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**17<sup>th</sup> December 24**

## Newsletter



Wowzers, what a festive and fun filled half term it has been at Stockham; everything is covered in glitter and everyone is humming Christmas songs! We have definitely had our very own 'Christmas Extravaganza.' It has been great to have so many families in for Christmas events in the last few weeks it has been wonderful to see children, staff and parents working together towards the same main aim.

There have been many highlights this half term including the, whole school class outing to the Wyvern theatre to watch the pantomime the children were a pleasure to be out and about with. Christmas lunch was a huge success. I would like to thank all staff for working together to create a beautiful environment for the children to enjoy their Christmas lunch. I would like to say a special thank you to Maggie and Holly in the kitchen who were absolutely superb during the day they were calm, cool and collected! No mean feat, when they were making nearly 200 Christmas dinners!

Of course, we hosted our first ever 'Showcasing Stockham' that was celebrated on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all the parents and families who made it into school. Parents were greeted with poetry, songs, musical performances and a dance performance. We hope you enjoyed being a part of seeing the learning that has happened so far this year. It was wonderful to see the children talking about their work and to see the pride on their faces when sharing it with their families.

We also had a hugely successful Christmas Nativity a 'King is Born' with our Foundation and KS1 children showing amazing independence and confidence. This was followed by a moving KS2 Christmas performance of poetry (which was all written collaboratively by the children in their classes) and beautiful songs that the children had learnt. These performances truly show our learning 'Kando' values in action of working respectfully, thinking things through, showing resilience, giving it a go, collaborating, staying focussed and taking responsibility.



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Welcoming families into the school and hosting special events is definitely one of the most enjoyable parts of our job.

We still have the Christmas Craft Fayre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3:15p.m that will be held in the school hall. The FOS Christmas Hamper will also be drawn during the Craft Fayre

As we draw to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work in consistently providing engaging and motivating learning activities and allowing the children to make the amazing progress we have seen in so many areas. I would like to thank all the staff at Stockham for their dedication in making sure our pupils have a fun, safe and inviting place to learn. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year.

## Staff Leaving

Mrs Clare Anderson will be leaving Stockham at Christmas to take up a new post. Although I have only worked with Mrs Anderson for a short time it is clear that she is a dedicated member of staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the support she has offered the children, staff and families of Stockham.

## Christmas Online Safety

For many parents the battle to stay up to date and keep their children safe online is a hard one with new apps every day and ever complex technology. Here are some useful links to help keep children safe online:

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

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

## Digital Parenting

Part of helping to keep children safe online is being confident to tackle these issues with the children both as a school and as parents/carers. This can be a challenge with children learning about digital media quicker than we can keep up. Vodafone offer lots of good advice to help with managing the dangers online with your children. How to spot: Screen addiction and the warning signs, online grooming warning signs, advice to prevent extremism, advice for those affected by online bullying, social media and its impact on mental health and advice on staying safe whilst using social media.



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Please see the link below to their page and the further links to their newsletter for digital parenting which contains lots of advice:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/archive>

[https://www.vodafone.co.uk/cs/groups/public/documents/document/vodafone\\_digital\\_parenting.pdf](https://www.vodafone.co.uk/cs/groups/public/documents/document/vodafone_digital_parenting.pdf)

Helping children to stay safe online remains a challenge so we have compiled some information to help. Please remember many of these Apps have age limits that are much older than primary school children. We have some downloadable documents that are very useful:

WhatsApp: [WhatsApp Guide for Parents/Carers](#)

Snapchat: [Snapchat Guide for Parents/Carers](#)

TikTok: [TikTok Guide for Parents/Carers](#)



## Early Help and the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS)

### What is Early Help?

Most children and their families have a good quality of life with minimal support from public services. But at times family life and bringing up children can be demanding and complex. Problems can arise and families may need extra help from universal, targeted and specialist services.

Early help is the collection of all services that work with children and families and how they work together in a co-ordinated way to support children when additional or complex needs are identified.

Our link worker is Ana Crockford and she works for the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS)

As our school's link worker, she offers support and guidance to school staff, can refer and signpost to external agencies and ensure all children and families, where needed, are offered Early Help. For more information on what Early Help is please see here:

<https://www.oscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf>

The aim of LCSS is to ensure families have their support needs met by agencies within the community so that support is offered in a co-ordinated way, at the right time to make sure



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worries don't become bigger for children and their families. This could include support from school staff, school health nurse, a GP, the voluntary sector, anyone that offers a service to children and families.

Ana will be visiting school in the New Year where she will be happy to answer any questions you may have about support and Early Help.

## End of Term 2

End of term 2 will be on **Friday 20th December at 12:00p.m.** Please collect your children from their normal pick-up point.

## Back to school in January 25

Stockham Primary School will re-open to our children on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.40a.m. We can't wait to see you all again in the New Year. We hope all our families have a restful and enjoyable Christmas Break.

## Planned Events for Stockham 24 25

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



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Anti-bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks	12 <sup>th</sup> November 24	Information in this newsletter
Parent Consultations Evenings	12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> November 24	3:30 – 7:00 Letter sent before October break
Children in Need Wear yellow or spots	15 <sup>th</sup> November 24	
FOS – Non uniform day for luxury items hamper raffle	29 <sup>th</sup> November 24	
Foundation & KS1 Christmas Production Nativity 'A King is Born.'	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> December 24	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December – Doors open 1:15p.m. Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – Doors open 5:30pm.
KS2 Christmas Concert at school	11 <sup>th</sup> December 24	9:00a.m.
Christmas or Brightly Coloured Jumper Day	11 <sup>th</sup> December 24	
Christmas Dinner Day	11 <sup>th</sup> December 24	
Whole School Pantomime	12 <sup>th</sup> December	
Showcasing Stockham	13 <sup>th</sup> December 24	2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
KS2 Christmas Concert at school	16 <sup>th</sup> December 24	5:30p.m. Children back by 5:15p.m
Foundation – Christmas Songs	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December 24 cancelled as a separate event as Foundation are involved in the nativity</b>	<b>This date has been replaced by the Foundation children being involved the nativity 'A King is Born.'</b>
SPS Christmas Fayre	17 <sup>th</sup> December 24	3:15p.m.
ACE Assembly	19 <sup>th</sup> December 24	9:00a.m. invite
<b>End of Term 2</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December 24</b>	<b>12:00p.m.</b>

Term 3 and 4		
Event	Date	Time
Reports to Parents	Date to TBC	Further information to follow
Join you child @ school – Maths	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 25	Foundation & KS1 from 8:50am-9:50am During the break session there will be a Parent



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		Meeting in the hall from 10:00- 10:30. KS2 from 10:35am- 11.35am
Winter Disco - FOS	7 <sup>th</sup> February 25	Information to follow
E-Safety Day	11 <sup>th</sup> February 25	School assembly and work in class
SEND Reviews	12 <sup>th</sup> February 24	3:30- 5:00p.m. invite
ACE Assembly	14 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00a.m invite
Year 6 to attend Junior Good Citizens	28 <sup>th</sup> February 25	Information to follow
World Book Day	6 <sup>th</sup> March 25	School Council & work in classes
Join you child @ school – Science	18 <sup>th</sup> March 25	Foundation & 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
Comic Relief	21 <sup>st</sup> March 25	School Council & work in classes
Parent Consultations Evenings	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March 25	Information to follow
Class Photographs	1 <sup>st</sup> April 25	Information to follow
Showcasing Stockham	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 25	2:00- 3:00p.m.
ACE Assembly	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 25	9:00a.m. invite

Term 5 and 6		
Event	Date	Time
Join you child @ school – History	7 <sup>th</sup> May 25	Foundation & 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
Year 6 KS2 SATs	12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> May 25	
Year 2 KS1 SATs	May 25	Information to follow
Foundation & KS1 Sports Day	19 <sup>th</sup> May 25	Information to follow



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KS2 Sports Day	20 <sup>th</sup> May 25	Information to follow
SEND Reviews	21 <sup>st</sup> May 25	3:30- 5:00p.m. invite
ACE Assembly	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 25	9:00a.m. invite
Year 6 Residential	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> June 25	Information to follow
INSET Days	20 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 25	Schools closed to children
Year 4 Multiplication Test	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June 25	
Year 1 Phonic Screening	9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> June 25	
Showcasing Stockham	4 <sup>th</sup> July 25	2:00- 3:00pm.
Reports to Parents	14 <sup>th</sup> July 25	Information to follow
Summer BBQ - FOS	11 <sup>th</sup> July 25	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	18 <sup>th</sup> July 25	9:00a.m. invite

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



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