



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of Year 6, who sat their SATs assessments last week with such a positive, resilient learning attitude. All the staff are extremely proud of you all. The Year 6 celebrated trying their best with a fish and chip lunch with ice cream.

We have also enjoyed our visit from the Poet James Carter. He certainly made us all smile talking to his banana telephone. The children achieved some super poetry work which we shared during an end of day assembly.

Good luck to the Year 6 Rounders team who are competing in an inter school competition this week.

### **Appropriate school uniform**

This week in assembly I have reminded the children about correct school uniform. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct footwear and uniform. Indoor shoes must be black plimsolls or similar soft black shoe, outdoor shoes must be smart black shoes (no white/coloured trainers). Socks can be white, black, grey or burgundy. Cardigans and jumpers must be burgundy (no hoodies).

### **Assemblies to Parents and Carers**

Please come along to your child's class' short assembly to hear more about their learning journey.

| Year group | Date  |
|------------|---|
| Year 2     | 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm   |
| Year 5     | 16 <sup>th</sup> June 9.15am  |
| Year 3     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2.30pm  |
| Year 1     | 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm  |
| Year 4     | 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm   |
| Foundation | 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm  |
| Year 6     | 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Leaver's show – time to be confirmed in the morning) |

### **Dates for your diary**

20<sup>th</sup> May – Coffee morning in school – Emotional based school avoidance information morning for parents. Come and join us in the school hall at 9am

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Key stage 1 SATs week

24<sup>th</sup> May – Year F and 6 NHS height and weight checks

27<sup>th</sup> May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration day (**children and staff come dressed in red, white and blue, or Royal theme**). Term 5 finishes at 3.00pm

6<sup>th</sup> June – Term 6 starts (8.40-8.50am)

16<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school photograph

20<sup>th</sup> June – **Stockham School's 50th birthday celebration week**

**21<sup>st</sup> June 12.30pm – Whole school and families picnic + Ice cream van visit (more information to follow but please save this afternoon so that you can join us)**

24<sup>th</sup> June – Inset day – school closed to children

27<sup>th</sup> June – Inset day – school closed to children

5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day (am = Foundation and key stage 1, pm = Key stage 2)

15<sup>th</sup> July – Children's reports home to parents and carers

21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers play and school finishes for the Summer holidays at 12pm

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, all who wanted to in Key Stage 2 took part in the cross-country trials ready for the Wantage schools finals in the summer! It was great to see so many children in Key Stage 2 willing and determined to have a go! Year 3/4 had to run 1.5km and Year 5/6 had to run 2km round a track. We will be entering 4 teams into the final. Thank you to all the Year 6 children who helped to marshal the event!





### Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been very egg-cited about the arrival of the eggs in their incubator. We wrote a fabulous joint shape poem about eggs during the visit from the Poet, James Carter. We have observed the eggs wobbling and even seen some hatch! The baby chicks are very sleepy and funny; the children have enjoyed writing and drawing about what they see. In maths we have been using different ways to represent numbers, including a new way - using a 10 frame.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been enjoying our science lessons on plants. The children had a great time exploring the field looking for different trees using their identification sheet. We have also been learning to use the vocabulary evergreen and deciduous when talking about trees. In maths we have been using our knowledge of the 2 and 5 times tables to help us solve simple word problems.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we had a fabulous start to the week with our KS1 assembly and Y2 /Y3 lesson led by the poet James Carter. We had so much fun and learnt such a lot about vocabulary and writing poems. In maths we have been using positional and directional language to make turns with a range of objects. We have also been reading more extracts from the Wizard of Oz.
- Year 3** This week in English Year 3 have been starting to think about our newspaper reports. We have worked on creating open ended questions and writing an introduction. In maths we have been using and counting in tenths and looking at tenths as decimals, we have also looked at using fractions on a number line. We have carried on with our forces and magnet's theme in science by investigating magnetic and non-magnetic.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week reading more of our play 'Bombs and Blackberries'. We have acted out some of the scenes and written from different points of view. We have also been able to write some new pieces of script following the structure we have learnt. In maths we have been learning more about fractions and we can now add and subtract using them. We have loved building on our coding skills in our computing lessons and have enjoyed tending to our Year 4 garden. Have a look at all the different vegetables we have planted and are now looking after! Thank you to all of the parents (and grandparents) who have donated plants, seeds and compost for this project.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a busy week. There was a whole school visit from the poet James Carter. He did a fantastic assembly and then worked with us to help us create poems about impossible gifts! They were amazing! We have also continued to work on fractions in maths and look at biomes in geography.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been exploring Maya masks in art ready to design their own. In science we have been classifying animals. We have been out in the sun playing rounders for PE. We also really enjoyed our poetry day on Monday and all wrote some imaginative pieces.



## Soaring High

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

- Year F** Tia for her amazing athletics in PE. You listened carefully to Mr Chadwick's tips and implemented them to get even better at running and throwing. Well done!  
Arabella for some great reading and writing this week. You have made lots of progress and are using all your phonics knowledge to support you in decoding the words in your books and to help you write your sentences about the chicks. Well done!
- Year 1** Kayden for your brilliant contributions during our science lesson this week. You listened really well on the carpet and were able to explain to the other children what an evergreen or deciduous tree was. Well done.  
William for your perseverance during your tree hunt. You worked really hard with your partner to find as many of the trees as you could using your tree identification sheet. Well done.
- Year 2** James for using excellent vocabulary to describe how the scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz was feeling in the chapter where Dorothy first meets him. You used your retrieval and inference reading skills brilliantly to explain why the scarecrow felt this way. Well done!  
Felicity for showing excellent reasoning in maths. You articulate patterns you have noticed so well, and you support your teammates with their own learning. Well done!
- Year 3** Zach for using his confidence when writing open ended questions for the Lighthouse Keeper, you were able to add your own detail to your questions and show some of our other learning from this term within your questions, well done Zach!  
Guy for using perseverance when counting in fractions, it was lovely to see your confidence and also you challenging yourself, well done Guy, there were some tricky problem solving and reasoning questions!
- Year 4** Ava for showing lots of determination and perseverance when competing in the cross country trials this week. You were determined to do your best and certainly not stop and this really paid off! Fingers crossed for the next round now!  
Isabelle for some wonderful script writing as part of our English unit of work. You have listened really well to the structure of a play script and used this to great effect in your own work. Well done, Isabelle!
- Year 5** Frankie for using his independence and producing some fantastic poetry. It was amazing to see you so inspired!  
Madison for using her determination and independence. You worked really hard to catch up on your poetry plan and have produced some fantastic work! Well done!
- Year 6** Harry, Molly W and Kiran for a brilliant attitude during poetry day and producing some well written pieces to share with others.

Well done everyone!

## Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 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.