



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are recruiting

We have vacancies for lunch time supervisors and teaching assistants. We are looking to appoint committed, energetic, creative staff to join our outstanding, happy primary school. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a motivated and driven team of staff who ensure that the children's wellbeing and learning is at the heart of everything we do.

All job role details can be found on our school website:

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

Dates for your diary

Friday 7th October - Inset day – school closed to children

Monday 10th October – Friday 21st October - Year 5 swimming sessions

Thursday 13th October - FOS clothing collection

Friday 14th October – Halloween disco

Friday 21st October end of term at 3pm

Friday 21st Flu immunisations for all Year groups (Consent email has been sent home on 13.09.22)

Monday 31st October – Children return to school for term 2

Week beginning 7th November - Parents/Teacher evenings – In person or via zoom, Book fair in school

Friday 11th November – School photo day (individual photos and siblings who attend Stockham School)

Friday 18th November – Children in Need day led by the school council

Monday 21st November - Athlete Visit (Kelly Simm – commonwealth gold medal gymnast)

Tuesday 13th December – whole school pantomime trip to see Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Tuesday 20th December - 12pm term 2 ends.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank



The Charlie Waller Trust are offering Mental Health Resources and free webinars for parents/carers and educators. Up-coming webinars include: 'Supporting the mental health of children and young people with SEND', 'Relationships Matter – why relationships are key for young peoples' wellbeing' and 'Social media: Connecting us or creating distance? – What is the impact of social media on mental health?' Please take a look using the following link: https://charliewaller.org/what-we-offer/free-webinars?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the parents from Foundation and Year 1 who attended the phonics workshop on Monday evening. We hope they found the evening useful and informative. For anyone who was not able to attend, the presentation slides from the workshop are now uploaded on the School website.

Edwards and Ward are looking for people to join our growing catering operation, and we are looking for a Catering Assistant at Stockham Primary.

The position is 16hrs a week, Monday to Friday, term time only, based around 10:30 to 14:00

If you have any questions, please contact John Boor (Operations Manager, E&W) on 07973 800555

Halloween Disco Friday 14th October 2022 - 6 - 8pm

For Stockham School Children and their adults only - please make sure that you supervise your children at all times.

You can purchase your tickets on:

Tuesday 4th October 8.30am in the school hall

Wednesday 5th October 8.30am in the school hall

Tickets £1.50 per person

Tickets are limited. If for any reason you are unable to use your tickets, please let your teacher know and we can offer them to another family.

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been having fun exploring our local area - virtually! The children have loved exploring google maps and street view, recognising places around us and talking about the places that they know and visit. We also explored a world map and a globe in our geography lesson this week, looking carefully at the details. In maths we have been practicing our counting skills and learned how to be very careful when we count - saying one number for each item being counted, saying the numbers in the right order, and stopping when we get to the end.
- Year 1** This week Year 1 have been continuing our work with sentences and learning about what a noun is. In maths we have been comparing objects and numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. We learnt about what a human feature is in geography and spoke about what we have seen in Wantage that has been made by humans.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been exploring how to make different patterns and textures in art. In English, we have written character descriptions. We were very lucky to have the firefighters visit us to teach us how to stay safe and show us around the fire engine.
- Year 3** In English we have started researching information about Oxford to prepare us to write a holiday brochure. In art we have been experimenting with different pencil tones. We have learnt how to shade, hatch and cross hatch. The children have drawn some amazing pictures of a famous building in Oxford. We have been focusing on adding 1s and crossing the tens in maths. We have used numicon, number lines and partitioning methods to help us.
- Year 4** This week Year 4 have started to explore the features of a newspaper during English lessons. They have all shown great understanding of chronological order and can recall facts about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The class enjoyed creating their Christmas Cards and although a little early we could not resist listening to a few Christmas songs. Together we are learning more about the Romans, particularly Hadrian's Wall, which we now know took 6 years to build!

- Year 5** This week Year 5 have been working hard looking at place value in maths as well as writing action sequences in English! In science we have been looking at the life cycle of mammals as well as continuing to explore our geography theme based on South America.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week deepening our understanding of our book *The Ways of the Wolf*. We have learnt about how to take careful and useful notes from our text, turning these into succinct note cards ready for us to present our information to the class. We all did a really good job of presenting our information. In maths we have investigated prime, square and cube numbers and have begun to work on efficient multiplication methods. As geographers we have researched and learnt about different geographical features of North America.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Harley for his increasing confidence and independence. You have been working so hard on coming into school without support and been so independent in the classroom. Well done Harley
Albie for impressing Mrs Hackwood and Wendy with his confidence in phonics and reading this week. Well done Albie!
- Year 1** Julian for taking his learning home and creating a wonderful book all about King Alfred, this shows great independence with your learning, well done! Anna, for always trying her best with her learning and being willing to share what she has learnt with the class; you often teach Miss Breakspear and Mrs Anderson new facts from what you have learnt at home!
- Year 2** Morgan for his excellent attitude to his learning all the time. He is always ready to learn and determined to try his best.
Jaime for her creative and imaginative ideas in lessons. She listens really well in class discussions and then always has her hand up to add her thoughts and opinions and help others.
- Year 3** Leo for working very hard at home and at school on his spellings.
Elizabeth for always showing she is ready to learn and for continuously being focused and on task.
- Year 4** Elijah G for persevering during a lesson on Roman Numerals. Directing his determined attitude to ask great questions and focussing on independent task. A wonderful display of Growth Mindset.
Lucy for trying her best during lessons by contributing her ideas and is always ready to listen to her classmates when it is their turn to share. Her calm and happy attitude continues to have a positive impact on those around her.
- Year 5** Joey has set a great example this week. He uses his learning powers, especially confidence and independence to answer questions and always takes a full part in class discussions as well as working independently! Well done Joey.
James has used his independence learning power to produce some excellent work in science this week about the life cycle of mammals. Well done James!
- Year 6** Sophie for always working so hard. You use your learning powers in all lessons and this has helped you to complete some fantastic pieces of work this term. You are always so polite and a great role model for the rest of the class. Well done, Sophie.
Chloe for always having such a wonderful attitude towards your work and school life in general. You always work super hard and contribute so much in lessons. You are always so helpful and caring. It is lovely to see your confidence growing-keep it up, Chloe!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 for having the tidiest classroom. 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).