



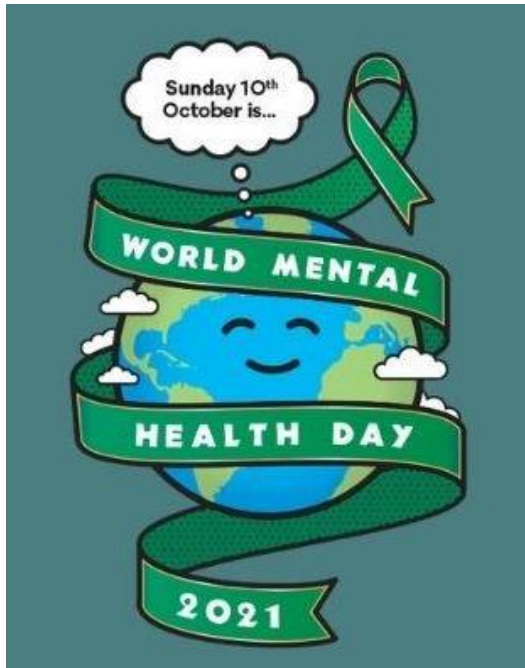
STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 14th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly this week we celebrated a belated World Mental Health day. The children showed great knowledge when talking about what mental health is and listed many strategies that they could use to support their own mental health. We also talked about how to recognise others around us that may be having sad or negative thoughts and what emotions and behaviours that might be seen.



Thank you to Dolcie's Mum for coming into school to talk to the Year 1 children this week to tell them about your job as a dental nurse. The children learned all about the importance of keeping their teeth clean and food and drink that may affect healthy lifestyle choices.

Vision questionnaire

Thank you to the families who have taken the time to complete the school vision questionnaire ready for the staff and governors to look at on our inset day. It would be great to have more views and ideas about how the school can grow further. The questionnaire only takes a few minutes to complete.

Thank you.

[Vision questionnaire](#)

Parents evenings

Parents evenings will take place during the week beginning 8th November. These will take place via zoom or phone call (you will receive a slip to choose which option suits you better). All being well, we will be returning to face to face parents evenings in March. The booking system will go live on Monday 1st November at 8am. You will be able to book an appointment by logging into your parentmail account and selecting 'parents evening'. The booking process is fairly straightforward. Here is the link to help answer any questions: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/>

How to report Covid Test results –

If you have a positive result from a PCR test, please can you email the office on office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

Thursday 21st October – End of term at 3pm for all children

Friday 22nd – Inset day – Staff vision day – no children in school today

Monday 1st November – Start of term 2 – 8.40-8.50am

Monday 8th November – Photo day - individual photos taken of children

Week beginning Monday 8th November – Parents evenings with teachers.

Monday 15th November – Flu nasal spray offered to all children by NHS nurses (more information to follow)

Friday 19th November - Children in Need day – School council to arrange

Friday 26th November – Non-school uniform day (bring a luxury item into school for the Christmas tombola). More information to come from the Friends of Stockham.

Wednesday 8th December – Whole school pantomime trip to Swindon (Jack and the Beanstalk)

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas dinner day (wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory)

Friday 17th December – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

Class News

Year F In Foundation class this week we are getting in the halloween spirit! We have been exploring rhyming words making some silly soup in the witch's cauldron and having lots of fun with the yum/yuck rhymes in Nick Sharratt's 'What's in the Witch's Kitchen'. There is some very interesting potion making happening in our classroom 'Witch's Kitchen' as well! In maths we have been thinking about the composition of numbers: exploring how 1 and 1 is 2, and 3 can be made up of 1, 1 and 1, or 2 and 1 more. Our potion making has helped us with our quantities of gruesome ingredients!

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been learning lots in our science lessons. We were very lucky to have a Dental Nurse visit the class on Monday and talk to us about keeping our teeth healthy. The children have loved dressing up in PPE and role-playing trips to the dentist during their busy time. We have also been learning about senses, this week we focused on our sense of taste. The children really enjoyed trying the different foods and thinking about what category of taste they fitted into.

Year 2 We have continued to study the Space Race in our History lessons this week and have enjoyed watching a video of the moon landing! We are looking forward to finding out more about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, in our next lesson. In English we have been writing a character description about the main character from our story, The King and the Moon. We have worked hard to use adjectives and expanded noun phrases in our writing.

Year 3 In maths this week we have been learning to count in 50's up to 1000. We have also been adding and subtracting multiples of 100. We have been revising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In English we have been building towards writing our own piece based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have been putting all our learning from the whole term together and using adjectives, adverbs, noun phrases, conjunctions, speech and short sentence to make our writing dramatic and interesting.

- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of different poetry features. We have learnt about personification, rhyme, repetition, similes and alliteration. Ask us if we can give you an example of each. We had great fun writing our own examples of these. In maths we have been deepening our understanding of rounding and have now learnt how to round to the nearest 100 and 1000. We have been scientists this week and have carried out some different experiments involving water. We even made our own mini water cycles. As geographers we have also investigated the different features of a river and learnt some key vocabulary.
- Year 5** In English this week, Year 5 have started to plan our expedition diaries about the sinking of Shackleton's ship, The Endurance. In maths, we have continued our arithmetic topic looking at inverse calculations and rounding. We have learnt about the natural and human landmarks of Chile, with some first hand insight from Mr Le Coyte.
- Year 6** This week, Year 6 have been exploring multiplication in maths and in English we have begun to tell stories and look at the ingredients of a fable. In science we have been organising data and in art we have begun to explore what mediums we like to use.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Harley for being an amazing friend this week! You have worked hard to try and cheer up anyone feeling sad or lonely and offered your friendship to lots of your classmates, making many new friends. You are so kind and caring, and using your super Stockham Learning Power of Teamwork to bring our class together. Well done Harley.
Finley B for using his super Stockham Learning Power of Listening all week long! You have been listening so well this week and taken on board all of the requests made of you this week. It's lovely to see you enjoying your learning time and playing with your friends both in the classroom and at lunchtimes. Well done Finley.
- Year 1** Henry for your super contributions towards our science lessons. It is lovely to see your confidence growing and we have been very impressed with your amazing science knowledge you have shared with us this week!
Isla for your confidence and independence with your learning. It has been really lovely to see you giving all the rainbow challenges ago this week and we love seeing how proud you are when you have tried your best!
- Year 2** Isaac and Millie for their excellent character descriptions. You used wonderful expanded noun phrases in your work and your adjectives were very carefully chosen. I was very impressed with how focused you both were on your work. Well done!
- Year 3** Lexi R for fantastic listening and team work in our hockey lesson. You were absolutely amazing at defending and you set a really great example to the rest of the class. Well done for being fabulous!
Teddy for showing super perseverance in the classroom you are not afraid to give anything a try and you always give what we are doing 100% effort with a huge smile on your face and a can do positive attitude. Well done Teddy for being amazing!
- Year 4** Alexa for wonderful effort with all her work this week. You have had a really positive attitude and pushed yourself to complete much more work this week. I know this has made you very happy and it has me too! Keep it up, Alexa.
Max E for always having such a positive attitude in class. You always are so keen to share your answers with the class and are always so helpful to your class mates and the adults in the year group. Well done, Max.

Year 5 Archie has really impressed me this week with his participation in classroom discussions and with his focussed written work.

Violet has continued to forge her path towards the Year 5 standards of work, regularly contributing to discussions and helping others when necessary.

Year 6 Angel for her determination in writing to produce her best piece even though she had not taken part in all the lessons beforehand.

Emma and Kiran for setting brilliant examples with their school council election presentations. They worked incredibly hard at home to prepare presentations both visually and verbally to put to the class. All the teachers were very impressed and I have no doubt the class were too.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 for having the tidiest room. Well done!

A message from Oxfordshire Museums:

We have exciting news! Our Free Half Term Family Activities linked to our NEW Mechanicals Exhibition!

Moving Mechanical Makes! Check out our Website... [Children's activities at The Oxfordshire Museum | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Tuesday 26th October: Push and Pull (2-4pm)

- Join us to make a moving picture based off the new mechanical exhibition
- Get your family ticket today! (Up to 3 Children). All children must be accompanied by an adult.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/176207339897>

Wednesday 27th October: Kool Kaleidoscopes (11-3pm)

- Use inspiration from the mechanicals exhibition to create the coolest of Kaleidoscopes!
- Get your family ticket today! (Up to 3 Children). All children must be accompanied by an adult.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/176236858187>

Thursday 28th October: Mini Mechanics (2-4pm)

- Watch your creations balance and fly with inspiration from the great outdoors and our new mechanicals exhibition.
- Get your family ticket today! (Up to 3 Children). All children must be accompanied by an adult.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/176274260057>

We also have a new Mechanical Trail for you to enjoy. Why not come to the Oxfordshire Museum this Half Term!

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.