



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lateness

All children must be in school between 8.40 and 8.50am. There are increasing numbers of children who are brought into school late through the main entrance. This disturbs office staff from answering phones and supporting school staff. Children who are late into school also miss important group and whole class learning first thing in the morning as well as teachers needing to repeat attendance and lunch registers. Attendance in school is compulsory, **please can parents make every effort to ensure children are in school, on time, every day.**



Handy person!

We are looking for a handy person to lend a hand in and around the school building. If you think you might be able to help with any of the following jobs, we would be ever so grateful: putting up noticeboards, attaching storage boxes to outside brick walls, minor internal decoration....

Sensory garden clean up and school environment help

On Saturday 26th February during the morning, we have been lucky enough to have the support of 'Wild Wantage project workers' to have an early spring clean of the sensory garden and other surrounding areas. We would love to have help from our parents and families. There are particular areas of the school that would benefit from an environmental makeover! Please let me know if you can lend a hand during this morning.

Thank you!

Stockham School are advertising for a lunchtime supervisor to work 1:1 with a child in school

to start as soon as possible. Please click on the link below to find out more about the role, how to apply and to access the job description <https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Dates for your diary

18th February – 3pm – school finishes for February half term

28th February – Children return to school for term 4 (8.40-8.50am)



3rd March – World book day

More information to come from Miss Hughes and the reading ambassadors.

7th March – Whole school visit from Ben Smith (401 marathons in 401 days athlete). Ben was bullied at school. He raised over £330,000 for anti-bullying children charities. Ben will be talking to the children about finding their happy place and good mental health. Children may come to school wearing clothes that make them happy or represent who they are as an individual (suitable for both the weather and for practical wearing in school) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3Q5hsSU9L8>

8th March – Auditions for Stockham's Got talent

Week beginning 14th March – Parents evenings

18th March – Red Nose Day – We are taking part in BBC Oxfordshire Radio Guinness book of records challenge to beat the existing record of how many children playing musical bumps at one time - more information to come from the school council

1st April – Final of Stockham's Got Talent 2022

8th April – End of term 4 at 12pm.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

On Wednesday 9th February, we took 2 teams from Year 5 and 6 to the local schools' netball competition at St James School. All the children were bubbling with excitement to attend and, when we were there, represented the school brilliantly - both in terms of behaviour and sporting attitude. After a long break from competitions, they really worked well in their teams and, after only a few practices, applied their skills of the game brilliantly. We even had a very Stockham versus Stockham game where the B team came out victorious in a close 1-0 score. Overall, our A team came second out of 6 teams and our B team finished joint 3rd. Well done everyone!



Class News

Year F In Foundation this week we have been focusing on Love and Kindness. The children made wonderful Valentines cards for their family or friends on Monday and we were visited by the Kindness Elves who have come to ask the children for help spreading kindness all across the school community. We have been writing letters, sharing smiles and undertaking random acts of kindness all week. Look out for our special RAOK tokens around school at the end of the week!

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been showing off what we have learnt during our China Topic. The children worked really hard to independently write down some of the facts they have learned, showing off all their independent skills for writing! In our guided reading session this week we looked at a non-fiction about China. The children picked out the new vocabulary in the text and used what they knew or had learnt about China to help them understand it better. In English we have been looking at winter poems and creating our own line to make a class poem about snowflakes. The children have been using adjectives and verbs to help them write their line about a snowflake.

- Year 2** In Year 2 we have particularly enjoyed finishing our models of the Great Fire of London. We have worked so hard to design, make and evaluate them and to make sure our models can be used to retell the story of this event from 1666. In PE we have worked hard on our rolls, twists and turns as part of gymnastics unit. We have also put sequences together using these skills and have loved sharing our hard work with each other.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have really enjoyed finding out all about the Winter Olympics. In English we have been writing kenning poems and Haikus about Winter. In geography we have looked at using maps and atlases to locate countries where the Winter Olympics has been held and we have also carried out a case study about Beijing. In history we have been looking at a timeline of the Winter Olympics and we have explored how the Olympics has changed over time. We have also looked at which personal attributes a person would need to compete in the Winter Olympics.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been really busy this week and very excited to have all posted our letters to our chosen people / places. We visited the post box on Monday and wished our letters a speedy journey to their recipients! We can't wait to see if we get replies back! Some of us were super excited to have already had a reply from author and illustrator Rob Biddulph (as he had responded to Mrs Burson on Twitter and had asked for the letters to be emailed as well as posted). The children were so lucky to get a personalised video message back. Please look out for it on Teams so you can all see how special it is. In maths we have been working hard on learning our times table- ask about the special trick we learnt for the 9 times tables. We have also enjoyed doing lots of work linked to the Winter Olympics and having a visitor in to talk to us about China. What a busy week!
- Year 5** This week Year 5 walked into Wantage to look at the different types of business that use the buildings as part of our Local Area Geography focus. In maths we have continued to look at long multiplication and also started our assessments. In English we have been editing our Nowhere Emporium Stories.
- Year 6** Year 6 have had a fantastic week. We have been looking at sports in the Winter Olympics, and making information posters on a chosen sport. In maths we have been working on the properties of 3D shapes.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Joshua for his super attitude to his learning and his enthusiasm for school this week. It's been wonderful to see you so enthused and motivated.
Oscar C for being so motivated in his independent writing this week. You have been writing to the kindness elves and making lots of cards and letters in your choosing time, great work Oscar!
- Year 1** Rosie M for taking your learning about the Winter Olympics home with you! We loved seeing your Lego model on curling you made at home, it was clear you had really thought about the different parts involved in the sport to help you create your model. Well done!
Stirling for your amazing independent writing about China, I can see you have enjoyed learning about the different country. You worked really hard with your writing, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. You should feel really proud!
- Year 2** Dominic for always presenting your work so beautifully. Your handwriting is always neat and tidy, and your illustrations are drawn with care and precision. Well done; your books are wonderful to read and mark.
Jamie for working so hard on your maths assessment this week. You showed excellent perseverance and determination and I was so impressed with your clear working out. Great work!

Year 3 Alistair for using brilliant confidence and creating his own Olympic mascot, your ideas were great and you were able to explain really well the reasons that you had chosen your animal and share your ideas with the rest of the class. Well done Alistair!

George for using his confidence to share some really super knowledge with the class about the Winter Olympics. You were able to explain in detail about all the different events and it allowed us all to have a great conversation about which events we would rather take part in ourselves. Great work George!

Year 4 Lucy for incredibly hard work in all your lessons but especially maths. You are such a positive role model for working hard, trying your best and showing all our learning powers. You should be very proud of yourself.

Charlotte for beautiful, careful art work when painting your Willow Pattern plate. You transferred your design very carefully and used precise brushwork. Well done, Charlotte.

Year 5 Sophie for showing great teamwork in class and especially when editing in English. Well done Sophie!

Dylan for working independently in maths and producing an accurate line graph. Well done Dylan

Year 6 All of Year 6. You have handled all of the changes and challenges with outstanding maturity but most importantly a smile.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 4 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).