



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Feedback from Parental questionnaires:**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to answer the questions on the **Sex and Relationships** questionnaires. We appreciate your feedback and opinions. The questionnaire results showed that a large majority of parents would prefer to be told in a parentmail before their child learns about particular areas of the curriculum and 7 parents indicated that they would like more help around speaking to their child about sex and relationships. All other suggestions regarding important topics and further suggestions have been shared with teachers.

We also asked for your parental contribution towards our **vision day** in October. The vision day was very successful; your views were shared with staff and governors. Please see below some of the key vision, priorities and school values that we would like to explore further with you over the next 3-5 years.

### **Vision statement:**

***Stockham School will inspire life-long curiosity, develop knowledge of the wider world and equip each child with the skills and aspirations to make the most of every opportunity; shaping their future and the communities around them.***

### **School priorities:**

- 1. To excel in providing a cohesive, progressive and deep broad and balanced curriculum that reflects a diverse world**
- 2. To foster a culture of nurture, self-care and respect across the whole school community**
- 3. To ensure all pupils benefit from a whole school progressive and embedded approach to building cultural capital**
- 4. To integrate sustainability throughout the school providing experience for pupils to engage with the natural environment**

### **10 Key values:**

Kindness and friendship  
Celebrating difference and humility  
Goals, ambitions and confidence  
Healthy me, healthy mind  
Self-belief and courage  
Respect  
Love  
Trust  
Honesty  
Fun, failure and growth



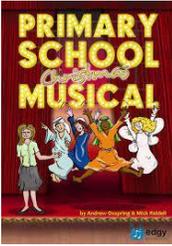
We raised a wonderful £372.51 for Children in Need day. Thank you to all the families who made or donated a cake. There were a wonderful selection of cakes and biscuits to buy after school.

### Dates for your diary

#### Christmas shows

There are still some tickets left for the afternoon performance of the Key Stage 1 and Foundation show...

Next week we will be distributing Key Stage 2 show tickets

Show	Children performing	Performance dates	Ticket sales in the school hall
Primary Christmas Musical  	Year 3-6	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm  Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm and 6.30pm	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 8.30am  Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 8.30am

Please note that due to both Covid and fire regulations we will only be offering **2 tickets per family** for each show (not for each performance). We are not selling tickets, but are asking for money donations to contribute towards the new school play equipment which we are hoping will be installed in March next year! Keep hold of your tickets, as you must have a ticket in order to attend the shows. (Please ring the school office on 01235 764407 if you are not able to come into school for the ticket sales times and wish to receive tickets, Mrs Anderson will send tickets home in an envelope with your child. Donations can be made on the night of the performances).



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November is non-school uniform day (bring a luxury item into school for the Christmas tombola). This time, we are asking the children to **please bring in an item to be used to make up our luxury Christmas hampers**. Suitable luxury items include chocolates, wine, Christmas puddings, fancy biscuits, luxury jams, mince pies, crackers, decorations, etc. Please ensure that **perishable items have a best before date AFTER Christmas**.

**6<sup>th</sup> December** - Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents @6pm

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents @1.30pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school pantomime trip to Swindon (Jack and the Beanstalk)

**13<sup>th</sup> December** - KS2 Christmas Performance for parents @1.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup> December** - KS2 Christmas Performances for parents @1.30 and 6.30pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day (wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

If your child is interested in joining a local dance school, then why not try Karen Brind's school of dance. There are currently spaces in the Freestyle lessons that run on a Monday at the Beacon. The next term starts on Monday 10th January. All details can be found on Karen's website:

<https://karenbrindschoolofdance.co.uk/>

### **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

**Year F** In Foundation class this week we have been learning about the Jewish Festival of lights, Hannukah. We have made our own Hannukiah's, learned how to spin a dreidel and we have made lovely Star of David decorations. In phonics we have learned more new sounds and been able to use them to read and write! In maths we have been working on comparing amounts. We have also been practicing all of our songs for the Christmas Play.

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been learning about adjectives. The children have been looking at the characters in Room on the Broom and using adjectives to describe them. We have also started to plan a new page in the story, thinking about a different object the witch could drop and a new animal who will find it! The children behaved beautifully during their sports session on Monday for Sports Week where they learnt how to play the Indian sport Kabaddi.

**Year 2** In Year 2 we have loved adding actions to the songs from our Christmas Nativity this week. We have been working so hard in rehearsals to make sure we put on a great show for our families. In maths we have been subtracting two-digit numbers using dienes and the number line. And in English, we have been very excited to write our own stories using The Freedom Song as our inspiration.

**Year 3** In maths this week we have been focusing on subtraction with exchanging, we have been using dienes and place value counters to help us. In English and guided reading we have continued to look at our text for the term - Stone Age boy. We have been using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to describe and also onomatopoeia to make our writing more interesting. We are also really enjoying learning all of the songs for the Christmas play.

**Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week thinking about how we could innovate our own escape stories based on our story 'Escape From Pompeii'. We have thought carefully about the different characters we could include and the different settings we could use. We are looking forward to writing our stories next week. In maths we have been learning how to add numbers including multiple exchanges and have now moved on to looking at how we can use the vertical method for subtraction as well. We have also been continuing to talk about keeping ourselves safe online and in history we have learnt about being a Roman soldier.

**Year 5** This week Year 5 have been working hard exploring prime numbers in maths. We have also been thinking about how we will write a transmission from another planet! The play is also coming along nicely; we have been singing the songs as well as acting the parts! We have enjoyed sports week as well!

**Year 6** This week, Year 6 have been exploring punctuation and different sentence types in English. We have also been trying to show a character's personality without telling the reader what it is. In maths we have been exploring decimals and recapping multiplying and dividing with them. In geography, we have looked at some statistics around climate change and some of the human processes having a negative influence on the world.

## Soaring High

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

- Year F** Bea for an amazingly detailed Hannukiah decoration. You showed great attention to detail and worked really hard to achieve your goal. Well done Bea.  
Louie L for his listening and enthusiasm in our sports week PE session this week. You were amazing at listening carefully to the instructions and joined in fantastically through the whole session. Well done Louie.
- Year 1** Toby for your super work with adjectives. You worked really hard in our lesson and used your independence skills to think of different adjectives to describe your character. You made Mrs Wylde very proud with your wonderful writing!  
Benjamin for your super contributions towards all our learning this week. You have really enjoyed learning the story of Room on the Broom and sharing your knowledge of other Julia Donaldson texts. You always put your hand up to share your ideas with the class and we can't wait to read your new page for the story!
- Year 2** Leo for always working so hard in our lessons. You always try your best and show excellent listening; a very important learning power! It is a joy to have you in the classroom Leo, well done.  
Stuart for superb story telling with wonderful description and detail. Your use of interesting story vocabulary was so engaging for the class and it was so much fun to listen to you work. Well done, Stuart!
- Year 3** Macey for using such fantastic perseverance in maths, you worked extremely hard on your subtraction with exchanging and did not give up. This was really fantastic to see well done.  
Freddie for using fantastic independence and confidence in his English work, you always choose to challenge yourself and the writing that you are producing is so lovely to read. You have really got the hang of how to build tension into what you write. Well done Freddie, great work.
- Year 4** James for always being so kind and caring. It was lovely that you wanted to give out stickers to people you had spotted playing nicely at playtime and you were so confident sharing this in front of the class. Well done for really embracing the ideas from anti-bullying week last week!  
Alfie for amazing work in maths this week. You have really understood the formal method for addition and made a great start with subtraction. Fantastic effort, Alfie, keep up the hard work!
- Year 5** Jenson for using his independence and listening in English. He came up with some really fantastic and creative ideas!  
Jack for using his independence in science and producing some excellent work. Well done Jack!
- Year 6** Alfie J for his determination to write some excellent sentences in English this week – he pushed himself, had a go at the challenges and succeeded. Well done.  
Milly for her confidence in maths this week. She has been working really well with her partners sharing ideas and always having a go. She has also had her hand up a lot to share ideas in lessons and hasn't minded so much about making mistakes. A great learning attitude.

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](mailto: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](http://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).