



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks we are having! The Key Stage 1 and Foundation children have really enjoyed performing their Nativity to you all this week. We hope that you enjoyed the show too. Key Stage 2 children are looking forward to sharing their Christmas play with you all next week.

We had a wonderful whole school day out to the pantomime yesterday, it was a joy to watch the children's faces in awe of the magic of the theatre. Thank you to all the parents' helpers who supported our trip and especially to Mrs Anderson who organised the whole trip from start to finish!



Swimming for Years 3 and 4

Due to changes of the timetable at the Wantage swimming pool, Years 3 and 4 swimming sessions will be grouped together in 2 weeks of intensives (10 hours in total over 10 school days).

Year 4 swimming provisional dates - 9 sessions, 25th-29th April and 3rd-6th May (2nd is a Bank Holiday) – (every morning 10.30-11.30am)

Year 3 swimming dates - 6th to 10th June and 13th to 17th June (every morning 10-30am-11.30am)

Dates for your diary

13th December - KS2 Christmas Performance @1.30pm

14th December - KS2 Christmas Performances @1.30 and 6.30pm

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas dinner day (wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory)

Friday 17th December – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

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 Please send both negative and positive results to this email address.



Christmas Hampers

Thank you everyone for your generous donations towards our hampers. We have 8 hampers ready to be won! Please return any ticket stubs and money by tomorrow (December 10th). Tickets will also be on sale during the KS2 Christmas performances next week before the draw on December 15th. Thank you for your continued support.

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have loved performing in our KS1 Christmas performances for a real audience! All of those practices paid off and we loved showing the parents our play. We also had the great experience of watching actors on stage in the pantomime on our school trip. In between all the theatrics we've learned some new sounds in phonics and continued thinking about parts and wholes in maths.
- Year 1** We have had a busy week in Year 1! We are so proud of how well the children performed in their Nativity on Monday and Tuesday. They all sang beautifully! The children had such a wonderful time watching Jack and the Beanstalk on Wednesday! They were very well behaved and were a joy to take out.
- Year 2** We have been comparing the modes of transport used in India and England and we have been thinking about the type of environment each of these modes are used in and why. In maths we have been using wooden Rekenreks to support us with our recall of number facts and our understanding of number patterns. Our Key Stage 1 Nativity was a highlight for us all and we loved performing to an audience.
- Year 3** Year 3 have had a very busy week. This week in English we have been finishing our writing about Stone Age Boy. We have worked really hard on this and we have written lovely adventure stories. We have tried to include all of the different things that we have learnt throughout the term! We have also been practicing the performance lots and we are very excited for all of you to come and see all our hard work. We really enjoyed our trip to watch the panto too it was such a brilliant show and we had a fabulous time.

- Year 4** Year 4 have been very busy this week. We have been continuing to innovate our own escape stories and have used the purple polishing pens to make them even better! We are very proud of our finished stories. In maths we have got so good at subtraction that we can do it with more than one exchange now! In PSHE we have completed our second puzzle piece for our new Jigsaw scheme of work all about celebrating differences. We have also been getting very festive with lots of practising of our play and learning some creative Christmas crafts to brighten our classroom!
- Year 5** Year 5 have been investigating cube numbers in maths and we have been writing about a transmission from Mars in English. We have also been practicing hard for the play and can't wait to show everyone next week!
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been exploring what it means to appreciate someone for who they are and designing admiration accolades for a Paralympian. We have had a week of performances both practising for our own and being lucky enough to watch KS1 and have a fun day out at the Panto!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** ALL of Foundation for their perseverance, listening and teamwork skills over the last month learning our songs and where we needed to be for our performances, and for their confidence in standing up on stage in front of a hall full of grown ups during the two performances this week. We are so proud of you all.
- Year 1** All of Year 1 for their amazing Nativity performances! Well done everyone!!
- Year 2** All of Year 2 for an exceptional performance in the Key Stage 1 Nativity and for your exemplary behaviour during our trip to the pantomime. We are all so proud of you, well done. You are all superstars!
- Year 3** Elijah R for using amazing independence when writing your Stone Age Boy adventure story, you worked really hard on it and did a great job of including all of the different writing features we have learnt this term. Great work Elijah!
Lola for using brilliant confidence in our play rehearsals, you have learnt every word to all of the songs and you know exactly when it is our turn to sing. Well done Lola!
- Year 4** Henry for putting himself out of his comfort zone during the practising and rehearsing for our play and being such a star doing it! You have been amazing and have really used your learning powers. All the adults in Year 4 are very proud of you! Keep it up, Henry and keeping believing in yourself!
Ava for working very hard in our maths lessons. You have listened carefully to all of our work on formal addition and subtraction and have made great progress as a result. You have also begun to share your answers and ways of working more in class too. Keep up the hard work, Ava!
- Year 5** Eva for excellent use of maths vocabulary when explaining $\frac{1}{3}$ of 21! Well done Eva!
Kaci for using her independence and confidence when using new techniques in her writing. Well done Kaci!
- Year 6** Alfie G for his incredible enthusiasm towards everything he does. This week he has been really focussed during rehearsals to remember and take everything on board and is a great role model to others for his confidence and 'have a go' attitude.
Ashton for his determination in maths lessons. He has really persevered to take on board all the new learning and practice it until he feels confident - and it has been great to see your confidence grow.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Foundation 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 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).