



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent/Carer Questionnaire**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have taken the time to answer the questions linked to your child's experience at Stockham School this year. Please could questionnaires be completed by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to celebrating what we do well as a school and hearing your thoughts on what we can do better. Please use the following link if you have not yet completed the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/EfpUD2EfiCawg3dF9>

### **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is now active. We would love for our whole school community to be joined to this app. It is a great way of being reminded of events coming up and also to receive information, photos and videos of your child's learning. The link below will take you to the sign up page.

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=580b6c4760d149e508030c6f>

The link below will take you to the permissions page.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LtRShW\\_AI0WfUhlMnOPCrwT7HMeLZwFluWFGn\\_tJR\\_RUMIM4UIZLWVVCQIo0TzICU1pTQIBOMTdVNS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LtRShW_AI0WfUhlMnOPCrwT7HMeLZwFluWFGn_tJR_RUMIM4UIZLWVVCQIo0TzICU1pTQIBOMTdVNS4u)

If we do not have permission for photos, we will not be able to share photos of your child.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Non-school uniform day – bring in a luxury item for our Christmas hampers

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas show 'Prickly Hay' 5.30pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas show 'Prickly Hay' 9.30am. Foundation class Christmas carols night.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon to see Snow White

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day and present room

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 'Christmas at the Movies' concert, 5.30pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 'Christmas at the Movies' concert, 9.30am

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 12pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Children return for Term 3.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

### **Class News**

**Year F** As part of our topic 'Light and Dark', in Foundation this week we have started to learn about nocturnal and diurnal animals. We got to know the story 'Owl Babies', we then had a go at building our own story maps and pictures of the story. On Thursday, we also had a very fun visit from Oxfordshire Badger Group! We learnt lots about badgers, their habitat and what they get up to and when! A big thank you to Oxfordshire Badger Group members for taking the time out to come and visit us!

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we enjoyed our second forest school session where we chopped vegetables, played on the hammock and toasted marshmallows. We have started looking at how we can use adjectives to create a character description and in maths we have been learning how to systematically use number bonds.

- Year 2** This week Year 2 have been very excited about rehearsing the nativity on the stage. In DT we have been making paper looms with very colourful designs and patterns. In science we have been matching off-spring to adult animals and thinking about what happens in the brain to make humans find baby animals cute. We enjoyed our class story The Cat and the King so much that we have now started the next story in the series: Nice Work for the Cat and the King.
- Year 3** Year 3 have been learning about addition and subtraction in maths; working in columns. In English, we have been writing book recommendations for Wantage Library. They will hopefully be displayed in the library after Christmas. We have enjoyed beginning to create a cityscape in art based on the work of Charles Fazzino. We have also begun learning our Christmas songs from the film 'Polar Express' for our KS2 show 'Christmas at the Movies.'
- Year 4** In Year 4 this week, the children enjoyed taking part in a science experiment. They spent the afternoon exploring the different ways sound travels through solids, liquids and gases. In maths we have been looking at multiples, the children have been spotting patterns in the different times tables. We have also been very excited to start rehearsals for our Christmas show!
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a very busy week! They have continued to explore prime numbers, cube numbers as well as dividing and multiplying by 10,100 and 1000 in maths. The children have been reasoning and trying to spot patterns and links to other areas of maths. In English the children have continued to write about Theseus and the Minotaur and are now starting to innovate before writing their own Myth. In science we have produced posters about Sir David Attenborough considering the impact he has had and presented these to the class.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week deepening our knowledge of the Ancient Maya in both our English and history lessons. We have been carrying out research to help us write an explanation text next week entitled ' What did the Maya do for us?' We have learnt about all the different things we have today which have been influenced by the Maya such as chocolate, calendars and even the number zero. In maths we have been deepening our knowledge of fractions and have been adding and subtracting them - even when they have different denominators. In science we have been investigating how different plants are adapted to where they grow and in PE we completed our rock and roll dances. We have also been very festive and been singing our songs ready for the Key Stage 2 Christmas performance.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Harry- you have really taken on an interest for writing recently. It's lovely to see you taking the time to have a go at writing and form words. We especially liked your Owl Baby writing this week- keep up the good work!  
Robin- this week you have showed the confidence to try and answer questions during whole class learning times and this is something that you have not always found easy. A big well done and we cannot wait for you to share more of your knowledge and ideas!
- Year 1** Seth for always giving his schoolwork 100%, you try your hardest in everything you do, and this was particularly clear in your English work this week. Well done!  
Elijah for trying extremely hard in phonics this week, you have shown a positive learning attitude, and we are very proud of all that you are achieving. Well done!
- Year 2** Bea: For listening and engaging on the carpet so well this week so that you can work confidently and independently at your table to achieve success.  
Sol: For always striving for the next challenge in maths. Your fluency and reasoning skills shine in each lesson.

**Year 3** Jack - for working hard in all lessons and completing some tricky maths questions this week.

Dolcie - for an improved attitude towards her work, it has been so lovely to see you more engaged with your learning. Keep it up!

**Year 4** Jacob for your brilliant work during our science experiments this week. You showed great concentration and answered lots of questions about the different experiments you completed. Well done!

Isla for your amazing animal poem. You worked really hard in the lesson and listened carefully to feedback. I loved seeing your determination, going back through your poem making changes to create an amazing piece. You should feel very proud.

**Year 5** Guy has used his confidence and determination to produce an excellent piece of writing. It has been lovely to see you showing so much pride in your work. Well done Guy, keep it up!

Alistair has been working brilliantly this week in Year 5. It has been fantastic to see him using his confidence and enthusiasm when retelling the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. Well done Alistair!

**Year 6** Lucy for always being so hard working and for having such a positive attitude towards your work. You always try your very best and this shows in the work you produce. You are such a good role model to others and are so helpful in the classroom. Well done, Lucy. Keep it up!

Henry for putting yourself out of your comfort zone and volunteering to be one of our Scrooges in Year 6's version of A Muppets Christmas Carol. You have already learnt lots of your lines and have used great expression when we have been practising. I can't wait to see you in the actual performances- I know you will do a great job.

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Foundation for having the tidiest room. 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).