



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are getting excited about meeting Kelly Simm, the British, Commonwealth & World team medallist artistic gymnast. Kelly will be in Stockham School all day on Monday, talking about her inspirational journey to the top of her sporting success. All the children will take part in a fun, active workshop and we will finish the day with a whole school assembly with Kelly. Please help the children to raise money through their sponsorship form.



Anti-bullying week 14th -18th November

We have had a very informative anti-bullying week. The children celebrated their differences on Monday by wearing odd socks. We even had an odd socks boogie in assembly. Throughout the week, children learnt about 'how to 'Reach out' for help and advice. Each class now has a 'Reach out' box where children can share information with the adults in the class if they are feeling sad, worried or overwhelmed. Today we are selecting our anti-bullying ambassadors from Year 1-6. These children will be working with me to continue to ensure the school is a zero-bullying zone.

Today we are celebrating Children in Need. We have loved seeing all the children's inside out clothes, superhero costumes and PJs! It is not too late to donate. Here is the link to the ParentPay Children in Need donation page: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9309>

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 for having the highest attendance rates so far this academic year. This year we will be monitoring attendance across the school and celebrating individual and whole class achievements. We do know that children are sometimes unwell, however we would like to stress the importance of arriving to school on time and being in school every day, ready to learn. We will keep you up to date in December to see any changes.

Class Breakdown in November:

Foundation	97.18%
Year 1	96.62%
Year 2	96.47%
Year 3	98.45%
Year 4	97.80%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	92.86%

Dates for your diary

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

28th and 29th November at 8.30am – ticket sales in the school hall for the Year 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity. (2 tickets per family please)

Friday 2nd December – Christmas hamper donation day/non school uniform

Monday 5th December – Years 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity (evening – 6-7pm)

Tuesday 6th December – Years 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity (1.30pm – 2.30pm afternoon)

We can only offer two tickets per family (there may be more available for the afternoon show after the ticket sales). The children may have quiet voices during speaking parts and will have worked hard on their performance, so we do ask that children below school age do not attend the nativity shows. Please speak to Mrs Burbank if this means you are unable to see the show, as we would like all families to be able to attend.

Wednesday 7th December – Foundation Christmas Singalong – 5.30pm

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

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day and Christmas hamper draw

Thursday 15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas celebration for parents 2pm-3pm and an evening performance at 5-6pm. (The Key stage 2 children will be performing Christmas songs and poems on the stage in the school hall).

Tuesday 20th December - 12pm term 2 ends.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

On Thursday 10th November, two teams from Year 5 and 6 took part in a tag rugby competition. They were all so excited and channelled all this energy into their training sessions and matches on the night. They found their rhythm quickly and had a fantastic competition. Altogether, we won 2 games, drew 3 games and only lost 1. Both teams finished 2nd in their league overall and deserved this achievement. Well done all!

Class News

Year F In Foundation this week we have been starting to learn about nocturnal animals as part of our Light and Dark theme. In phonics we have learned more new sounds and are making progress in blending and segmenting words and our letter formation. In maths we have been thinking about the 'same' and 'equal'.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been continuing to describe our secret sky gardens using adjectives. We have looked at the weather in science and made rain gauges. In geography we have carried out some independent research on England and looked at some of the famous human and physical features.

- Year 2** Year 2 have been thinking about what the term 'bullying' means and how we can reach out in school. We have also thought about all the ways we can look after each other and be kind to each other. In PE we have been exploring how to travel along different pathways. In maths we have been discovering related addition and subtraction facts.
- Year 3** This week we have moved on to multiplication in maths. We have been using practical equipment to learn about grouping and arrays. We have begun planning our own Stone Age story in English and will be focusing on how to write a good paragraph. We have continued to make our trousers for the Stone Age Boy, using a running stitch.
- Year 4** A busy week for all of us in Year 4! We have been mastering how to exchange when adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers this week. We have also used junk modelling to create different types of mountain formations. It is amazing what you can create with some tape and cardboard. Friday has been the most exciting day as we joined in with the rest of the school to raise money for Children in Need.
- Year 5** This week Year 5 have been learning about multi step problems using addition and subtraction and in English we have been writing the different sections of Theseus and the Minotaur. We have also started to design our own monster! We have been investigating the properties of materials in science.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been working really hard this week. In English we have been deepening our understanding of our book 'Rain Player'. We have been investigating language features and writing different types of sentences. We have also written both descriptions and newspaper articles about the game of Pok-A-Tok from the story. In maths this week we have started to investigate fractions. We have been finding equivalent fractions, learning how to simplify them and then order and compare them. As historians we have found out about how the landscape of where the Ancient Maya lived affected what they traded. We even tried some trading of our own!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Edward for perseverance in phonics, and making such improvements to his letter formation. Well done Edward.
Jessica for confidence in phonics, especially for her blending skills. Well done Jessica!
- Year 1** Jacob for learning your lines for our Christmas performance so well already, both Miss Hughes and I were really proud of you in our rehearsal, well done.
Rhys for your perseverance in maths this week, you have tried really hard with those trickier questions and all the adults are very proud of you, well done!
- Year 2** Erin for her brilliant listening in lessons and her determination to learn her related addition and subtraction facts in maths.
Miley-May for her determination to learn and remember all her high frequency words. Your teachers are very proud of you.
- Year 3** Charlie for working on his listening skills and showing he's ready for all his lessons.
Saloma for working hard on her handwriting and on her spellings.
- Year 4** William for his constant support of those around him. In lessons he has shown wonderful partner skills by supporting others with their learning or offering his own thoughts. Also, he is a wonderful friend when out in the playground.
Zach for his quiet enthusiasm during lessons. It has been brilliant to see Zach contributing more within class discussions, particularly maths. Well done Zach.
- Year 5** Polly for using her independence and teamwork learning powers in maths when solving tricky word problems! Well done Polly!
Alfie for using his determination in English and producing some great writing. Well done Alfie!

Year 6 Eva for always using your Stockham values and learning powers. You try really hard to apply what we have been learning in the lesson into your own work and are a really active learner in the class. Your contributions this week have been fantastic. Well done, Eva.

Georgia for having a really positive week and for having a great attitude to your work. You have worked hard and produced some great pieces of work as a result. You have also shown resilience when you needed to go back and correct your work. Well done, Georgia. Keep it up!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 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).