



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to Term 2 at Stockham School. We have started the term off with a whole school music workshop with Linn Marsh. Children learnt about pitch and rhythm, and even learnt some spooky Halloween songs!



Year 2 had a fantastic morning on Wednesday, led by Science Oxford, finding out more about the Great Fire of London. The children learnt about the science behind the spreading of the fire and were very impressed to have real fire in the hall!



We were also very excited to welcome the Fire Fighters to Stockham School. Years Foundation and Year 2 spent time finding out about the role of the firefighters and how the engine is used to extinguish fires, including special clothing and equipment. They even got to sit inside the fire engine, see the blue lights in action and hear the siren.



We have been donated a bike from a pupil at Stockham School. The family would like to re-gift this to a child who would benefit from receiving a new bike. The bike size would suit a child from either Year 1 or 2. Please let Mrs Burbank know if you are interested. **The bike is free of charge and would need checking over for safety before using.**



Parent/Carer teacher meetings

Meetings will take place during the week starting 13th November. Please sign up to a 10 minute slot to come into school to discuss how your child is settling into their new classes. Please ring the office (after the 30th October) on 01235 764407 if you are unable to be on the school grounds to sign up, the office staff will try to book a convenient slot for you (where possible). If you have more than one child in school, please ensure you leave at least a 10 minute gap between appointment slots so that it allows you to get to the next classroom in good time. Please arrive before your child's time slot so that you can spend time looking through your child's work so far this year. There will also be a parent questionnaire to complete and a class dojo sign up letter for you to action so that we can start sharing all the photos and videos of all the exciting things happening in school this year!

The book fair will be in school from the 6th-20th November. The children will be visiting the book fair in the first week and it will then be open to you during parents evening week.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th November – Flu spray for all children (separate consent email has been sent)

Wednesday 8th November – Year 1 trip to Wantage museum

Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week (more information to come soon from Miss Lovegrove and the anti-bullying ambassadors)

13th November week – Teacher-parents/carers meetings

Friday 17th November – Children in Need day – led by our newly appointed school council members and Mr Burbank

Tuesday 21st November – School photo day (individual portrait photos and siblings photos who attend Stockham school)

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

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

Class News

- Year F** What an exciting start to the term we have had in Foundation this week! We began our new theme 'Light and Dark', where we will be thinking about different festivals, nocturnal animals and people who work at night. We welcomed Wantage firefighting crew on Wednesday and the children had a fabulous time learning a bit more about what their job involves. The children also got to sit in the fire truck, hear the siren and see the lights - a big thank you to Wantage Firefighters for taking time out of their busy schedule to come and visit us! We have also been thinking about the different activities that happen during the day and at night and we had lots of fun wearing our pyjamas to school on Friday!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been busy learning how to make our sentences more interesting by using adjectives to describe nouns. We have been looking at the part-whole model in maths and learning how to work out the whole number of 2 parts. In history we have been learning about Guy Fawkes and finding out why we celebrate bonfire night.
- Year 2** Year 2 were very lucky to have two workshops this week. We enjoyed our music workshop with Lin Marsh singing songs about the rain and our favourite teddy. We then had an explosive workshop with Science Oxford all about the Great Fire of London. This was a great chance for us to share all the facts we had remembered from Term 1. In English we have begun reading a funny new chapter book called The Cat and the King and have started using royal adjectives in our writing such as: majestic, regal, grand and decadent.
- Year 3** Year 3 have been studying a music video in English, which tells a story of a missing pet. In maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction strategies. In Guided Reading, we have been reading some poems - one of which was a bit of a tongue twister! We have also begun our new geography topic all about the U.K.
- Year 4** This week Year 4 have been busy! We have been learning about states of matter; how water can change from a solid, to a liquid and gas. In geography we have looked at how rivers are formed and took a closer look at the River Thames. We have started a new topic in English, we are listening to poetry and exploring similes and metaphors.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a busy week back! We had a fantastic visit from Lin Marsh who taught the class about soundscapes using two songs - one about the rainforest as well as a spooky Halloween song! We have also started our new history topic and started learning about the Ancient Greeks. In maths, we have finished our addition and subtraction unit and will be moving onto multiplication and division. We have started to explore the difference between a myth and a legend in English.

Year 6 Year 6 have been very busy this week beginning our new learning journey about the Ancient Maya. We have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Maya game of Pok-a-tok and were very brave when most of the class said they would be willing to play it! We have all enjoyed learning our new story of Rain Player using the story telling technique and most of us can now re-tell the story from memory. In maths we have done an excellent job of learning how to do long division. All the adults in the class have been really impressed with how quickly and confidently you learnt the method. As historians we have begun to learn when and where the Ancient Maya civilisation lived and we have explored some artefacts from that time and had great discussions about what they might tell us about the people of the Ancient Maya.

Soaring High

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

Year F Peyton and Frankie - you have both had an excellent start to term 2 this week. You have been getting really involved with your learning and thought of some very thoughtful questions to ask the firefighting crew on Wednesday - well done and keep up the good work!

Year 1 David for trying really hard this week in English, you have had some fantastic ideas for up levelling your sentences and have really impressed the adults with your amazing adjectives, well done!

Stanlee for always having a positive learning attitude. From the time you come in, in the morning with a smile on your face, to the end of the day after working hard. You are a role model to all, Stanlee!

Year 2 Oliver - For your fantastic use of vocabulary in your writing last term linked to our Great Fire of London topic. What a pleasure it was to read your story, your letter and your discussion!

Millie - For a positive attitude and lots of determination. You have been so keen to do your best and give every task your best effort.

Year 3 Jessica - for great maths work this week. It has been great to see you answering lots of questions in class. Well done!

Stirling - for good editing of your work in English this week. You were careful to correct mistakes and make improvements. Well done!

Year 4 Kai: For showing perseverance in geography this week. You initially found drawing a map of the River Thames challenging, but you kept going. You proved to yourself that by not giving in and having a bit of self-belief you can overcome any challenge. Well done, Kai, keep it up!

James: For sharing some fantastic ideas during PSHE this week. You are always so respectful when listening to others and share your thoughts in a very mature way. You are a brilliant role model to your class mates. Fantastic effort this week, James, well done!

Year 5 Macey has shown a real improvement in all lessons. It has been lovely to see her using her determination and perseverance to really do the very best she can. Well done Macey - keep it up!

Elijah G for being a fantastic role model in class. Elijah always produces a great standard of work and is an excellent team player and is able to support and show empathy to other members of the class. Well done Elijah!

Year 6 Sasha for very quickly learning how to do long division. You listened well and were able to apply the method into your own work very quickly and effectively. Well done, Sasha.

Alexa for really throwing yourself into our music workshop session this week. You listened really carefully and clearly enjoyed performing our group song. You also put great effort and thought into our story stepping work this week as well. Great performing, Alexa, keep it up!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 5 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](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).