



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,
Stockham School are looking for a new clerk to the Governing body. The main responsibility of this role is to provide support to the Governing Body of this thriving school. Other tasks and responsibilities include providing procedural and regulatory guidance and, preparing and circulating agendas, taking minutes, handling correspondence as well as dealing with sensitive and confidential issues. We are looking for an experienced and organised administrator with sound experience of writing agendas, taking minutes and/or note-taking. All information can be found on our school website: <https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Parent/Carer teacher meetings

After the half term break, all teachers will place a sign-up sheet on their classroom external door. Meetings will take place during the week starting 13th November. Please sign up to a 10 minute slot to come into school to discuss how your child is settling into their new classes. Please ring the office (after the 30th October) on 01235 764407 if you are unable to be on the school grounds to sign up, the office staff will try to book a convenient slot for you (where possible). Please arrive before your child's time slot so that you can spend time looking through your child's work so far this year. There will also be a parent questionnaire to complete and a class dojo sign up letter for you to action so that we can start sharing all the photos and videos of all the exciting things happening in school this year!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 19th October – End of term 3.10pm

Friday 20th October – INSET day.

Monday 30th October – Children return to school for term 2

Monday 6th November – Flu spray for all children (separate consent email has been sent)

Wednesday 8th November – Year 1 trip to Wantage museum

Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week (more information to come soon from Miss Lovegrove and the anti-bullying ambassadors)

Monday 13th November week – Teacher-parents/carers meetings

Friday 17th November – Children in Need day – led by our newly appointed school council members and Mr Burbank

Tuesday 21st November – School photo day (individual portrait photos and siblings photos who attend Stockham school)

Friday 1st December – Non-school uniform day – bring in a luxury item for our Christmas hampers

Tuesday 12th December – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner day and present room

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 12pm

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return for Term 3.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** This week in maths we have been busy comparing quantities using a variety of Objects, we have been noticing when there is more or less between groups of objects and using language such as 'more than' and 'fewer than'. The children have been enjoying carrying out some observational painting of harvest vegetables and also thought carefully during topic sessions about what makes each of us unique and special.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been learning more about the life of King Alfred and learning why he is great. We have been adding to our sentences to make them more exciting using adjectives to describe. We have continued learning how to compare objects and numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols.
- Year 2** It's been a very busy week in Year 2. In maths, we have been looking at how many addition and subtraction number facts we can make from a part, whole model. In geography, we have been plotting where wildfires have happened across the world. We were given a big list of items but could only choose 15 to help us survive a wildfire and worked really well in pairs to make our decisions. Our good teamwork has continued in PE by playing a variety of tag style games.
- Year 3** Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the library on Monday, where we took part in a library hunt and learned how books are organised there. We also chose our own book to bring back to school. In maths this week, we have been adding and subtracting hundreds, tens and ones. In English, we have been completing our Stone Age fact files. We enjoyed our history lesson this week, when we became Stone Age painters!
- Year 4** This week in Year 4 we have been learning how to add two, 4-digit numbers with an exchange. The children have worked really hard using counters and place value grids to show how to exchange on the place value grids. In English we have been practicing our basic writing skills, looking at where we use capital letters and simple punctuation like question marks and commas. The children really enjoyed writing an incorrect paragraph for their friend to mark and correct! In PE we have been learning about different jumps, the children enjoyed exploring different ways to take off and land.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a very busy week! We have been swimming every day and it has been fantastic to see how well they have conducted themselves out of school every day in addition to the progress they have all made in the pool. In English we have continued to develop our understanding of the Explorer in our class book and in maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction strategies.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week. We have been investigating issues surrounding the reintroduction of wolves into Britain linked to our book The Ways of the Wolf. We have had to look at different evidence and then put our opinion across. We have also started to write our own version of parts of a non-fiction text using the features we have learnt about. In maths we have been refreshing our knowledge of division and using the bus stop method to complete short division. This is to help us get ready for long division! As geographers we have been focusing in on Canada within North America and Kristal has helped us to find out lots of interesting facts about this wonderful country. We have drafted our letters to our Canadian pen pals and can't wait to get a reply. As artists we have been investigating totem poles and have begun to design our own, ready to make them next week.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Teddy - You have been using all your learning powers to achieve some excellent work during phonics and writing this week, it's amazing to see your confidence growing, keep up the great work!
Noah - Not only have you been creating some excellent patterns in maths recently, but you have also been supporting your friends learning too - thank you!

- Year 1** Finley for always being ready to learn with a positive attitude. You try your best with everything you do and you should feel very proud of all your hard work.
Lottie for being so kind to everyone around you, you are always up for helping not only the adults but the other children in the class. You are a role model to all.
- Year 2** Harley W - For a positive attitude to learning. You have developed a lot of confidence in Term 1 and have always tried your best.
Julian - For an amazing superhero story this term. You take a lot of pride in your writing and we really enjoyed hearing your story in assembly.
- Year 3** Rosie M - for persevering in gymnastics this week when learning how to do a forward roll. Miss Lovegrove and Mr Chadwick were really proud of you for working hard to achieve it!
Eleanor - for working much more independently this week. You have settled down to your work really sensibly and worked hard on the tasks you have been given. Keep it up!
- Year 4** Leah and Sophia for your determination during our PE lesson. All the adults noticed how hard you both worked, exploring a wide range of ways to take off and land your different jumps. Well done girls, you should feel really proud.
- Year 5** Jasper for his work ethic in class. It is fantastic to see how much confidence and independence you show in the classroom. You are able to answer and ask questions and are always fully involved in all of your learning. Well done Jasper!
Lola - we have all been really impressed with the resilience and determination that you have shown at the swimming pool to do as well as you can. Well done Lola – we are all very proud of you!
- Year 6** Jenson and Herbie for taking part really well in our debate about whether wolves should be reintroduced to the UK. You were able to give thoughtful and well formed arguments and listened well to the ideas of your peers. You were then confident enough to debate back with further evidence and opinions. A great debate, boys. Well done.

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.

<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](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).