

STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is beginning to feel a bit like Christmas at Stockham! We have lots of decorations in the classrooms and the Christmas tree is up in the hall and the hampers have been made up ready for the raffle! The staff and the children are looking forward to teaching our winter theme next week based on the book *The Snowflake* by Benji Davies.



We are excited to be interviewing for our new Key Stage 2 teacher on Thursday and will keep you informed of the outcome.

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 Key stage 1 performances). We are asking for a £2 donation towards the cost of this show to be paid via **ParentPay**.

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.

CLASS NEWS

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have had a visit from the kindness elves and have enjoyed helping them to do acts of kindness and making kindness potions. We have excitedly begun preparing for Christmas and been practicing our nativity songs. We also enjoyed a visit from Mr B, the sports coach, and were all fantastic at the activities!
- Year 1** This week in maths Year 1 have been carrying on looking at subtraction, we have been solving subtraction problems using the part part whole model to help us and we have also been subtracting by finding the difference and using a number line. In DT we have absolutely loved our project of making animal puppets, we have worked really hard to design, plan, make and evaluate our puppets and have had a great time doing it!
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have worked incredibly hard on our Phonics Assessments this week. We have really enjoyed showing Miss Mascord just how much we have learnt and progressed! In our geography lessons, we have been comparing India with the UK. We have looked at similarities and differences and paid particular attention to the types of transport used in both countries.
- Year 3** This week we have started looking at calligrams in English, and we have been practising adding ones, tens and hundreds mentally in maths. In geography we have been investigating the location of hills and mountains in the UK, and in PE we have been trying to improve our fitness by power walking and skipping.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week writing our own escape stories and we have been doing some great 'purple pen polishing work' with our partners. We have tried really hard to use all the skills and writing techniques we learnt about during our storytelling journey. In maths we have been learning about measuring length with a ruler accurately and finding equivalent measurements with different units. We have also done lots of fun art activities linked to our topic - making our own Roman mosaics and volcano inspired poly-prints.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard writing descriptive settings in English, using different techniques such as personification. In maths we have been understanding prime numbers and composite numbers.
- Year 6** In Year 6 this week we have been exploring speech and how to use it to give more detail about characters and the story. In maths, we have been reading timetables. In geography we have been looking at ways we are becoming sustainable with energy.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Chester for showing the super learning power of confidence during his Show and Tell this week. Well done for such a clear and confident presentation Chester!
Eleanor for showing great super learning powers of perseverance and teamwork every day and especially during the sports session on Wednesday. Well done Eleanor!

- Year 1** Leah for showing great perseverance in maths, well done you have really shown all the adults how hard you work and that you never give up.
Teddy for using fantastic listening in our topic lessons about Kings and Queens, you have worked very hard and we are very impressed with how much you have learnt, keep up the great work!
- Year 2** Zachary for consistently working hard in all our lessons. You have shown exceptional independence, confidence and perseverance and I am so proud of all you have achieved. Well done!
Lola for showing such high levels of effort and determination in our phonics lessons. You are using the digraphs and trigraphs beautifully to decode words, well done!
- Year 3** Herbie and Max B for great listening in English and having the confidence to come up with some very creative ideas when writing their calligrams.
- Year 4** Shanley for a super attitude to her learning at the moment. She has been using her learning powers to great effect and is producing great work as a result. Keep it up, Shanley!
Chloe for always being fully involved in lessons and always contributing lots to class and group discussions. Her hand is always up and she is always happy to share her wonderful ideas.
- Year 5** Brandon for showing a real effort in maths this week. Well done.
Emma for using her independence and confidence in our guided reading session to be able to understand a tricky inference question.
- Year 6** Amber for her enthusiasm in all lessons. She always has her hand up to share ideas and is determined in independent research to find out lots of new information.
Faith and Nola for their perseverance in maths this week when using number lines to explore timetables. You applied the new skills very successfully and it was nice to see you so confident.

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).