



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti-Bullying week

Thank you to the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who led our school assembly this Monday for Anti-Bullying week. The children were very brave and spoke clearly about their role and the difference between banter and bullying. There were a great selection of odd socks in school and we enjoyed a week of celebrating differences and knowing how to 'make a noise' about bullying.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

On Monday 20th November, a questionnaire will be sent via parentmail with some questions linked to your child's experience at Stockham School. Please could questionnaires be completed by Thursday 30th November. We look forward to celebrating what we do well as a school and hearing your thoughts on what we can do better.

Class Dojo

This week you will have received a sign up letter to join our school community on Class Dojo. Please ensure that you have also signed the permissions form for your child to appear on the school app. I have attached the letter again with today's newsletter.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 21st November – School photo day (individual portrait photos and siblings photos who attend Stockham school)

Friday 1st December – Non-school uniform day – bring in a luxury item for our Christmas hampers

Wednesday 6th December – KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas show 'Prickly Hay' 5.30pm

Thursday 7th December – KS1 Christmas show 'Prickly Hay' 9.30am. Foundation class Christmas carols night.

Tuesday 12th December – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon to see Snow White

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner day and present room

Thursday 14th December – KS2 'Christmas at the movies' concert, 5.30pm

Friday 15th December – KS2 'Christmas at the movies' concert, 9.30am

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 12pm

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

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

Year F In Foundation this week, we have been thinking about the celebration of Diwali. The children learnt that Diwali is a celebration of light and have made their very own Diva lamps! We have also been learning about parts and whole in maths, the children know that the whole is built up from parts. We have also been thinking about capacity and experimenting with this using water, sand, cubes and leaves.

- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been designing our own secret sky gardens and thinking of adjectives to describe the things we might be able to see in our gardens. We have been learning about fact families in maths and using what we have learnt to check we have found them all. We are also enjoying learning our Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas performance.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have really enjoyed creating their own stories based on The Cat and The King. We have managed to make the reader laugh as well as use commas when writing a list. We enjoyed sharing our stories with another partner to read aloud. In geography we have been using our atlas searching skills to go on a United Kingdom scavenger hunt by finding cities, rivers and landmarks. Rehearsals have started for the Prickly Hay nativity and we are so proud to be singing the songs without needing the words!
- Year 3** Year 3 have been learning about the difference between banter and bullying as part of anti-bullying week. We have also discussed what we can do if we experience bullying behaviour. In maths, we have been learning how to carry out column subtraction with an exchange. In English, we are planning a story based on an unusual pet! Year 3 used a topographical map in geography to locate hills and mountains in the U.K.
- Year 4** In Year 4 this week we have started learning about multiplication and division. The children have been looking at different arrays of counters and explaining what different number facts it shows us. In literacy we have been looking at The Locust poem, thinking about the different ways the author has described the insect. We have started looking at different animals and thinking of our own poetic ways to describe them. In computing we have been looking how to make an audio recording, the children used the computers to record their own simile and shared them with the class.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a very busy week. We have been investigating multiples and factors in maths using arrays to explore their different structures. In English we have continued to develop our understanding of sentence structure and trying to then apply them in our writing about Theseus and the Minotaur. In science we have been finding out about Sir David Attenborough and the impact he has had.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week deepening our understanding of our book Rain Player. We have concentrated on the final game of Pok-a-tok in the story and used this to write detailed descriptions, sentences in the passive voice and newspaper articles. As mathematicians we have begun our unit on fractions. We have been learning how to find equivalent fractions and simplify them by finding common factors. We have also been ordering and comparing them using different properties. As historians we have been learning about how large groups of the Maya people lived in the rainforest and how they used this to their advantage. In dance, our rock and roll dances are developing well and we are looking forward to presenting these next week.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Chloe - for having the confidence in maths to think of, and use, different language in maths when thinking about capacity - well done!
Ella-Rose - for excellent listening skills this week. You have done some excellent learning this week because you have listened and joined in with everything so well—keep up the good work!
- Year 1** Florence and Izzy for your exceptional effort with your descriptive writing this week, you have listened well and have used all that you have learnt in order to write fantastic sentences to describe your secret sky garden. Well done to you both, you should feel very proud!

Year 2 Bobby: For trying really hard with your writing and making huge improvements in your handwriting and use of phonics.

Louise: For your rising confidence and positive attitude when taking on further challenges.

Year 3 Chester - for working really hard in maths this week and completing some good work on column subtraction.

Jaime - for working hard in all lessons and being a helpful member of the class.

Year 4 Saloma, for your amazing contributions during our poetry lessons this week. You have come up with some amazing ideas and you wowed us with your incredible knowledge about Locust! Well done!

Rocco for your perseverance in maths this week. You have been working really hard to finish your work and it was lovely to see your determination when faced with tricky questions. Well done!

Year 5 Teddy has demonstrated great confidence and team work this week in his English. We have all been really impressed with his writing and he has made lots of fantastic contributions to class discussions - Well done Teddy!!

Eva - we have been really impressed with your determination this week. It has been lovely to see you working so hard and producing some great work! Well done Eva!

Year 6 Isabella for always working incredibly hard and for being such a wonderful role model to others. You can always be relied upon to put full effort into everything you do and are so conscientious. You are also so polite and thoughtful Keep it up, Isabella!

Polly for having a really positive attitude to your work. You have been working really hard recently and have got much better at asking for help when needed. This is lovely to see and will have a positive effect on your work. Well done, keep it up, Polly!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 3 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).