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Stimulating Curiosity, Raising Aspirations & Inspiring Ambition

31st October 24

Newsletter

Dear Parent & Carers,

Wow! Where did term 1 go – blink and you missed it! We had a very busy term with lots going on. Our sporting teams in KS2 entered several sporting events – Cross Country and Tag Rugby Tournaments. I would like to thank the children, staff and parents for showing some great 'Kando' values particularly at the Tag Rugby as the rain was relentless. However, everyone taking part showed great resilience!

We also had a wonderful time celebrating our annual Harvest Festival, with each class showcasing performance poetry, with classes from Year 1 up to Year 6 having written the poems themselves and sharing songs about Harvest. A huge thank you to all the families for their kind and generous donation, the donations all went to the Food Bank in Wantage to help out our local community. I would also like to thank Mrs Anderson for delivering the produce to the Food Bank.

Join Your Child at school Reading

We are delighted to invite you to our first 'Join Your Child @ School' Reading session on Tuesday 5th November 24.

This 'Join Your Child @ School' reading session is based on teaching and learning in reading. The session will be open in:

- EYFS & KS1 from 8:50am-9:50am
- During the break session there will be a Parent Meeting in the hall from 10:00- 10:30.
- KS2 from 10:35am- 11.35am.

During the sessions you will work with your child on reading based tasks. So, come along and give it a go! The purpose of this special event is to give you an insight into how the children work and learn.

Book Fair



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

The travelling book fair will be in school during the w/c 11th – 15th November. Your children will have an opportunity to visit the book fair during the week. It will also be opening during our up-and-coming Parent Consultation Evenings. So, please pop along and browse for a book.



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Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding at Stockham

At Stockham Primary School we ensure that all of our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age-appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the

immediate thought is about child protection – when a child is suffering harm or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of areas.

I would like to remind you all that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away. The Safeguarding Team at Stockham are - **Vikki Marsh-Ballard, Helen Werrell & Jess Wylde.**

Anti-bullying Week



The 11th- 15th November is National Anti-Bullying Week. As the theme for the week is 'Choose Respect', children will be encouraged to think about how we can all work together to challenge bullying.

During Anti-Bullying Week your children will be taking part in activities to support their understanding of the different types of bullying, their rights to be happy and safe, and their responsibilities towards bullying. They will be shared in assemblies, discussions and through classroom activities. The activities that your child will be doing in the school over the next couple of weeks are part of our preventative work, and will help all the children in the school understand what bullying is, how it feels and what to do if it happens to them or they see it happening.

We will be hosting an **Odd Socks Day**: Children will be asked to wear odd socks to school on **Tuesday 12th November**. This is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

Children will work on finding out what they can do when people are unkind or unfair and think about how they can make their own classroom and behaviour kind and fair to everyone. At Stockham, we believe that bullying is unkind behaviour. It can include physical hurting and leaving people out as well as damaging people's things and making fun of people. We don't allow unkind or cruel behaviour in our school. But not all unkind behaviour is bullying.

The key characteristics that turn unkindness into bullying are:



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- that it is repeated and goes on over time;
- that it is deliberate and not accidental;
- that it involves the person doing the bullying having some sort of power over the person experiencing the bullying – often at primary age this power will come from being bigger, having a ‘group’ of friends or having a toy or something that everybody wants to play with.

Children will often fall out with friends or say unkind things when they are angry. We will be explaining to children that this is different from bullying.

If you would like further advice, the following organisations offer a range of support.

Bullying Online – Part of Family Lives. <https://www.bullying.co.uk/>

Childline - 24-hour helpline for children and young people in the UK. Tel: 0800 1111
<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Kidscape - Frequently asked questions on bullying for children and young people.
www.kidscape.org.uk



Children In Need

This year, once again Stockham Primary School is pleased to be raising money for Children in Need 2024. As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Children in Need brings the entire nation together on Friday 15th November 2024.

To do our bit and raise money we will be:

Holding a non-uniform day, where children can come dressed into school wearing something yellow or spots for a donation of £1.00.

To find out more about Children in Need you can visit:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/corporate2/childreninneed>

We will also be using learning resources provided by Children in Need so that children throughout the school will learn how their money is used to help transform the lives of disadvantage children and young people in the UK. We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping Stockham Primary School raise lots of money for Children in Need.

FOS events

As a school we would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Sapphira Parker the outgoing Chair of FOS. For her fantastic imagination, dedication and commitment to the children, staff and parents of Stockham. We are very grateful that Sapphira will be staying around to continue to support the FOS.

As you know, we held the AGM for FOS before the October break. We have welcomed a new Chair to lead the way – Mrs Sarah Anderson. We all wish her all the best in this new important role within FOS. Remember in order for the wonderful FOS to continue to host the magnificent



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events for our children, we need new volunteers to support with the planning, organising and at being present at the events. Look out for the dates of future meetings. You can make a difference.

The Friends of Stockham will be hosting a non-uniform day for donations of luxury items to create beautiful hampers for the Christmas Raffle on Friday 29th November 24.



Scooter Safety

Over the past few years, it would have been difficult not to notice the increasing popularity of scooting on the way to school. Scooters are much easier to master than a bicycle, and are more convenient for a parent /carer to carry should their child lose interest on the way. They are also great fun and can be used to help promote active travel, and a more active lifestyle. Walking, scooting or cycling to school can make a great start to the school day, with pupils arriving invigorated and ready to learn. Their use also promotes key skills such as balancing, spatial awareness and risk management. Even better, the increased use of scooters may help to reduce the number of vehicles on the road at peak travel times.

We have received a few concerns from parents and local residents that have experienced a near accident as a child has crossed their path whilst riding their scooter or bike without showing consideration for pedestrians, or who have been concerned for the safety of a child who is travelling at great speed on the roads without a helmet.

To keep everyone safe, please ensure you reinforce the following rules with your children:

1. Wear a helmet: no matter how short the journey, or how much you care about helmet hair. They save lives!
2. Be seen: particularly on darker days/evenings. Wear a reflective jacket or strip and perhaps attach a light to your scooter. If there is any doubt, get off and push the scooter, it is better to take a bit longer than to have an accident.
3. Check your scooter: regularly check to make sure it is in good working condition. Does the brake work properly? Do the wheels spin correctly? Do the handlebars turn smoothly?
4. Be heard: Attach a bell to your scooter, roads and pavements are noisy, so it's important that other people can hear you coming. Please remember, it is important to be considerate, having a bell is no excuse for scooting at speed and using it to tell people to get out of the way.
5. Control your speed: The faster you go, the longer time you will need to come to a stop. Never go too fast on pavements or anywhere near roads, as you (or vehicles coming towards you) might not have the space to slow down!



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6. Be aware of other people: Pavements, streets and roads are used by lots of other people who are walking, bicycling, skateboarding and driving, so always look around carefully to see where they are. Do not try to push past other pedestrians, or weave in and out of pedestrians.

7. Stop at the kerb and be aware of driveways: ALWAYS STOP at kerbs, and be AWARE that cars may be entering or exiting driveways. Stop your scooter by bending your knees and pressing firmly on the brake. When crossing the road, dismount from your scooter.

8. Never scoot on the road: Never, ever, ever scoot on the road, not even for a second. Always push your scooter when crossing.

9. Travel with an adult: Even if it's just a short distance, make sure you have a parent, school teacher or another adult who you know accompanying you so that you can learn the route.

10. Remember the Green Cross Code: Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing any road, and if possible, use a designated crossing point or subway.

Planned Events for Stockham 24 25

Term 1 and 2		
Event	Date	Time
New Parents Visit for Sept 25 intake	2 nd October 24	9:30am- 10:30am
School Photographs	3 rd October 24	
Athlete Visit to school	9 th October 24	
Flu Nasal Spray	17 th October 24	
Halloween Disco- FOS	18 th October 24	6:00pm- 8:00pm
Harvest Festival	22 nd October 24	Foundation & KS1 – 9:00am KS2 – 9:45am
ACE Assembly	24 th October 24	
SEND Reviews	23 rd October 24	3:30- 5:00 invite
INSET	25 th October 24	
Join you child @ school – Reading	5 th November 24	Additional letter sent before October half term
Year 5/6 attending The Beacon Wantage Literary Festival	6 th November 24	Information to follow
Travelling Book Fayre in school	11 th November 24	Information to follow
Anti-bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks	12 th November 24	Information in this newsletter
Parent Consultations Evenings	12 th & 13 th November 24	3:30 – 7:00



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		Letter sent before October break
Children in Need Wear yellow or spots	15 th November 24	Information in this newsletter
FOS – Non uniform day for luxury items hamper raffle	29 th November 24	Information to follow
KS1 Christmas Production Nativity	9 th & 10 th December	Information to follow
KS2 Christmas at the Church	11 th December 24	Information to follow
Christmas Dinner Day	11 th December 24	Information to follow
Whole School Pantomime	12 th December	Information to follow
Showcasing Stockham	13 th December 24	Information to follow
Foundation – Christmas Songs	16 th December 24	Information to follow
SPS Christmas Fayre	17 th December 24	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	19 th December 24	

Term 3 and 4		
Event	Date	Time
Reports to Parents	20 th January 25	
Join you child @ school – Maths	22 nd January 25	Information to follow
Winter Disco - FOS	7 th February 25	
E-Safety Day	11 th February 25	
SEND Reviews	12 th February 24	3:30- 5:00pm invite
ACE Assembly	14 th February	
Year 6 to attend Junior Good Citizens	28 th February 25	Information to follow
World Book Day	6 th March 25	
Join you child @ school – Science	18 th March 25	Information to follow
Comic Relief	21 st March 25	
Parent Consultations Evenings	25 th & 26 th March 25	Information to follow
Class Photographs	1 st April 25	
Showcasing Stockham	2 nd April 25	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	3 rd April 25	



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Term 5 and 6		
Event	Date	Time
Join you child @ school – History	7 th May 25	Information to follow
Year 6 KS2 SATs	12 th -15 th May 25	Information to follow
Year 2 KS1 SATs	May 25	Information to follow
Foundation & KS1 Sports Day	19 th May 25	Information to follow
KS2 Sports Day	20 th May 25	Information to follow
SEND Reviews	21 st May 25	3:30- 5:00pm invite
ACE Assembly	23 rd May 25	
Year 6 Residential	4 th -6 th June 25	Information to follow
INSET Days	20 th & 23 rd June 25	
Year 4 Multiplication Test	2 nd & 9 th June 25	
Year 1 Phonic Screening	9 th & 16 th June 25	
Showcasing Stockham	4 th July 25	Information to follow
Reports to Parents	14 th July 25	
Summer BBQ - FOS	11 th July 25	
ACE Assembly	18 th July 25	

(Please be aware at this stage all dates are subject to confirmation and are given as a guide only.)



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