



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the children for getting into the spirit of things on Children in Need day last week. We had a really fun day and raised over £205. Thank you for your donations.



## **Dates for your diary**

28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am – ticket sales in the school hall for the Year 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity. (2 tickets per family please)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Non-school uniform day / Christmas hamper donation day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Years 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity (evening – 6-7pm)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Years 1 and 2 Boogie Woogie Nativity (1.30pm – 2.30pm afternoon)

**We can only offer two tickets per family (there may be more available for the afternoon show after the ticket sales). The children may have quiet voices during speaking parts and will have worked hard on their performance, so we do ask that children below school age do not attend the nativity shows. Please speak to Mrs Burbank if this means you are unable to see the show, as we would like all families to be able to attend.**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Christmas Singalong – 5.30pm

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

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 Christmas celebration for parents 2pm-3pm and an evening performance at 5-6pm. (The Key stage 2 children will be performing Christmas songs and poems on the stage in the school hall).

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December -12pm term 2 ends.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

**Thank you to those who attended the Coffee Morning last Friday. It was lovely to meet so many families who are new to the school. I hope you enjoyed it and found it beneficial. Our next one will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.00am. If there are any topics you wish to discuss please let me know. Katie Roberts (SENDCo) [krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk)**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we took a team of children from Year 3 and 4 to play tag rugby against other Wantage schools. There were 5 teams in total and we played every team twice. Unfortunately, in the final we lost. However, before that we won all 8 games! The children were definitely the champions of the day. Well done to Louis who was awarded 'player of the tournament' for showing sportsmanship and well done to Emily for being awarded 'referee's player of the tournament.' Everyone had a brilliant afternoon.



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, straight after school in the hall, KS1 will be holding a Christmas craft fair. There will be stalls full of crafts made by the Children and staff and a few Christmas games to play. All donations will go towards books for KS1. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Class News**

**Year F** In Foundation this week we have been learning more about nocturnal animals and how they use their senses to help them in the dark. In phonics we've learned more sounds and practiced using them to read and write words - we especially liked building robot Rick for the 'r' sound. In maths we have been thinking about 'wholes' and 'parts' and thought about the parts of our bodies making a whole, the parts of a robot making a whole and the parts of each number block making a whole.

**Year 1** This week in English we have been using adjectives to describe characters. In maths we have been looking at the part whole model and fact families up to 10. In geography we have started to learn a new song about continents and which continent the UK is in.

**Year 2** This week Year 2 have been thinking of the ideas we want to write in our non-chronological reports. We have been exploring how using '10' can help us to add more easily. In geography, we have been learning about different types of settlements.

- Year 3** In maths we have been working on our 3 times tables. We have been learning about sharing and grouping. The children have been working hard to add the final touches to their Stone Age Boy trousers in their design and technology lessons.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction which has been our class focus in maths. Using their expanded knowledge to check their own answers. Our mountains made of junk are finally finished and the only thing left is for the children to present their creations to the class. As a class we thoroughly enjoyed the school visit from Kelly Simm and all joined in the active workshop, even the adults!
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard. We have been looking at addition and subtraction word problems and in English we have been designing our monsters for when we write our own Myths. In DT we had a great day making and baking bread. We have also been learning about materials and their different properties in science.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week using our book Rain Player and our knowledge of the Ancient Maya to research how the Maya have left their influence on our lives today. We have found out that without the Maya we might not have chocolate, the number zero and calendars! We are then using this information to help us to write an explanation text all about their legacy. In maths we have learnt lots about fraction! We have been able to convert improper fraction to mixed fractions and vice versa and have been able to add and subtract fractions by finding common denominators. As historians we have investigated how the Maya used the rainforest environment to their full advantage. We have also started to learn our songs for our Christmas concert and have got in the festive spirit!

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Njie for making a lovely numberblock picture and using her own marks to represent the numbers. Well done Njie!  
Finley for being super focused on phonics and showing courage and perseverance in his letter formations this week. Well done Finley!
- Year 1** Willow and Tommy for always having a positive learning attitude. You are always ready to learn and show confidence when tackling challenging tasks. You are both positive role models for the class, well done!
- Year 2** Jessica for showing her confidence in a small group by putting her hand up to answer lots of questions and being really determined to write her sentences.  
Freya for always listening really carefully in lessons to learn new things and make sure she knows what to do when she works independently.
- Year 3** Stuart for his amazing writing in English.  
Luke for his perseverance in his maths lessons.
- Year 4** Emily for her encouraging nature this week. She has supported others with their learning in the classroom as well as lending a friendly ear to others who may be worried or sad. Well done Emily.  
Louis for his perseverance during maths. He has now grasped the concept of exchanging within addition and subtraction calculations, now more confident in contributing during lessons. Well done Louis.
- Year 5** George for showing real perseverance in class this week! Well done George you have worked at some tricky maths concepts and been able to apply this independently!  
Isabella for always using all her learning powers and setting a fantastic example to the rest of the class. Well done Isabella!

**Year 6** Archie for using his learning powers when sharing his speech about why he wanted to be an anti-bullying ambassador. All the adults were so proud of you and how brave you were to stand up in front of all the class and all the adults and share such a heartfelt speech. Well done, Archie.

Tyler for being so involved in lessons at the moment. You regularly contribute to class discussions, with really well thought out ideas and you are happy to share your answers in maths - particularly this week with some tricky fractions work. All the adults were also very proud and impressed with how well prepared you were for your anti-bullying presentation. Well done, Tyler.

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 5 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).