



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls football team who beat multiple schools during a football tournament at Millbrook School. These 6 girls won the entire tournament with the help of Ava's Dad in Year 5. This was an excellent achievement! We also had another win during the Goalball tournament that took place here, at Stockham School. The Year 3 and 4 teams worked so well together, with one of the teams, winning the competition!



Parent Governor vacancies

We have two vacancies for parent governor roles at Stockham School. Please see the information provided on the school website for more information. We would love to hear from you:

http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/are_you_our_next_governor/594866

Dates for your diary

3rd February – Valentines Disco (Friends of Stockham)

10th February – last day of term 3pm finish.

14th February (HALF TERM WEEK) – Bright Sparks holiday camp at Stockham School – book via website: <https://brightsparksevents.co.uk/science-camps/>

20th February – Children return for term 4.

Extra Bank holiday - There will be an extra bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 due to the King's Coronation.

Sharing Assemblies – We invite parents to join us to see what your children have been learning about:

Wednesday afternoons 2.30pm for Term 4

Wed 1st March - Year 2

Wed 15th March - Year 6

Wed 29th March – Foundation

Other year group assemblies will take place in term 5.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Please join us in the school hall for a cup of tea and a piece of cake on Thursday 23rd March 9-10am.

We have our Educational Psychologist and Special Needs Advisory Teacher joining us to discuss any topics of interest. Please e-mail me with any areas you would like to discuss so we can prepare a session for you. If you would like to attend, please send me an e-mail: krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk by Friday 10th February. If we don't have enough uptake then we will have to cancel the session. The session is open to all parents.



Play Therapy Sessions

Play is essential to children's development and is a child's natural mode of self-expression. Play Therapy allows your child to play out their feelings and experiences in a safe space in order to improve their emotional wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence or to enable them to process 'big feelings' around parental separation, bereavement or other upheavals at home. I currently have a limited number of places available for weekly Play Therapy sessions at Stockham School.

For further details and cost, please contact me on wantageplaytherapy@gmail.com

Sarah McNaught, Certified Play Therapist

Wellbeing

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and during this week we will be carrying out different activities in classes to promote the mental health and well-being of our children. To start the week we will have a whole school assembly led by the school's Wellbeing Lead Mrs Allen; with a focus of children's mental health. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Let's Connect' and making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. Having healthy connections to family, friends and others, can support our mental health and sense of wellbeing. We believe it is important that we give the children opportunities to learn and talk about their mental health at an appropriate level and support them as they grow and develop.

See <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> for more information and to continue discussions at home. There are some great videos for you to watch.



[Children's Mental Health Week](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/)

Place2Be's Official Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme is Let's Connect and our primary and secondary resources are available to download now. The week will shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation class we have enjoyed meeting some real life superheroes this week and finding out about how they help people, what skills they have, and how they use their special gadgets and equipment. We have had some wonderful visits from parents, grandparents and the wider community who have volunteered their time to come and tell us about the amazing jobs they do that help other people, just like superheroes. In phonics we have learned some more new digraphs, and a TRlgraph! In maths we are learning about the number 6, and in PE we were graceful big cats climbing onto larger and more challenging pieces of gym equipment. What a busy week!
- Year 1** This week we have really enjoyed our ICT lessons. This week we have been learning how to change and edit our writing using the toolbar. We are able to change the font, size and colour of our writing. We showed excellent teamwork, used the computers respectfully and supported each other when stuck. We have also been continuing to work hard on writing descriptive sentences, and summarising our new story: Anancy and Mr Dry Bone.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been very busy this week designing and creating their wind powered cards. They thought very hard about their joining techniques and how to improve their designs once they were tested. In English we have been writing some amazing letters and in maths we have begun exploring shape.
- Year 3** In English this week we have been learning about poetry, with a focus on raps. We have learnt the key features of a rap and will write our own rap to perform to the class. In maths we have been learning about length. We have measured different items thinking about the best unit to measure in.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been creating their final published copy of their fable which will become a part of our new Year 4 corridor display. We have also been scientists and conducting an experiment into tooth decay. Eggs have been left in different liquids and observed each morning to see if there are any changes. A messy but fun activity.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard looking at how to spot fraction equivalence and ordering fractions. In English we have continued to write our own versions of the Highway Man Poem looking at poetic features such as repetition and rhyme. In science we have started to look at what causes rust and how we can protect against it.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of our book The Barnabus Project by becoming journalists. We have brought together all of our learning about how to write a good news report and have published our final drafts; including direct and reported quotes, formal language and pictures with captions. In maths we have started to learn about algebra this week. We have learnt how numbers can be replaced by letters and used these in simple expressions. As historians we have moved on to thinking about how The Tudors dealt with medical issues and decided that we wouldn't really have liked to have been alive then! Ask us why donkeys were used as a cure! As scientists we learnt all about our blood and what it is made up of. As artists we have learnt about the reductive technique and used it to make some great artwork.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** David - for confidently sharing your knowledge and passion with us during our class discussions this week. We loved hearing all the things you know about Superheroes!
- Florence - for independence and enthusiasm in her writing. You have made great progress in your writing, using your phonics knowledge to support your spelling, and your reading comprehension knowledge to help you as you start to use capital letters and full stops in your sentences. Well done!

- Year 1** Isla - for being a fantastic role model for others in Year 1 to follow. Isla has a great attitude towards her learning and will always give new tasks her best. Well done, Isla.
Finley B - for showing fantastic independence in his learning this week. Finley has worked hard to give all his learning tasks 100% effort. Well done Finley!
- Year 2** Rosie M for her determination to write some detail sentences and use conjunctions (joining words) to extend them.
Tyler for his perseverance to improve his wind powered car. He did not want to give up and was determined to make it the best it could be.
- Year 3** Isla for working really hard on writing her rap in English. I am looking forward to you performing it!
Isaac for supporting his friend and for staying focused.
- Year 4** Thomas for working hard at maths. You have had the confidence to join in with your group and use your place value knowledge to divide and multiply by 100.
Teddy for your consideration of others. Your kind and respectful attitude has shone throughout the week, and you have been a wonderful friend to your Year 4 team.
- Year 5** Henry for using his confidence learning power in class. It has been lovely to see him being an active participant in Year 5, answering questions and taking a full part in our class discussions.
Kathy for using her independence learning power. Kathy has been working hard to be more independent in class. Well done Kathy!
- Year 6** Rafe for being a wonderful play leader. You put yourself out of your comfort zone recently by putting yourself forward for this role and it has been so lovely to see how much you have enjoyed it and what a wonderful job you have done with the younger children. Keep it up, Rafe!
Euan for being a great journalist this week. You have written a fantastic newspaper report linked to our book and been very clever with your word choices and quotes. I have also loved seeing how engaged you have been in our history and science learning and all the gory and interesting facts you have shared with us!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 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).