



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sensory garden clean up and school environment help

Thank you so much to all the Parents, Grandparents, older siblings and children for all the hard work in clearing the sensory garden up on Saturday in half term. We were lucky enough to have the expertise of Wild Wantage who supported the project. We were blessed with beautiful sunshine. We are looking for a small team of parents and carers to help maintain the sensory garden throughout the year. Please let me know if you would like to help.





Handy person!

We are looking for a handy person to lend a hand in and around the school building. If you think you might be able to help with any of the following jobs, we would be ever so grateful: putting up noticeboards, attaching storage boxes to outside brick walls, minor internal decoration....

Dates for your diary

7th March – Whole school visit from Ben Smith (401 marathons in 401 days athlete). Ben was bullied at school. He raised over £330,000 for anti-bullying children charities. Ben will be talking to the children about finding their happy place and good mental health. **Children may come to school wearing clothes that make them happy or represent who they are as an individual** (suitable for both the weather and for practical wearing in school)

8th March – Auditions for Stockham's Got Talent – Any children taking part may bring in costumes, props, song words etc. Please ensure your child knows what music they would like (if needed). We have access to Youtube music and a CD player.

Week beginning 14th March – Parents evenings –Please book your appointment using the parentmail app or browser.

18th March – Red Nose Day – At 9.30am we are taking part in BBC Oxfordshire Radio Guinness book of records challenge to beat the existing record of 'how many children playing musical bumps at one time' - more information about Red Nose Day will come from the school council

1st April – Final of Stockham's Got Talent 2022

8th April – End of term 4 at 12pm.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Here is our school link to our Amazon wish list page!

It is full of the latest recommended books which we would love to begin filling our book corners, school library and guided reading selections with. The books will be distributed and used all over the school - based on the needs of the children and school areas. If you would like to support us by buying a book for our school, we would be incredibly grateful! The link can be found here: <https://amzn.eu/eATTDGF>

Class News

Year F In Foundation this week we have kicked off our 'Traditional Tales' topic with the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' which introduced lots of the characters we'll be learning about in the coming weeks. We enjoyed writing shopping lists, making pancake batter, discussing balanced and healthy choices for the toppings and tasting some pancakes at school! We have looked at recipes and written our own recipe for perfect pancakes. In maths we have been comparing, talking about who has more and who has fewer, and how we know when the amounts are equal.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have started our new topic about Queens. The children loved finding out some facts about Queen Elizabeth and learning the National Anthem. In English we have been learning about Verbs and using them to give instructions for making a pancake!

Year 2 In Year 2 we have hit the ground running with our new topic It's a Kind of Magic! We have been reading a dragon poem in our reading sessions called The Pet and in English we have been reading a non-chronological report about a dragon. We will be immersing ourselves in magic this term and are very excited! In maths we are continuing our work on fractions and are securing the terminology of numerator and denominator in all our lessons.

- Year 3** In Year 3 this week we have been sharing our news from the holiday and looking at the different ways that we can use commas in our writing. In maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers, we have been looking at number sentences that need exchanging in both the tens and ones columns. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our adventure themed World Book Day, we have studied the book *Skysteppers* by Kathryn Rundell and taken part in a nationwide live lesson all about enjoying reading.
- Year 4** Year 4 have had a great start back to Term 4. We have begun to investigate our new text 'The Lion and The Unicorn' and have made some brilliant predictions about what might happen to our main character. We have thought about some key questions we have, based on what we have already seen and heard. We have also started to talk about our new history focus of World War II as part of links to this book and have already shown great sensitivity in our discussions. In maths we have been looking more at multiplication and have tried hard to learn facts for the 7 times table. Please keep asking us lots of quick-fire times table questions at home! We have had great fun during World Book Day and have enjoyed sharing our favourite book characters and books.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been looking at long multiplication in maths and we have started our new English topic based on the book *Kick!* We also had great fun on World Book Day.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been busy with assessments. In science we have been exploring the circulatory system. In maths, we have been investigating angles.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Tommy for always being such a kind, caring and thoughtful friend. You have made all the adults smile this week with the kindnesses that you show to your classmates on a regular basis.
Willow for showing independence and confidence in her recipe writing this week. You listened really carefully to the instructions for the write and did a great job.
- Year 1** Benjamin for your brilliant learning attitude towards your morning work. You showed amazing independence, sitting quietly, and writing a lovely piece all about your half term. Well done, Benjamin!
Miley for your brilliant work on number bonds to 10. You listened really well to the instructions and used the bead strings to help you find the different ways to make 10.
- Year 2** Amelie and Elizabeth for a brilliant start to the term! You both set such a wonderful example for the rest of the class, always ready to listen and to learn. Well done girls!
- Year 3** Finley for using great perseverance in maths this week, you have worked incredibly hard with your exchanging, you have shown such a positive attitude throughout every lesson this week, well done Fin this is excellent to see!
Alfie W for showing fantastic teamwork, you are an incredibly kind and thoughtful member of our class and you always make sure other members of our team are happy. Well done Alfie you have really made us all smile.
- Year 4** Kalinda for always having such a positive attitude to your work and for using your learning powers to push yourself on. You always approach everything with a big smile on your face and are such a positive member of the class team. Well done, Kalinda.
Jenson for being very interested in our new history topic and for actively joining in with our class discussions. You have thought sensitively when making observations and predictions about our new book. Well done, Jenson. Keep it up!
- Year 5** Mia for always using her learning powers in all she does in class. Well done, you set a fantastic example to all your class!
Milo for using his confidence learning power when doing drama! Your accent was excellent!

Year 6 Theo for his brilliant attitude towards his learning. He is always really determined – even when he is home learning - to produce his best work.
Alfie J for working really hard in gaining maths knowledge. It's great to see you so dedicated.

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).