



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back for our Christmas term. The children are starting to prepare for the Christmas shows this year – we are very excited to announce that KS2 children will be performing 'Primary Christmas Musical' and KS1 and Foundation will be performing 'It's a Party'. In assembly this week we have looked at 'Celebrating differences'. We looked at our individual lines on our hands and discussed how we are all unique. During the week beginning 15th November, the children will be taking part in lots of learning linked to Anti-bullying week. We encourage children to come to school on **Monday 15th wearing odd socks (the more different the better)**.

Parents evenings

Parents evenings are next week. If you have not booked your slot with your child's teacher, please do so before the weekend. You can book via the parentmail app or website, using the tab '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

Monday 8th November – Photo day - individual photos and sibling photos will be taken on this day. We will only be taking photos of any siblings who are on roll at Stockham School. We are unable to offer photos for pre-school or younger children.

Week beginning Monday 8th November – Parents evenings with teachers.

Monday 15th November – Anti-bullying week, odd sock day, Flu nasal spray offered to all children by NHS nurses (information for you to register your child for the flu spray has been sent this week via parentmail)

Friday 19th November - Children in Need day – School council to arrange

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

Monday 6th December - Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents @ 6pm

Tuesday 7th December - Foundation and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents @ 1.30pm

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

Monday 13th December - KS2 Christmas Performance for parents @ 1.30pm

Tuesday 14th December - KS2 Christmas Performances for parents @ 1.30 and 6.30pm

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas dinner day (wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory)

Friday 17th December – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank.



Key Stage 2 Reader's raffle winners

All of the Key Stage 2 classes have been working on increasing the amount of reading they are doing. Each class now has a weekly reading raffle where children can earn raffle tickets for having enough entries recorded in their reading diaries. Each week prizes are awarded in each class as the raffle tickets are drawn. At the end of term our Year 6 reading ambassadors had their first job of drawing the termly reader raffles where all the raffle tickets from the term are put together in each class and a winner is chosen to receive a book token. Our first prize winners: Elijah, Alfie, Mia and Hector were all very excited to have their names drawn out and our reading ambassadors Harry and Gwyn loved completing their first very important role. We can't wait to see which books our winners choose for themselves and seeing who are going to be our winners next term. Keep reading Key Stage 2!!!

Mrs Burson

Key Stage 2 lead

On Friday 1st October, we held our sponsored fitness circuit and motivational assembly with athlete Nerys Pearce who was very engaging and inspiring for the children. It was a really fun day and all the children were full of energy and enthusiasm. As a school, we managed to raise the enormous amount of £2,024.67! This is absolutely incredible and **we want to say a huge thank you to our children for taking part and to all the parents and carers in the local community who supported the children through sponsorship.** This money both supports the charity, who are able to keep running and supporting Olympic and Paralympic athletes to compete at the highest level, and our school where we now have a large amount of money to dedicate to PE equipment in school. Children will soon be celebrating through receiving their sponsorship rewards.





Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Divali; why it is celebrated and how they celebrate. We have enjoyed making our own Diva lamps, rangoli patterns and designing our own mendhi hand decorations. We found out about the Story of Rama and Sita and retold it through acting it out and sequencing the story. In maths we have been thinking about comparing quantities – knowing when there is more than, or less than another amount.
- Year 1** In Year 1 this week we have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder Plot. The children showed a real interest in finding out about this historical event. In English we have been looking at books by Julia Donaldson and starting to learn the story of Room On a Broom. In the maths the children have been using the greater and less than signs in their busy time, they have really impressed the adults with their comparisons of groups of objects.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have already got stuck into our new topic Incredible India! We have been listening to and retelling an Indian folk tale in our English lessons. We have used story mapping and story stepping to help us do this. And in our Geography lessons we have been finding out on which continents India and the UK can be found. We have been using maps of the world to support us with this.
- Year 3** In Year 3 we have been starting to look at column addition with digit numbers, we have been using place value counters and place value mats to help with this, this is helping us to get ready to use exchanging. In English we have been learning how to edit and improve our work. In history we have started looking at what prehistoric means, to help us understand this we have been looking at the role of an archaeologist.
- Year 4** Year 4 have had a great start to Term 2. We have already learnt our new story of 'Escape from Pompeii' by story mapping and story stepping it. We have already learnt a little bit about the true events at Pompeii and are looking forward to learning more. In maths we have been learning all about Roman numerals and how to write and read numbers using these different symbols. As scientists, we have begun thinking about our digestive system and drawn what we think happens inside our bodies. As historians we have begun to think about timelines and where different events in history fit on there.
- Year 5** This week we have started looking at multiplication in maths and in English we have been finding the shape of a non-chronological report. We have also started our swimming lessons which were great fun.
- Year 6** This week, Year 6 have begun exploring their new topic 'There is no planet B'. In geography, we have explored what COP26 is. We have also looked at what climate is and the different climates found over the world. In English, we are starting to look at how authors deliver messages to children about the environment. In science, we have explored inherited characteristics. Year 6 have also worked incredibly hard on their assessments this week and all the adults are very proud of their level of determination.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Amelia for her wonderfully detailed illustration of her half term news. You thought carefully about which colours to choose and drew all the details of the pumpkin designs that you carved at home. I loved hearing the story of how the littlest pumpkin went missing!
Edith for her care and attention to detail when making her rangoli pattern. You listened carefully to the instructions, thought carefully about what colours to use and persevered until it was finished, and it looks absolutely beautiful as a result.
- Year 1** Eleanor for your amazing effort with the first run through of the play. You recited your lines beautifully.
Morgan for always using your learning powers. You show amazing independence in your learning and always look out for your friends.
- Year 2** Millie and Leah for showing confidence and self-belief in maths this week. You have worked so hard and have proven you can do it! I was particularly impressed with your clear working out pictures, well done girls.
- Year 3** Logan for using his confidence and displaying such an excellent learning attitude in maths this week. You really worked hard and even wanted to carry on with your work after the lesson! Well done Logan this was fabulous to see.
Eliza for using amazing determination and confidence in English. You produced a beautiful story map and shared it with the whole class. Your story telling was incredible and it really helped us all to remember the important parts of the story and use them in our own writing. Well done Eliza what great work.
- Year 4** Isabelle for a fantastic effort with all of her homework projects from last term. You should be very proud of your homework book as you put so much effort into each piece. I can't wait to see what you produce this term!
Kiki for amazing effort in maths. You were so amazing when we did Roman Numerals for the first time this week and picked up the idea so quickly. You were even able to teach everyone else using your great reasoning. Well done, Kiki.
- Year 5** Georgia for using her confidence in her swimming lessons and being fantastic! Well done.
Sophie for a fantastic start to Year 5. Well done Sophie.
- Year 6** Theo and James for a very enthusiastic start to the year. They have both had their hands up continuously in our lessons to share ideas and join in with discussions. They also were very determined during the climate card challenges. It has been great to hear their opinions.

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 pmsgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from [pmsgschoolwear](http://pmsgschoolwear.co.uk).