



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,



We have had a busy end of term in school with our whole school trip to the pantomime, Christmas craft days, visits to the present shop and Christmas dinner day. Thank you to all the parents who helped at the pantomime trip and at the Christmas lunch, we really appreciate your help at this special time of the year. I hope that you have enjoyed all the Stockham School Christmas shows and concerts this year.

We have said goodbye to our cook, Nikki this week. Her last day was on Christmas dinner day after cooking us all a wonderful lunch! We wish her a restful Christmas with her family. I am sure she will be back at Stockham in some capacity soon 😊

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen for this terms' ACE treat award. They will be looking forward to taking part in some festive Christmas baking on Monday 19th December with me:

Foundation – Evie and Albie

Year 1 – Oscar L and Edith

Year 2 – William and Esmée

Year 3 – Amelie and Luke

Year 4 – Freddie and Elijah R

Year 5 – Bella and Joey

Year 6 – Mia and Milo

Well done to all the families who won one of the 9 luxurious hampers. The winners have been informed via parentmail on Wednesday this week. The hampers are ready to collect, if you have not done so already.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th December -12pm, term 2 ends.

Wednesday 4th January – INSET day – no children in school today.

Thursday 5th January – Children return to school for Term 3.

Extra Bank holiday - There will be an extra bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 due to the King's coronation.

This will be my final newsletter of 2022. Happy Christmas from all the staff at Stockham School. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy start to the New Year, 2023!

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Winter Mini Reading Challenge!

This year The Reading Agency teamed up with the Science Museum Group for the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge - now the Gadgeteers are back for the Winter Mini Challenge!

The challenge runs **Thursday 1st December 2022 to Sunday 20th February 2023**, and more information can be found by visiting <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.

How to take part

It's totally free to take part, and children need to register for the Winter Mini Challenge on the website, as the Challenge is online!

Children then choose a reading goal (recommended challenge is at least 3 books), and to complete the challenge, they need to read, rate and review their books on the website before the end of the challenge – they can choose any books, eBooks or audiobooks they like.

Rewards will be unlocked as they add their reviews, including a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate they can print out and keep!

Class News

- Year F** It's been a busy week in Foundation with the pantomime, Christmas jumper and dinner day, secret present rooms and watching the KS2 dress rehearsal. Foundation children have all been superstars at coping with all the new experiences and changes. In between we have been recapping all the Level 2 phonics sounds we have learned this term, practicing our subitising skills and learning about different ways people celebrate Christmas around the world.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed making Christmas decorations and cards. We really enjoyed the pantomime trip, and we were particularly excited by the different sweet-themed outfits the fairy wore! We also enjoyed our Christmas dinner.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have been getting really crafty making Christmas tree hats and beginning their weaving DT skills for their Christmas cards. We really enjoyed going to the theatre and everyone was exceptionally well behaved. It has been an amazing term and all Year 2 Cheetahs should be very proud of themselves.
- Year 3** In Year 3 we have been learning about shape poems. Yesterday, we wrote our own Christmas shape poem. In art we have been learning about abstract art and the children have painted their own abstract painting. Year 3 really enjoyed the Panto on Tuesday, their words – amazing! 5*! Brilliant!
- Year 4** A wonderful Christmas week for Year 4, finishing with our concert performances. The children have worked incredibly hard learning their lines, song words and sign language all week. Of course, there has been some Christmas fun including making reindeer headbands and 2023 calendars. Year 4 wishes you all a Merry Christmas!
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard practicing for our Christmas performance. We have also been finishing our writing in English, making Christmas cards and enjoying a Christmas lunch! The visit to see Beauty and the Beast was amazing and we have used it to adapt one of our performance songs!
- Year 6** Year 6 have had a very Christmassy week this week. We all had a wonderful time at the pantomime (oh no we didn't, oh yes, we did!!!) All the Year 6 staff were very proud of how all of Year 6 behaved whilst out of school. We have also been using our art skills to create some lovely surprises to bring home for Christmas. In maths we finished our work on fractions and can now find the total when finding a fraction of an amount. The highlight of the week was definitely our Christmas concert and how wonderfully all the Year 6's pulled together and did themselves and all the adults proud.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Locryn and Nandi for showing courage and perseverance on our Pantomime trip. You were able to tell the adults how you were feeling so that we could support you and were able to enjoy the experience and become more confident. Well done both of you.
- Year 1** Finley A for always trying your best in everything you do; you give all your learning 100% and always set a good example to the rest of the class.
Bea for always being kind to your friends in the class, you work well as a team and are always willing to help out in the classroom.
- Year 2** Everyone in Year 2 for a brilliant term. Your teachers are so impressed with you all.
- Year 3** Celine for settling into Year 3 amazingly and for being a great support for other children in her class.
Teddy for being brave and telling a great Christmas joke on stage.
- Year 4** The whole of Year 4! They have worked hard during this first term. They have proven to themselves that they are capable and kind and have a positive mindset towards their learning. Well done year 4!
- Year 5** All of Year 5 for a fantastic term and an amazing Christmas Performance!
- Year 6** All of Year 6 for pulling together and performing so well during our Christmas concert. You all spoke up so wonderfully and sang so beautifully. We were all very proud of you. It was lovely to see you supporting each other, whilst having to make some last-minute changes due to illnesses. What a fab job, Year 6! Happy Grinchmas!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to everyone 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.