at the inverse operation and in topic we have been thinking about what the surface of the moon looks like and identifying different features. We also had a fantastic sports day!

Year 6 This week Year 6 have started their new electricity science topic and in maths we have been looking at word problems. We have explored where the symbol of the poppy has come from for remembrance.

Soaring High

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

Year F Rosie L for showing great listening and perseverance super learning powers in phonics lessons - well done Rosie!
Benjamin for using his confidence super learning power and amazing us all with his lovely singing voice in our music session.

Year 1 Dominic for using incredible listening when working on number bonds to 10, well done, you really showed the adults how well you understood the lessons.
Elizabeth for using fabulous confidence and listening during all of our lessons, you really are a fantastic role model to our class.

Year 2 Finley for using fantastic independence when in maths, well done, you worked really hard on finding the difference and you showed this to all of the adults.
Louis for using fantastic confidence and listening in the classroom this week, you have sat beautifully with your hand up to take part in class discussions and have really shown how well you have listened to our lessons.

Year 3 Bella & Ava for great listening, confidence and perseverance in maths this week. Well done!

Year 4 Rafe for a really careful drawing of a Roman soldier. Rafe worked really hard on this diagram, looking carefully at all the small details about his uniform. Well done, Rafe- great artwork!
Skyla for really trying hard in maths this week. She persevered with addition including exchange and this paid off as she produced lots of work, carefully presented in clear columns. Well done, Skyla.

Year 5 Harry for always using all his learning powers during lessons. Well done Harry!
Angel for showing some real perseverance when faced with some tricky maths problems. Well done Angel!

Year 6 Alfie Ba for his enthusiasm in all lessons - he always puts his hand up to share his ideas and will persevere even when he makes mistakes.
Isabella for her brilliant growth mindset when we have been exploring word problems. She always listens carefully and will work through mistakes with determination.

Well done everyone!

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).