



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
We are excited to announce the return of the famous:
Stockham's Got Talent 2022!



It is time for the children of Stockham School to find their confidence, get dressed up and hit the stage. Please see the flyer for more information about how to apply!

The school council have been very busy assigning the house point colours to a strong/powerful/unique bird linked to our Red Kite 'Soaring High' motto. We had a whole school vote and your children are now part of these teams:



Golden Eagles



Snowy Owls



Kingfishers



Falcons

They will be finding more about each bird in their classes over the next few weeks!

Dates for your diary

28th January – Whole School Chinese Dragon workshop – donation of £2.50 per child to be paid on Parent Pay.

[workshophttps://www.primaryworkshopsforschools.com/](https://www.primaryworkshopsforschools.com/)

11th February – Final day to hand in Stockham's Got Talent entry slips

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



The theme for this World Book Day follows the message "You Are a Reader," and there will be a focus on reaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The World Book Day organisation will be working with schools and nurseries to distribute gift vouchers to ensure that all children can have a book of their own.

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

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

8th April – End of term 4 at 12pm.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Stockham Cinema Club has new dates!

£5 tickets with all proceeds towards KS2 playground and Curriculum Resources for the school.

Harry Potter & The Philosophers Stone - 28th January, 6pm

Sing - 18th February, 6pm

Kindly sponsored by Wildwood Wantage.

See attached PDF for details & booking info.

Class News

Year F In Foundation class this week we have been exploring the South Pole! We have been using maps to find out where this is and looking at what the weather is like. We have been listening to the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers which has inspired us to make our own boats, to think about what we might need to pack for a trip to the South Pole and to find out more about penguins. In maths we have been thinking about '1 more' and becoming more familiar with the numerals 1-5. We have also been thinking about positional language.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been using adjectives to describe different characters from our traditional tales. The children have produced some lovely pieces of independent writing! In science the children have been comparing different materials, they worked really hard to match the different materials thinking about the different properties. In maths we have been looking at numbers to 20, the children have been using the dienes to partition the numbers using the 10s and 1s.

Year 2 We began the week thinking about the term 'respect'. We discussed ways we can show respect towards others and to ourselves. We also thought about how we can show respect each day, both at home and in school, and we have made promises to work extra hard on one special way to show respect. In maths we have been continuing to multiply and in English we have started to read explanation texts.

Year 3 This week Year 3 have started our new topic in maths of multiplication and division. We have focused on revising equal groupings and arrays. In English we have continued exploring the story of The Secrets of the Sun King, we have looked at what synonyms and antonyms are. We particularly enjoyed role playing some of the characters from the story and thinking about not only their characteristics but their thoughts and feelings too.

- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of The Willow Pattern story. We have been learning how to use subordinate clauses and conjunctions to make our sentences more detailed and have been thinking about different conversations the characters might have had. In maths we have been continuing to work with measures and have begun to think about how we can measure perimeter. As historians we have been thinking about the hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty and have been trying to make some predictions about what images of the past can tell us about life then. We have also loved exploring coding some more this week.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard in maths looking at multiplication. We have been multiplying 4 digits by 1 digit and we will now start looking at 3 digits by 2 digits. In English we have been reading the Nowhere Emporium and how we can write a narrative. In geography we have been looking at fieldwork and the types of fieldwork geographers do.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been exploring measures. In English we have been writing our letters to the local MP. In Science, we have been looking at the symbols used for electrical circuits and we have been exploring some STEM activities involving plastics.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Willow for showing great independence in her phonics writing. You used all of the sounds we have learned so far and the strategies we have talked about to support yourself. Well done Willow.
Tia for great listening in PE. You listened carefully to Coach James and tried hard to do all of the movements he had instructed. Well done Tia.
- Year 1** William for your super perseverance in your character description. You worked really hard to keep your letters small and on the lines. You produced a brilliant piece of writing, well done William.
Rosie M and Jessica for your great teamwork during our Jigsaw lesson. You both listened to your group well, sharing your ideas to design your wellie boot.
- Year 2** Rupert and Joshua for consistently showing respect for your team, all adults and our school. You set such a wonderful example for your friends and I am incredibly proud of you both. Well done.
- Year 3** Lexi F for using perseverance in maths this week, you have worked really hard in our lessons and having shown confidence when answering questions in class, well done Lexi!
Alistair for brilliant confidence in our PSHE lessons this week, you have shared some really excellent ideas with the class which really show how well you have been listening in our lessons. Great work Alistair!
- Year 4** Leon for persevering with your coding work this week. When you got stuck you used your learning powers and kept working away to de-bug the problem. Well done, Leon.
Isabella for being so engaged with all of your learning. You use your learning powers so well and are great at seeking out support if you are not sure. Ben also commented about your great comments in your first Reading Gladiators session this week. Well done, Isabella. Keep it up!
- Year 5** Jacob and Edward for showing great listening and independence skill in class and producing some excellent writing using the techniques modelled. Well done!
- Year 6** Harry for his determined attitude to use mathematical working out to explain his ideas. He was the first one in the class to do this in an activity!
Hector for his determination to work through the problems in maths efficiently and start to reason with the skills he has learnt.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 6 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).