



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in school. We hope you are enjoying all the festive performances; the children were fantastic and really rose to the occasion.

We are all looking forward to all the wonderful events next week: our whole school trip to the pantomime, KS2 Christmas at the Movies, Christmas dinner and our termly Golden time!

### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon to see Snow White

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day and present room

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 'Christmas at the Movies' concert, 5.30pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 'Christmas at the Movies' concert, 9.30am

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 12pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Children return for Term 3.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

### Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been busy learning songs and performing at the Foundation Christmas concert- the children did a great job and thank you to all those who were able to attend. In maths this week, we have been learning number bonds of 5 using lots of different resources, including our snack! We have also been learning to write our tricky words.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have continued our research on England and have learnt lots of new facts which we have put into a book all about England. We have completed descriptions about a new suit for Santa, ready for our friends to have a go at drawing our ideas from our descriptions! We enjoyed forest school this week, where we made hedgehogs, bird feeders and s'mores!
- Year 2** This week, Year 2 should feel incredibly proud of their 3 performances of Prickly Hay. They worked so hard to produce a lovely nativity with songs we will remember and superb acting. When Year 2 have not been performing, we have been learning about places in the United Kingdom that are North, South, East and West of the capital cities. In maths, we have been adding 2 digit numbers together by crossing an extra 10. In science we have been able to identify the stages in the life cycle of both a chicken and a butterfly. We have also enjoyed some Crazy Creature videos from Twig Science Reporter, especially the Pebble Toad!
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have begun writing their mountain recounts in English. In maths, we have been working on multiplication and in particular, on understanding how an array can represent multiplication facts. We have also been busy rehearsing for the Key Stage 2 Christmas show, we are very excited and can't wait to show you! Year 3 also enjoyed their marble treat this week, which was watching the film 'Polar Express' in their pyjamas, whilst enjoying a hot chocolate (complete with marshmallows!) and biscuits!

- Year 4** In Year 4 we have been very busy perfecting our Christmas performance ready for next week! The children have been working hard to learn all the song lyrics and thinking about what makes a great performance. In maths we have been working on our times tables. The children have explored different ways they can improve their speed and have enjoyed taking part in a friendly timed competition! In art, we have been busy starting to make crafts to sell at the Christmas Fayre!
- Year 5** This week, Year 5 have been working really hard during rehearsals for the KS2 Christmas show. They are really having to use all their learning powers to the full to make sure they can give their best performance. They are really looking forward to the shows next week! In English, we have continued to write our own Greek-inspired myths and it has been wonderful to see so many children have the confidence to share their stories so far with the whole class. They should all feel really proud that their writing has come on so well this year. In maths, our focus has been converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions and we have also had time to present our Ancient Greek posters in History.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week deepening our knowledge of fractions and learning how to divide fractions by an integer. We have learnt the trick of 'keep, change, flip' to help us to do this more easily. We have also tried to apply our knowledge of fractions to help solve problems involving them and also find fractions of amounts. In science we have been bringing together our understanding of evolution by writing a report about Darwin's theory about it. We have been in full flow with our Christmas concert and have put lots of effort into rehearsing for our version of A Muppets Christmas Carol. We can't wait to share it with you. We have also had additional duties this week as Christmas postal elves!

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Freddie- You have been working so hard to build friendships and try new things- well done!  
Hallé- it has been great to see you so involved with your learning and persevering to get things right, keep up the good work!
- Year 1** All of Year 1 for your fantastic Christmas performance! You have all worked so hard to put on an amazing show to the whole school, parents and carers! Well done all of you, you should all be very proud of yourselves!
- Year 2** Frankie: What a fantastic week of learning you have had! You have completed all your learning tasks and even asked for more! Keep up your fantastic attitude to learning. It's so wonderful to see you soaring high!  
Finley A: For being an 'always' child in Year 2. You always use your learning powers to be successful. You always show kindness and respect to others. You always are a delightful member of our class.
- Year 3** Benjamin - for some great answers in guided reading this week. You showed great listening skills and gave thoughtful answers to questions. Well done!  
Henry - for taking a more active part in lessons. It has been great to see your hand up more to answer questions and give your ideas. Keep it up!
- Year 4** Amelia for your determination during our times tables competition! You worked incredibly hard to answer as many questions as possible, you should feel really proud!  
Maisy for your hard work during our maths lessons! It has been lovely to see your confidence with your times tables growing, and to see you persevering when faced with a challenge. Your hard work is really paying off, well done!
- Year 5** Marcus and George: for working so hard together on their lines for the Christmas play and showing great teamwork when having to make some last minute changes. Your confidence is really growing when delivering the lines on stage, keep up the good work!

**Year 6** Max B for good effort with your work on fractions this week. You were able to make good links in your learning and apply what we have been learning about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Well done, Max.  
Elijah for showing an improved attitude with your learning. You have been focusing well and applying what we have been learning about into your own work. Well done, Elijah. Keep up the hard work!

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 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](mailto: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](http://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).