

STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Usually at this time of year we would be starting to plan our bi-annual visit to the Church for our Christmas Concert, but sadly this year it will not be possible. However, it does not mean that all is lost!

Each class will be learning some Christmas themed songs which will be performed and recorded in school and then uploaded to our website (on a date to be decided) for you all to enjoy!

Please can I remind everybody to make sure they are all socially distancing and leaving the school grounds as quickly as possible.

Congratulations to Miss Hughes who has been successful in securing the position of Deputy Head Teacher at a school near Swindon. She will be leaving us at the end of the term and we are in the process of advertising for a new Key Stage 2 teacher.

Friday 20th November – Non school uniform day – please bring into school a luxury item for the Christmas hamper raffle (more details to follow from the friends of Stockham)

3rd December - Nasal flu spray day for all year groups (if you have registered your child)

4th December – The Quantum Theatre Company will still be able to come to school to perform 'The night before Christmas' playlet to individual KS2 year groups in the hall. (7th December are the KS1 performances). We will be asking for a £2 donation towards the cost of this show.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas dinner day – children may wear a Christmas jumper to school, or wear something festive in their hair.

Friday 18th December - Term ends – 12 pm – F, 1, 5 and 6

Term ends – 12.10pm – 2, 3 and 4

Many thanks,
Mr. Joe Burbank.

We have an exciting opportunity for a KS2 Teacher position at Stockham School starting in January 2021. – See below

<http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Parent governor elections

Three aspiring Parent Governors have come forward to express their interest in joining the Governing Body at Stockham School. Given there are only two Parent Governor places available, these will be appointed by an election. Please use the electronic ballot form below to vote for **TWO candidates only**. Please note that regardless of multiple children attending Stockham School, **only one ballot entry will be accepted per parent**. We hope you will support the Governing body in participating in this ballot. All votes should be made by 5pm on Monday 23rd of November, after which no further entries will be included in the final count. Please see the Parentmail from Wednesday for details of the candidates.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LtRShW_Al0WfUhlMnOPCry02IaqSz2dJtf25grKbvX9UMk8yWktYTVgyQTIQS1g0TVpGUUJBSziUNS4u

Christmas hampers and non-uniform day

A reminder that tomorrow is a non-uniform day! Friends of Stockham will be collecting donations for the Christmas hampers.....please bring along your festive food contributions of wine, chocolate and sweets, biscuits, jams, crackers, mince pies, teas.....and anything else that you think will make Christmas a bit cheerier for the lucky winners. The donations will be collected in the children's classrooms and put in quarantine until the hampers are made.

Tickets for hampers have been sent home with your child this week, if you have not received them, or would like extra tickets, please let us know by emailing friendsofstockham@gmail.com, or ask Mrs Anderson. Tickets are £1 each, or £5 for a book and the draw will take place during Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December.

CLASS NEWS

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been reading "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", practicing retelling the story through puppets, acting it out and making maps to lead us to the bear. In maths we have been looking at numbers to 10 and starting to think about capacity in our practical activities.
- Year 1** In English this week Year 1 have been looking at different versions of the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood, we have been writing about which one is our favourite. In maths we have been learning to add by using the part part whole model and counting on.
- Year 2** This week in Year 2 we have been continuing to look at the story of The Freedom Bird, we have been creating our own freeze frames then writing sentences using the past tense and writing poems. In maths we have been learning how to subtract a single digit number from a two digit number.
- Year 3** In English we have been planning and writing our autobiographies, and in maths we have been using the expanded method to subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have been learning numbers in French and working on improving our stamina in PE.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week writing setting descriptions based on our book Escape From Pompeii. We watched an animation of what might have happened when Mount Vesuvius erupted and then wrote detailed descriptions. We have learnt to build up wonderful sentences by using the pyramid method - starting with a single word and ending with a full, detailed description of a particular thing. In maths we have been learning how to set subtraction out vertically and have begun to think about how to use exchange to work out some harder examples. We have also been historians and learnt all about the powerful character of Boudicca.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been looking at Statistics in maths as well as continuing to recap on subtraction and addition methods. In English we have been looking at descriptive writing techniques as well as looking at an extract from Great expectations!
- Year 6** This week in Year 6 we have started to look at data in maths. In English we are exploring descriptions. In geography we have been researching the effects people are having on the environment.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Freddie for showing perseverance and much improved listening superpowers. It has been great to see you trying hard in everything you do this week. Keep it up! Amelia for showing confidence and independence. You are always willing to try a new activity and give it your best. We know this will take you far in life.

- Year 1** Chloe for really using such fabulous listening in our lessons, you are always able to answer questions when asked and you are always where you should be doing what you should be doing! Well done!
Rupert for showing fantastic perseverance particularly with your handwriting, you never give up and you work so hard, this is such a brilliant attitude to have, well done!
- Year 2** Mason for using your learning powers and being such a great role model to the rest of the class, you set such a brilliant example, well done.
Elijah R for using your confidence and independence in everything that you do, you really take responsibility for your learning and this demonstrates such fantastic pride in your work, well done.
- Year 3** Kiki and Lucas for using their learning powers in every single lesson. You both work so hard and set an excellent example to the class. Well done!
- Year 4** Leon for brilliant effort in English this week. Well done for trying hard to use some of our vocabulary ninja words and for using similes in your wonderful sentences.
Madison for trying really hard in maths and for applying your learning powers. You have put extra special effort in recently and it is really paying off. Well done!
- Year 5** Mathew for using his learning powers to be an excellent and supportive team member! Well done Mathew.
Violet for using her determination in her spellings this week. Well done Violet!
- Year 6** Oscar, Holly, Ava, Summer, Harriett and George for leading a brilliant first assembly to the rest of the school. They were confident speakers and were really supportive as a team.

Well done everyone!

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).