



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed getting together as a whole school to hear the inspirational story of Nerys Pearce's life story. The children had a lot of fun taking part in the circuits in the hall with Nerys and the sports coach 'Jack'. Thank you to all the families who have collected sponsorship money.

<https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/what-we-do/our-stories/nerys-pearce/>



Parents evenings

Parents evenings will take place during the week beginning 8th November. These will take place via zoom or phone call (you will receive a slip to choose which option suits you better). As we have had no new positive PCR results over the last 10 days we would like to keep school as settled and safe as possible, which is the reason for online parents evenings in November. We will be returning to face to face parents evenings in March. I will let you know when the booking system on parentmail opens for the parents evening appointments and how to book your time with your child's teacher.

How to report Covid Test results –

If you have a result from a PCR test, please can you email the office on office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

Thursday 21st October – End of term at 3pm for all children

Friday 22nd – Inset day – Staff vision day – no children in school today

Monday 1st November – Start of term 2 – 8.40-8.50am

Monday 8th November – Photo day - individual photos taken of children

Week beginning Monday 8th November – Parents evenings with teachers.

Monday 15th November – Flu nasal spray offered to all children by NHS nurses (more information to follow)

Friday 19th November - Children in Need day – School council to arrange

Friday 26th November – Non-school uniform day (bring a luxury item into school for the Christmas tombola). More information to come from the Friends of Stockham.

Wednesday 8th December – Whole school pantomime trip to Swindon (Jack and the Beanstalk)

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas dinner day

Friday 17th December – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

Packed Lunches

If your child has grapes in their packed lunches can you please make sure that the grapes are cut in half. Grapes can be a choking hazard and cutting them in half can reduce the risk of choking. Thank you.

Class News

Year F In Foundation this week we have been looking at the story of Funny Bones, retelling and sequencing the story in our Literacy lessons, thinking about our own skeletons – why we have them and how to keep our bones and bodies healthy. We have also made our own skeleton pictures! We also had fun making some very early Christmas cards which parents will love to see next week! In maths this week we helped Fred the Frog learn to count, which has been lots of fun and produced many giggles.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been looking at one more and one less in maths. The children have enjoyed showing off their counting skills and using the different resources to show one more or one less. In English we have been looking at how to write the perfect sentence, using a capital letter, finger spaces and full stops.

Year 2 In Year 2 we have been adding single digit numbers to two digit numbers using the number line and also using renaming. We have worked hard to use our bonds to 10 and the Dienes to help us with this. In history, we have listened to the story of Yuri Gagarin; the first man in space!

Year 3 This week in English Year 3 have been working really hard on making our writing more exciting to the reader, we have been trying to use interesting language and learning how to 'up level' our work. In maths we have been working hard on comparing objects and numbers, we have been using the language more than, greater than and less than and also refreshing our memories on using the symbols to match. We have also absolutely loved designing our Christmas cards (these will be sent home very shortly!)

- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week learning the poem 'The River'. We have used our story telling skills to map it (in a slightly different way to when we did it for a story) and we have also been able to story step it. Ask us at home how much of it we can remember! In maths we have been learning how to order and compare numbers and have learnt the vocabulary of 'ascending' and 'descending'. We have been scientists and experimented with trying to melt chocolate buttons at different temperatures and geographers learning all about the water cycle.
- Year 5** In English this week, Year 5 have been learning about the adventures of explorer Ernest Shackleton. In maths, we have continued our arithmetic topic with a focus on subtraction. We have continued to learn about natural and human landmarks of South America in Geography.
- Year 6** This week, Year 6 have been writing and editing their information texts. In maths, we have been exploring addition and subtraction. In science, we have been exploring how animals are adapted to live in extremely cold environments.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Tommy for all of his awesome work this week! You have really impressed us with your thought and detailed work on your Christmas card, your retelling of the Funny Bones story and your super listening and perseverance skills every day!
Jacob for all his hard work on his listening and teamwork skills. You have worked so hard on all of the things we have been teaching you and shown enthusiasm in all your work. I loved hearing your retelling of the Funny Bones story and seeing you make so many new friends this week. Well done!
- Year 1** Freddie for trying really hard with your learning this week. It has been lovely to see you try and challenge yourself during your independent learning time.
Kayden for working really hard on all the rainbow challenges this week. You are trying really hard to challenge yourself with your own learning and it is lovely to see you help your friends with their learning too!
- Year 2** Sophia and Rupert for always setting an excellent example for the class. You are both always ready to learn and show superb listening and independence. Two very important Learning Powers! Well done!
- Year 3** Elijah G and Eliza for such amazing work in PE this week, you made excellent learning partner choices in each other and you really put 100% effort in during the lesson. Due to this fantastic determination you were both able to achieve gold standard on the success criteria. I cannot wait to see what your finished routine will look like when we put our work together next week. Huge well done to you both.
- Year 4** Lucas for making a really big effort this week with his work and his attitude to learning. You have tried so hard with your handwriting and keeping it smaller and neater and generally made a really big effort. Well done, Lucas.
Joey for always trying his best and having a wonderful attitude to his work. Joey you are always so polite and you have got much more confident to ask when you might need some help with something which is lovely to see. Well done, Joey.
- Year 5** Euan has returned to school with a brilliant attitude. He's been working really hard in class, taking part in discussions and completing his work to an excellent standard.
Mia also returned to school this week. I was really proud of her for completing and returning all work set for her online whilst she was away.
- Year 6** Scott for his determined attitude to write detailed sentences in his English text.
Fabian for being a curious learner and always asking questions to further his own learning and understanding.

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).