



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are back in the full swing of school life. The children have been focusing on our school value for this term, which is 'Curiosity' (this is also one of our three school curriculum drivers). We had an assembly about 'How planes fly' by Bright Sparks Science and discussed the importance of asking questions and using our senses to learn more about the world around us. Please speak to your child about curiosity, do they know what this means? How could you encourage curiosity at home?

### **Reminders:**

Children must only use the play equipment during school hours, whilst supervised by school staff. Please can children not use the equipment before and after school.

**School starts at 8.40am**, please ensure children arrive to school on time. After 8.40am staff in the office and classroom are busy teaching and taking registers.

**Congratulations** to the following children who have been selected by their peers as School Council representatives this year:

Foundation – Albie and Stanlee

Year 1 – Louise and Joshua

Year 2 – Scarlett and William

Year 3 – James and Elizabeth

Year 4 – Jasmine and Jasper

Year 5 – Bella and Toby

Year 6 – Chloe and Milo

### **We are recruiting**

We have vacancies for lunch time supervisors and teaching assistants. We are looking to appoint committed, energetic, creative staff to join our outstanding, happy primary school. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a motivated and driven team of staff who ensure that the children's wellbeing and learning is at the heart of everything we do.

All job role details can be found on our school website:

<https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Bank holiday – School closed.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Inset day – school closed to children

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Year 5 swimming sessions

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - FOS clothing collection

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween disco

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October end of term at 3pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Flu immunisations for all Year groups (Consent email has been sent home on 13.09.22)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Children return to school for term 2

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November - Parents/Teacher evenings – In person or via zoom, Book fair in school

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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need day led by the school council  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Athlete Visit (Kelly Simm – commonwealth gold medal gymnast)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – whole school pantomime trip to see Beauty and the Beast  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner and jumper day  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 12pm term 2 ends.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

### **Class News**

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been talking about some of the things that we like, and some of the things that we don't. We found out that lots of the children like similar things, which has led to some new friendship opportunities. We also found out that lots of us dislike similar things, which helped us to set and agree on our class rules this week. We started our PE lessons and found out the most important part of our body to use in PE - our listening ears!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been thinking about all the things that a sentence must have, in particular we have been learning that a sentence must be a complete thought. In maths this week we have been looking at sorting and counting objects and we have had our first lesson on shape! We have also started exploring our local area and discussing what we already know about Wantage!
- Year 2** Year 2 have been exploring how to partition numbers into 10s and 1s. In English, we have begun to step out our superhero stories. In history, we compared London in the past to the present.
- Year 3** The children have continued to work hard on their listening skills this week. We have read the story Alice in Wonderland in English and are now thinking about descriptive language, describing settings, characters, and feelings to prepare us for our own adventure story. In maths we have continued to learn about place value, working on how numbers are represented and partitioning numbers to 1000. As we heard about the news of the Queen's death, we took some time to talk about who she was and placed some of her key events onto a timeline.
- Year 4** Year 4 are settling in well and embracing the new routines and lessons. This week we have started to delve into the world of the Roman Empire. We learnt about how the Romans invaded Britain after three attempts, started to design our own mosaics and were introduced to a new key figure in Roman history, Julius Caesar. The class also took part in a cross country run around the field in preparation for the cross country run in Wantage Park. Great effort Year 4!
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great week. We have been looking at place value and Roman numerals in maths; in English we have been using the book The Explorer linked to our South America topic. In science we have started to learn about all the different parts of the flower and their functions.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week learning our new story, Raven. We have used story mapping, telling and stepping to help us learn the story off by heart. Ask us if we can retell the whole story to you! We have also started to deepen our understanding of the story by writing about different moments and thinking about the different character's actions. We have used some wonderful language to do this. In maths we have been exploring place value and working with numbers up to 10,000,000. As Geographers we have explored the different continents and oceans of the world and become experts in one of them.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Stanlee and Jessica for using their super Listening, Independence and Teamwork learning powers all week. You have been listening carefully to instructions, shown great independence in following those instructions and demonstrated kindness, friendship and teamwork with your classmates. Well done!
- Year 1** Olivia and Finley A for working really hard in P.E, Coach James was particularly impressed with your concentration and teamwork during our beanbag games! Your perseverance really showed when playing the final team game. Well done!
- Year 2** Esmée for your positive and determined attitude all week. You have also tried really hard to make your work look its best.  
Bella for exploring with all the equipment in maths to represent numbers in different ways. You were very organised, sensible and used lots of different types of equipment.
- Year 3** Rupert for always working hard in his learning and for being a great role model to others in the class.  
Felicity for supporting her class mates by helping them to stay focused in their learning and for helping them in their ICT lesson.
- Year 4** Eliza for applying a Growth Mindset to her lessons which has boosted her confidence and ability to be independent within the classroom. Her beautiful character descriptions during English were amazing. Keep it up Eliza!  
Macey for applying herself when practicing her times tables and during maths lessons. She has mastered the understanding of a place value holder and can partition numbers into a place value grid. Well done Macey!
- Year 5** Alise and Olivia for using their learning power of confidence and both being really proactive members of the class. It has been lovely that you make so many thoughtful contributions to our class discussions.
- Year 6** Mia and Jayden for being outstanding play leaders this week. It was only your first time of doing it, but Wendy was blown away by how helpful, kind and considerate you were to the Foundation children you were supporting. I was so proud to hear it and I know you will keep doing a fantastic job. What great role models!

Well done everyone!

### Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 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](mailto: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](http://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).