



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent/Carer teacher meetings

Next week we will be holding parents evenings. During this week you will receive two Parentmails. One Parentmail will be a parent/carers questionnaire and the other will be an introductory letter to join our school community app called Class Dojo. You will find a link on the Class Dojo letter to give permission for your child to be part of photos and videos. It is a really lovely app where you can download photos for your own personal use. Only parents and carers of Stockham School children will be invited to join this community. There will be an agreement that parents need to tick, which ensures that any photos that you download from the app will be 'kept in the family' and not put wider onto any social media sites.

The book fair is in school from the 6th-20th November. The children have visited the book fair this week and they have written a wish list. The book fair will be open next week, please come along and buy a book or two.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks to school!

13th November week – Teacher-parents/carers meetings

Friday 17th November – Children in Need day – led by our newly appointed school council members and Mr Burbank

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 This week in Foundation we have been continuing to learn our letters and sounds in phonics and we are now starting to write short words. In maths, we have been comparing quantities, especially thinking about the word 'equal', as well as continuing to learn about 2D shapes and their properties. Foundation have been in full swing learning songs and actions ready for the Christmas concert and we are very excited about performing this!

- Year 1** This week we enjoyed a trip to the Wantage museum, where we learnt more about King Alfred and some facts about the local area including what fossils can be found on the Ridgeway! We have been adding adjectives to our sentences to describe different settings linked to this term's text, The Secret Sky Garden. In maths we have been using the part-whole model and in science we have been learning about autumn and all the changes it brings.
- Year 2** This week, Year 2 are excited to begin their new history topic of Kings and Queens. We shared what we thought the role of a monarch was and could order some of the Kings and Queens who have ruled England on a timeline. We are now half-way through our Cat and The King story and have really enjoyed creating our own hilarious royal characters. In science, we have been learning about life-cycles and could name each stage of the human life-cycle using the correct scientific language.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have started working on addition and subtraction in maths, using a formal column method. In English, we have been learning about what fronted adverbials are and how they can improve our writing. We also started our new art topic this week, which is 'Cityscapes'. We began by looking at an incredible artist called Stephen Wiltshire and have produced some drawings of cities in his style. In geography, we learnt which seas surround the U.K and the names and locations of some of the main rivers.
- Year 4** This week in Year 4 the children really enjoyed their class treat. They had been working hard to collect their 20 marbles. In science we have started our new topic about sound, the children enjoyed finding out about how sound travels and the different parts of the ear. In English we have continued looking at poems and been creating our own descriptive noun phrases.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a busy week! We have been story mapping the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur and learning to step through and tell the story to the rest of the class. In maths we have been learning about multiples and factors and applying them in different contexts. We have started looking at what a system is in computing and we have recapped the different life cycles of amphibians, birds and mammals.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week deepening our knowledge of our class book Rain Player. We have been thinking about how the main character would have encouraged and persuaded his friends to join his Pok-a-tok team and we have also written in role as some of the character's from the book. In maths we have been learning how to use BODMAS to help us solve calculations in the right order. As historians we had great fun this week being Maya traders. We learnt about the different areas the Ancient Maya's lived and what they traded in these different regions. We then had a go ourselves. In PE we have also really enjoyed practising the skills of Pok-a-tok- using balloons to make it a little safer for us all!!!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Dominic - you always have such an excellent attitude towards your learning, you always take your time and try your best and produce some lovely work because of this - you should be very proud of yourself!
Leo - you have had a couple of challenges this week, however you have overcome them and kept going with a kind and positive attitude and persevered.
- Year 1** Poppy for showing a fantastic learning attitude, you soar high and push yourself in everything you do and it's really noticeable in your work, well done!
Freddie for continuing to develop your perseverance and determination when completing a task, this is evident in your work that you are producing and something you should be very proud of! Well done.
- Year 2** Viktor: For impressing everyone with just how much progress you have made in all subjects this term.
Maia: For growing in confidence in maths by having a go and getting involved even if you're a bit unsure.

Year 3 Esme - for great work in maths this week. You have listened really carefully and showed a good understanding of exchanging when adding. Well done!
Bella - for taking an active part in all lessons, you always have your hand up and give thoughtful answers, which is lovely to see.

Year 4 Teddy for your hard work this week. All the adults in Year 4 have been really proud of how polite and hard working you have been this week. Well done Teddy, keep up the hard work!
Laya for your fantastic contributions during our lessons this week. It has been lovely to see your confidence grow and hear you share your ideas with the class more!
Well done Laya!

Year 5 Finley - for your enthusiasm in history this week. You combined your contextual knowledge of Greece with evidence from the historical sources to give some really insightful answers. Well done Fin.
Taha - for your work in RE this week. You thoughtfully considered a range of opinions and offered excellent contributions to class discussion on the different accounts of the Christmas story. Well done Taha.

Year 6 Alise for always working so hard and being incredibly conscientious with your work. You are always following the school rules and using your learning powers to make great progress. You are such a wonderfully polite role model, Alise. Well done!
Annabelle for always being such a helpful and hardworking member of the class. You always try your very best and are making great progress as a result. I can always rely on you to be helpful, polite and thoughtful and are a great role model. Well done, Annabelle, keep it up!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 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).