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Stimulating Curiosity, Raising Aspirations & Inspiring Ambition

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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 Respect!' 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



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work and learn.

Book Fair



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

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

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



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/>



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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 in 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.**



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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 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
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production Nativity	9 th & 10 th December 24	Monday 9 th December – Doors open 1:15p.m. Tuesday 10 th December – Doors open 5:30pm.
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	2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
Foundation – Christmas Songs	16 th December 24	Information to follow



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SPS Christmas Fayre	17 th December 24	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	19 th December 24	Information to follow

Term 3 and 4		
Event	Date	Time
Reports to Parents	20 th January 25	Information to follow
Join you child @ school – Maths	22 nd January 25	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.
Winter Disco - FOS	7 th February 25	Information to follow
E-Safety Day	11 th February 25	School assembly and work in in class
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	School Council & work in in class
Join you child @ school – Science	18 th March 25	Information to follow
Comic Relief	21 st March 25	School Council & work in in class
Parent Consultations Evenings	25 th & 26 th March 25	Information to follow
Class Photographs	1 st April 25	Information to follow
Showcasing Stockham	2 nd April 25	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	3 rd April 25	Information to follow

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



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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	Information to follow
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	Information to follow
Summer BBQ - FOS	11 th July 25	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	18 th July 25	Information to follow

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



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