



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at school. The children are enjoying finding out about their new learning themes this term. It is school individual children's photo day next Friday. If your child has a sibling(s) at Stockham School they will have their photo taken with them too.

The teachers are busy planning for the events leading up to Christmas. This year, Foundation will be enjoying a Family Christmas sing along and Years 1 and 2 will be performing 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' (Dates and times to be arranged shortly). All classes will be celebrating in their classes with Christmas craft days, Christmas parties, Christmas dinner day and a whole school trip to the pantomime! Later on in the year, during the Spring term, Years 3, 4, and 5 will be sharing their chosen performance with parents and carers, whilst Year 6 prepare for their big show to end their time at Stockham School. We look forward to telling you more about these events later in the school year.

After Christmas, parents and carers are invited to their child's class sharing assembly to see their learning so far (dates will be available after Christmas).

Parent evenings

Please sign up to a time slot on your child's classroom door. If you are unable to come into school to sign up, you can ring the office on 01235 764407 or email office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk. We will also have the book fair next week. The children will all have a visit to the book fair during school time and will have had a chance to see all the new books, novels and texts.

Coffee mornings

We would like to invite you to our coffee and information mornings with our school Educational Psychologist, Emma Herring. Each coffee morning will focus on topics to support families. There will be time for discussions along with tea, coffee and cake. Our first coffee morning will be on Thursday 18th November (9-10am) – 'Guided play to support emotional and social skills'

Dates for your diary

Week beginning 7th November - Parents/Teacher evenings (in person), Book fair in school

Friday 11th November – School photo day (individual photos and siblings who attend Stockham School)

Friday 18th November – Children in Need day led by the school council

Monday 21st November - Athlete Visit (Kelly Simm – commonwealth gold medal gymnast)

Tuesday 13th December – whole school pantomime trip to see Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Tuesday 20th December -12pm term 2 ends.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Educational Psychologist Coffee Morning Friday 18th November 2022

Please join us in the hall from 9-10am where Emma Herring our Educational Psychologist will be delivering a short talk on the role of Play and how we can support children through play. She will be discussing some of the key skills play can develop. There will then be time for questions and informal conversations.

If you would like to attend please email Katie Roberts krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk

If there are any topics or areas you would like Emma to discuss at our future coffee mornings then do please let me know. Many thanks.

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been talking about how it's now getting dark earlier in the day and some of the festivals and celebrations from around the world that have lots of lights, lanterns and fireworks to light up the dark nights of winter. We enjoyed trick or treating the other classes in the school on Halloween, and have been learning about Diwali and made our own clay diya lamps in DT. We have also started the next phase of our phonics lessons and are enjoying learning the sounds that match the letters of the alphabet! In maths we have been thinking about more and fewer.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been learning about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate the 5th of November. We have started looking at adjectives and how we can use our senses to describe a place. In maths we have been looking at place value of numbers up to 20.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been looking at what animals need to survive in science. In maths, we have been ordering numbers. We have had a very busy week showing our teachers what we have learnt in our assessments and using our perseverance.
- Year 3** We hope you all had a lovely half term and a spooky Halloween! We have begun our new theme in class, learning about the Stone Age period. On Monday, we learnt about Stonehenge, focusing on when and how it was built and the myths around why it was built. We have started a new narrative in English, The Stone Age Boy in which we will base our own narrative on in a couple weeks' time. In maths we have been learning to add and subtract crossing the ones and tens by exchanging. We have used the column method to help us work out the answers.
- Year 4** We are happy to be back together in the classroom after the half term break. We started a new unit of maths - Addition and Subtraction, re-visiting how to add two 4-digit numbers together. We discussed as a class what is meant by impressionist art. Using Monet's Water Lilies and Japanese Bridge as our inspiration to create our own artwork.
- Year 5** Year 5 have started their new history topic this week all about Ancient Greece. In English they have read the Ancient Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur and carried out some drama activities based on it. In maths, they have been learning about addition and subtraction strategies. Year 5 enjoyed their first DT lesson on 'Bread' this week, which involved tasting lots of different types of bread! In PE they learned how to play the sport Boccia.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week starting our new learning about The Ancient Maya. We have had great fun learning about the ancient ball game of Pok-A-Tok and have even had a go at playing it (however we didn't use heavy rubber balls, we used balloons instead!) We have also done a fantastic job of tackling long division this week. Even though many of us ended up in the learning pit because it was quite tricky, by using our learning powers we overcame this and now many of us can use the method confidently. All the adults in Year 6 were really proud of everyone for persevering and being resilient.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Lottie and Billy for showing great independence completing their phonics work this week. You have sat and focused on your work until it was finished with very minimal help from the adults. We are so impressed with your responsible attitudes to your learning. Well done!
- Year 1** Edith and Oscar C for your perseverance in maths this week, it can be tricky when learning new things but you have taken it all on board and used your knowledge to help you answer the question. Both of you have shown a fantastic learning attitude this week, keep it up!
- Year 2** Isla and Stirling for being so determined to try their best all week in their assessments and for being very respectful to others in the class - children have nominated you for being kind to them at lunchtimes.
- Year 3** Leah for becoming more independent in her maths and working hard to overcome challenges.
Ethan for supporting others in their learning.
- Year 4** Finley for his awesome contributions during maths lessons. Finley has grown in his understanding of maths, particularly within our unit on addition and subtraction. It's great he feels confident to share his answers with the class. Well done Finley!
Freddie for his commitment to being the best he can be every day. He continues to think independently when helping his classmates or sorting the classroom after a lesson. Freddie's upbeat and patient attitude has a positive impact in our classroom. Well done Freddie.
- Year 5** Lemario for settling in really well to Year 5 and using all his learning powers this week! Well done!
Ava for taking a more active role in class this week - well done for showing increased confidence and good listening skills. Keep it up!
- Year 6** Shanley for working really hard this week. You have tried particularly hard in maths and have done really well with being able to do compact method for division. Well done, Shanley, keep up the hard work.
Spencer for using all your learning powers when tackling the long division work this week. You did find it tricky but you persevered, were resilient and made great progress with it as a result. Well done, Spencer.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 4 for having the tidiest classroom. 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.