



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to the Boccia and cross country teams this week. We are so proud of how hard you worked and your wonderful behaviour at all times. Two of our Boccia teams came first and second! The cross country Vale finals ended with a result of the girl's team coming 4th out of 12 and the boys coming 6th out of 12. A special mention to Lucas, who came in 4th place individually out of all the boys from 19 school teams. Photos of the children can be found on our school class dojo app.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is now active and nearly have every family linked up! If you just need a reminder: 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.

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

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1st December – Non-school uniform day – bring in a luxury item for our Christmas hampers

Wednesday 6th December – KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas show 'Prickly Hay' 5.30pm

Thursday 7th December – KS1 Christmas show 'Prickly Hay' 9.30am. Foundation class Christmas carols night.

Tuesday 12th December – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon to see Snow White

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner day and present room

Thursday 14th December – KS2 'Christmas at the Movies' concert, 5.30pm

Friday 15th December – KS2 'Christmas at the Movies' concert, 9.30am

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 12pm

Monday 8th January 2024 – Children return for Term 3.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Key Stage 2 Christmas show ticket sales will be held on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December 8.30 in the hall. Limited to 2 tickets per family to begin with.

Class News

Year F This week in Foundation we have started to write about the visit from Brocky Badger last week, we have also continued to learn about more nocturnal animals. In maths we have been busy learning about positional language, the children had fun when they were set challenges to find the right position in and around a box! In music, we have been busy learning about Kwanzaa music and call and response songs.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been busy working on our Christmas performance. We have been using a layering technique in art to create a Christmas nativity scene in the style of Hokusai. We have been using our number bonds to solve problems in maths and continuing our descriptive writing in English.

- Year 2** Year 2 are looking forward to their show Prickly Hay and have continued to practice incredibly hard this week. In English, we have been learning about what makes a good set of instructions and have had a go at writing a set to help a reader make a paper loom. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10 from different numbers. In RE we have been sharing what Christmas means to us and how it is celebrated in different ways.
- Year 3** Year 3 have been busy rehearsing their part in the Christmas KS2 show, which is based on the film 'Polar Express.' In geography we have been learning about mountains and hills in the U.K and we have planned a recount in English linked to this work. We have also been enjoying working on our 3D cityscape pictures in Art
- Year 4** This week in Year 4 we have been continuing with our multiplication topic in maths, and have moved on to multiplying three numbers together. This has been great practise of using our times tables! We have also been working really hard in our rehearsals for the Christmas show, and are looking forward to showing everyone our talents!
- Year 5** This week in Year 5 we have developed our role as storytellers in English, by continuing to plan our own Ancient Greek inspired myth. The children have been wonderfully creative with the names and powers of their heroes and villains! In maths we have started work on fractions, looking at equivalent fractions and converting between fractions and mixed numbers. We have been hard at work in the afternoons rehearsing for the Christmas production and have received some lovely compliments on our singing! We were also really proud of the Year 5 children who represented Stockham at the Boccia and cross-country competitions.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been busy this week writing our explanation texts about what the Maya legacy has been. We have brought together all the facts we have learnt about the Ancient Maya, alongside all the features we have learnt about explanation texts. We have also tried hard to show the impact of the Maya on us today. In maths we have been learning how to multiply fractions by whole numbers and other fractions and we have been trying to apply this knowledge to longer reasoning problems involving fractions. As historians we have been learning about why maize was so important to the Maya and we have even designed our own corn god sculptures. Our rehearsals for the Key Stage 2 Christmas concert are also well underway and we have done a great job of learning our lines and now need to work on the songs and acting! We can't wait to share it with you. We also had lots of sporting success in Year 6 with our cross country and Boccia teams.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Lucas and Noah T- all the teachers in Foundation notice how hard you both work and how you both always try your best with your learning. You have both produced some lovely writing in phonics and also helped others to learn by being great role-models- well done!
- Year 1** Billy and Njie for your outstanding effort in the Christmas performance rehearsals. Billy, you have taken on your role of the Jolly Fiddler and made a fantastic addition to the songs with your actions! Njie, your line dancing is fantastic, you always look as though you are having so much fun up there on stage! Keep up the good work and we can't wait to watch the actual performance next week!
- Year 2** Rosie: For consistently achieving your targets for writing this week with a hard working and determined attitude.
Louie L: For always showing amazing resilience in school. You always have a positive approach to everything you do in school.

Year 3 Toby - for some great English work. Your writing shows great vocabulary and you are beginning to use more complex sentences. Well done!

Kolby - for always being ready to learn. You listen carefully and try hard in every lesson. Well done!

Year 4 Lucca: For always listening and showing good concentration during our Christmas show rehearsals this week. You are always taking on board feedback, and giving each practice performance 100%. Brilliant effort, Lucca!

Millie: For always being kind and thoughtful. You are always so respectful to your classmates and share your thoughts in a very mature way. You are a brilliant role model to others. Fantastic effort this week, Millie, well done!

Year 5 Kian, for having a fantastic attitude to work recently. You've shown exceptional focus in our English lessons and shown great leadership skills in group work in science and history. You've also really pushed yourself out of your comfort zone with our play rehearsals. Well done Kian!

Emily, for always putting in the extra effort and showing great enthusiasm in the classroom. You've shown incredible teamwork and focus in History over the past week to produce an amazing poster on the Ancient Greeks, as well as treating us all to some Greek baklava that you made at home as part of your homework! Well done Emily.

Year 6 Harry B for being a wonderful sports leader. You always carry out this role with great enthusiasm and are so supportive of the youngest members of our Stockham family. You even volunteered to do extra duties this week! You have had a great week and I am really proud of you. Well done, Harry.

Kiki for always having such a positive attitude to everything you do. You always show perseverance and work so hard and approach everything with a big smile on your face. You are always so polite and constantly look out for others. Well done, Kiki.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 6 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.

<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 and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from pmgschoolwear.