



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

After half term I will be sending out a Year planner with a list of dates looking ahead over the rest of the academic year. Dates such as Christmas shows, sports days etc. will be available on this planner.

We have enjoyed getting back into the swing of things, enjoying mixing up year groups during golden time. The children enjoyed a variety of different activities last Friday:







### **Parents evenings**

Parents evenings will take place during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November. These will take place via zoom or phone call (you will receive a slip to choose which option suits you better). All being well, we will be returning to face to face parents evenings in March. The booking system will go live on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8am. You will be able to book an appointment by logging into your parentmail account and selecting 'parents evening'. The booking process is fairly straightforward. Here is the link to help answer any questions: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/>

### **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

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – End of term at 3pm for all children

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Inset day – Staff vision day – no children in school today

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Start of term 2 – 8.40-8.50am

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Photo day - individual photos taken of children

Week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evenings with teachers.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu nasal spray offered to all children by NHS nurses (more information to follow)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need day – School council to arrange

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Non-school uniform day (bring a luxury item into school for the Christmas tombola). More information to come from the Friends of Stockham.

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

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.

### **Class News**

**Year F** In Foundation this week we have continued with our witchy theme, reading Room on the Broom together. The children are very good at joining in with the repeated refrains in the story and have enjoyed using their knowledge of the story to help them retell and sequence the events as well as searching for more rhyming words. In maths we have been working on our subitising skills and practicing 'seeing' and 'hearing' numbers. We also earned all our class gemstones to get our class treat just in time for the end of term!

- Year 1** This week we have been busy showing off all we have learnt this term in Year 1! The children have done some beautiful reading and writing in their mini quizzes we have done; we are very proud of them! In DT this week we have been thinking about the house we live in and learning new vocabulary like detached, terrace and semi-detached. The children then drew a plan of what their house looks like from the outside and worked really hard to build it using card.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have been showing how much we have learnt this term, and we have worked incredibly hard on all our assessments. In history we have continued to find out about the moon landing and Neil Armstrong. We particularly enjoyed looking at the roles of each part of the spacecraft that made the landing so successful. We had a brilliant treat time on Wednesday too!
- Year 3** This week we have been working really hard showing all of the adults in the classroom what we have learnt throughout this term. We have also really enjoyed our final PE lesson with Mr Chadwick where we got to showcase our gym routines that we have been working on. We have started to talk about our topic for next term, which is going to be The Stone Age, we have been talking about the things we already know and the things we would like to know by the end of the topic. We are very much looking forward to our well-deserved pyjama party for our treat on Thursday afternoon to celebrate an absolutely brilliant term.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been really busy this week writing and polishing our own versions of the poem 'The River'. We have tried really hard to use all the poetic tricks we have learnt about e.g. similes, alliteration, rhyme and have written some great versions of our own. In maths we have been investigating negative numbers and seeing what happens before zero. We have also been really lucky to have a talk from Mark Bradfield who works for the Letcombe Brook project and we have learnt about what a special river it is. Ask us what we can remember about it.
- Year 5** In Year 5 this week we have been busy presenting our diary entries in English and in maths we have been learning about roman numerals. In science, we have been finding out all about the work of Dame Jane Goodall. In our French lessons we have been learning how to talk about different places we might find in a town.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been working hard to produce their fables and tell them to Year 1. In geography we have carried on exploring geographical locations, their physical features and how human processes affect them. We really enjoyed our final swimming lesson where we were very determined to use all our swimming strokes racing against each other!

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Finley A for his maths this week. You were able to explain your reasoning well in our lessons and I loved seeing your fascination with numbers and you making maths connections in your choosing time as well.  
Isla for her passion for learning. You come to school every day with a huge smile, you are always ready to learn and you join in with all our activities with enthusiasm and eagerness.
- Year 1** All of Year 1 for a brilliant first term. You have all worked really hard and it is lovely to see you all starting to challenge yourself in your busy time!!
- Year 2** Charlie and Isla for showing incredible focus and determination in your reading assessment this week. You showed excellent confidence, independence and perseverance. I am so proud of how hard you both worked, well done.
- Year 3** Lola for always having such a positive attitude to learning in the classroom, you try your best in all of our lessons and you always have a smile on your face, what an excellent example to set to everyone, well done!  
Eva for using her independence in maths, I have really started to notice you having a go by yourself and working extremely hard to make sure you have understood

what we are doing and that you have the right answer, this is amazing work Eva, well done!

**Year 4** Kalinda for always being so positive about everything she does. You always have such a good attitude to your work and are incredibly polite and helpful all the time. Well done, Kalinda.

Charlotte for a really good poem. You used lots of the tricks we have learnt about and your finished poem was really effective as a result. Well done, Charlotte.

**Year 5** Skyla for always working very hard in all lessons. Well done!

Spencer for working hard and setting a great example with his behaviour.

**Year 6** Alfie J you have been really determined to try your very best in all lessons. You really impressed staff in reading sessions where you volunteered to share your ideas and showed your confident side. You have also persevered in maths to remember all the 4 operations.

Jennifer you are always very positive in lessons. You have worked very well in your English group this week to share ideas and take an active role in inventing the story.

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 4 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.