



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry to have missed some of you this week; Covid has finally hit the Burbank household. I look forward to being back in school at some point during next week, when safe to do so.

The children had a wonderful time taking part in the Chinese New Year dance workshop, we shared what we had learnt in a whole school assembly on the Friday afternoon. Years Foundation and 1 have also enjoyed a Chinese banquet in the hall this week!



Pathways around the school

The one-way system around the school is no longer in use, please use the pathways. The car park may have vehicles coming in and out.

Sensory garden clean up and school environment help

On Saturday 26th during the morning, we have been lucky enough to have the support of 'Wild Wantage project workers' to have an early spring clean of the sensory garden and other surrounding areas. We would love to have help from our parents and families. There are particular areas of the school that would benefit from an environmental makeover! Please let me know if you can lend a hand during this morning.

Stockham School are advertising for two new lunchtime supervisors to start as soon as possible. Please click on the link below to find out more about the role, how to apply and to access the job description <https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Consultation on support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire are running two consultations on plans to develop a more inclusive approach to supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). These consultations are interlinked and run together between Monday 10 January and Thursday 10 March 2022. The council and its partners are seeking views on a draft Local Area SEND Strategy to develop high-quality services across education, health, and social care to support children and young people and their families. Oxfordshire County Council's proposals for system reform for SEND include making more high-quality SEND education available closer to home, reducing reliance on out of county provision, and improving educational outcomes for children through closer partnerships between the council and schools.

Have your Say

We want to hear your views. We will consider all feedback given and this will inform Oxfordshire County Council's system reform for SEND, and the final Local Area SEND Strategy. In the feedback survey below you can respond to one or both consultations.

Please complete the survey by clicking on this link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OxfordshireSEND/>

Dates for your diary

11th February – Final day to hand in Stockham's Got Talent entry slips

18th February – 3pm – school finishes for February half term

28th February – Children return to school for term 4 (8.40=8.50am)

3rd March – World book day



The theme for this World Book Day follows the message "You Are a Reader," and there will be a focus on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The World Book Day organisation will be working with schools and nurseries to distribute gift vouchers to ensure that all children can have a book of their own.

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)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3Q5hsSU9L8>

8th March – Auditions for Stockham's Got Talent

Week beginning 14th March – Parents evenings

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

8th April – End of term 4 at 12pm.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have had a very busy time celebrating Lunar New Year. The children were inspired by their dragon dance workshop last week and have created many wonderful drawings of their experience. We have learned how to concertina fold paper and made a concertina book of the story of The Great Race, made dragon puppets, and fans, as well as lanterns, rattle drums and dragon paintings. We have loved collaborating with Year 1 and enjoyed our joint banquet. Many children tried foods they have not tried before and loved that they had prepared the ingredients themselves.
- Year 1** This week we have been very busy celebrating Chinese New Year! The children have loved working with Foundation in the hall to create different pieces of art. We have learnt about the Chinese Zodiac and found out what animal we are. On Wednesday, the children worked really hard all morning to prepare their Chinese Banquet, they spent a little time trying to identify the different vegetables before following a recipe and chopping them all up. We really enjoyed spending the afternoon in our banquet hall, surrounded by our decorations, listening to Chinese music, and enjoying our stir fry!

- Year 2** In Year 2 we have been writing explanation texts about fire engines in our English lessons. We have written introductions and added labels and captions to photographs and diagrams. Next week, we are hoping to use this knowledge of explanation texts to help us explain how some sports from the Winter Olympics are played. In computing, we have really enjoyed coding on the new Chromebooks.
- Year 3** In maths Year 3 have been looking at dividing, we have looked at making equal groups and sharing within groups and looking at what it means to have a remainder. We have concentrated on dividing by 2 and dividing by 5. In English we have been carrying on with our diary writing, we have been writing an entry about what it would have been like to attend an Egyptian chariot race and describing this using our senses. In science we have also been exploring how light reflects from different surfaces.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy again this week. In English we have started to think about who we want to write our letters for a real purpose to. We have had some great ideas and can't wait to get them sent off to see if we get any replies. In maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide accurately by 10 and 100. We loved spending Tuesday learning all about Chinese New Year and our classroom is looking very colourful with our Chinese lanterns. As artists we have enjoyed using clay to create plates, ready to be painted with our own Willow Pattern designs.
- Year 5** In English, this week Year 5 have been continuing their work on The Nowhere Emporium, writing sentences using metaphors and dialogue. In maths we have been learning how to read two-way tables and timetables. Year 5 worked hard in art this week to paint their landscape sketches in the style of David Hockney. We have also been exploring water resistance in science.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been exploring electricity in science and making predictions about circuits. In maths we have been exploring the volume of 3D shapes and the area of triangles and parallelograms. In English we have been exploring how writing build tension can show a character's emotions.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Julian for his amazing drawings this week. It's clear that the dragon dance workshop was a great inspiration to you and you have done some amazing illustrations of your experience and decorations for the hall. Well done Julian.
Rosie for her writing in her Great Race book. You used all of your sounds to great effect and were very motivated in your work. Well done Rosie.
- Year 1** Jack for your brilliant recount on our Chinese Dragon Dance. You work really hard, thinking about your sentences and remembering your full stops and capital letters independently. Well done Jack!
Scarlett for your super artwork during our two days of Chinese crafts. You worked really hard to make your Chinese dragon and your rattle drum, well done!
- Year 2** Rocco and Leo for showing an excellent understanding of the patterns that can be found when dividing by 10. You both helped your group with their own understanding and showed great teamwork as well as excellent independence to complete your work. Well done boys!
- Year 3** Finley for using such fantastic confidence and excitement in our history lessons, it is absolutely wonderful to see how interested and inspired you are about the Ancient Egyptian's. Well done Fin!
Kacie-Belle for displaying such great listening and curiosity in our lessons this week, you give all your work 100%. Your hand is always up to answer and ask questions and you always have a positive attitude at all times. Well done Kacie-Belle!

- Year 4** Abigail for high quality work during our day all about Chinese New Year. You produced a beautiful information page all about the celebration and made carefully constructed lanterns. For all tasks you listened really carefully to the instructions about how they should be completed and the end products were wonderful. Well done, Abigail.
Harry B for working so well when we were making our Chinese lanterns. You listened so carefully to the instructions and completed yours independently so well. It was so lovely to then see you helping others to complete theirs. Well done, Harry.
- Year 5** Skyla for showing great teamwork skills this week by supporting her classmates in all subjects. You have been so helpful. Thank you!
Spencer for showing real perseverance and confidence when returning back to school this week. You have worked really hard in all subjects. Well done!
- Year 6** Alfie B for a very descriptive piece of English. He worked hard to show a mood within a piece of writing.
Amelie for always being positive, using great teamwork and trying her very best in all her lessons.
- Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 5 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).