**Stimulating Curiosity, Raising Aspirations & Inspiring Ambition**

**15th November 2024**

**Newsletter**

Dear Parent & Carers,

Wow! What a busy start we have had to term 2. – Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Join Your Child @School Reading sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you present. Hopefully it gave you an insight into how the children learn within their reading lessons. We held our Remembrance Day assembly on Monday 11th November to remember people from all faiths and countries of the Commonwealth and beyond who have given their lives or suffered injury in upholding the values that underpin our society.  The school community were present and marked the silence as a period of reflection and respect.  I would like to say a big thank you to the children at Stockham for their fantastic emotional maturity and respect that they showed during our ‘Remembrance Assembly.’

It was great to see so many children joining in with '**Odd Socks Day**' on Tuesday 12th November in support of this year’s anti bullying campaign ‘Choose Repect!’ In our Values assemblies we have been discussing all the features that make us all unique and special.

Sporting Scoop - I would also like to mention the ‘sporting spirit’ of our cross country team that went out on Wednesday 13th November to compete in the cross country finals. They showed great resilience and respect and made all of us at Stockham very proud!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the parent-teacher meetings last week. It was great to see you all there, keen to find out how your child is doing in school and how you can continue to support at home. Thank you also to all the staff for their input and support.  We look forward to seeing you at future events. Please check out our school calendar at the end of this letter.

We finally ended the week with the staff and children looking SPOTtacular in support of a great cause Children in Need.

**Join Your Child at school Maths**

We are delighted to invite you to our second ‘Join Your Child @ School’ session on maths. This session will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 25.

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

* EYFS & KS1 from 9:00am-10:00am
* 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 maths 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**



Thank you to those people who visited the book fair and brought books. The Book fair is a super fund raiser for school as we receive a percentage of the sales to spend on books for the children.

**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.**

**Keeping Children Safe Online**

Spending time online can be a frequent and positive everyday experience for us — shopping, messaging, gaming, information finding, watching videos, listening to music etc. At school, we teach the children about online safety and rules that they should follow to protect themselves. Here is a link to some really useful advice that the NSPCC have produced for families, to help parents reinforce key safety messages and have open conversations with children about their online activity. It includes specific advice for supporting children with SEND and guidance on what to do if you have a concern.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

**Band Runner Game**

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>

**How can I find age appropriate games?**

With Christmas coming up - do you need suggestions on age appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games. Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>

<https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

**Friends of Stockham**

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.

**Showcasing Stockham**

We are delighted to be able to invite you to participate in a new and important initiative for Stockham Primary School. We are always looking for ways to involve parents as much as possible in the life of the school. Our relationship with parents is important to us and children benefit from a successful partnership where expectations and values are aligned. With this is mind, we would like to invite you into school on **Friday 13th December** for our first **‘Showcasing Stockham’** afternoon. To celebrate and share with you the amazing work that the children have undertaken so far this year. **The classrooms will be open from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. On Friday 13th December 24.**

**Planned Events for Stockham 24 25**

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| Term 1 and 2 |
| Event | Date | Time |
| New Parents Visit for Sept 25 intake  | 2nd October 24 | 9:30am- 10:30am |
| School Photographs | 3rd October 24 |  |
| Athlete Visit to school  | 9th October 24 |  |
| Flu Nasal Spray  | 17th October 24 |  |
| Halloween Disco- FOS  | 18th October 24  | 6:00pm- 8:00pm |
| Harvest Festival  | 22nd October 24 | Foundation & KS1 – 9:00amKS2 – 9:45am |
| ACE Assembly  | 24th October 24 |  |
| SEND Reviews | 23rd October 24 | 3:30- 5:00 invite |
| INSET  | 25th October 24 |  |
| Join you child @ school – Reading  | 5th November 24  | Additional letter sent before October half term  |
| Year 5/6 attending The Beacon Wantage Literary Festival  | 6th November 24  | Information to follow |
| Travelling Book Fayre in school  | 11th November 24 | Information to follow |
| Anti-bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks | 12th November 24 | Information in this newsletter |
| Parent Consultations Evenings | 12th & 13th November 24  | 3:30 – 7:00 Letter sent before October break |
| Children in Need Wear yellow or spots  | 15th November 24 | Information in this newsletter |
| FOS – Non uniform day for luxury items hamper raffle  | 29th November 24 | Information to follow |
| EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production Nativity  | 9th & 10th December 24 | Monday 9th December – Doors open 1:15p.m. Tuesday 10th December – Doors open 5:30pm.  |
| KS2 Christmas at the Church  | 11th December 24 | Information to follow |
| Christmas Dinner Day  | 11th December 24 | Information to follow |
| Whole School Pantomime | 12th December  | Information to follow |
| Showcasing Stockham  | 13th December 24 | 2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. |
| Foundation – Christmas Songs  | 16th December 24 | Information to follow |
| SPS Christmas Fayre  | 17th December 24 | Information to follow |
| ACE Assembly | 19th December 24 | Information to follow |

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| Term 3 and 4 |
| Event | Date | Time |
| Reports to Parents  | 20th January 25 | Information to follow |
| Join you child @ school –Maths  | 22nd January 25 | EYFS & KS1 from 8:50am-9:50amDuring the break session there will be a Parent Meeting in the hall from 10:00- 10:30.KS2 from 10:35am- 11.35am. |
| Winter Disco - FOS  | 7th February 25 | Information to follow |
| E-Safety Day  | 11th February 25 | School assembly and work in in class |
| SEND Reviews  | 12th February 24  | 3:30- 5:00pm invite |
| ACE Assembly | 14th February  |  |
| Year 6 to attend Junior Good Citizens  | 28th February 25 | Information to follow |
| World Book Day  | 6th March 25 | School Council & work in in class |
| Join you child @ school – Science  | 18th March 25 | Information to follow |
| Comic Relief | 21st March 25 | School Council & work in in class |
| Parent Consultations Evenings | 25th & 26th March 25 | Information to follow |
| Class Photographs  | 1st April 25  | Information to follow |
| Showcasing Stockham | 2nd April 25 | Information to follow |
| ACE Assembly | 3rd April 25 | Information to follow |

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

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