



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good half term. The children have settled back into school in term 4. We are looking forward to sharing some of the children's learning with you, starting with Year 2's assembly next week.

You will be able to sign up to a time slot for your child's parents evenings next week. If you are unable to come into school, please ring the office to book a time slot over the phone/via email.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day (see world book day letter)

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents/carers/Teacher meetings (Please sign up to a time slot on your child's classroom door. Lists will be up on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February).

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day – School council will send out more information soon!

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – End of term at 12pm.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return to school for term 5

### **Sharing Assemblies – We invite parents to join us to see what your child has been learning about:**

Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm for Term 4

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Year 2

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 6

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Foundation

Other year group assemblies will take place in term 5.

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

### **Late arrivals at school**

Why is PUNCTUALITY such a GOOD thing? Being on time:

- Gets your child's day off to a good start so he/she can settle straight into the school day
- Sets positive patterns for the future
- Leads to good attendance
- Leads to better achievement
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable

Being regularly late for school can result in a fine from Oxfordshire County Council. we are asking parents/ carers/children to record any late arrivals with the school office. This will help us to identify any patterns and offer support to families. We have a breakfast club on the school site, please talk to Mrs Burbank if this is something that you think could help you family situation.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, a team of 8 children from Year 2 attended a Wantage schools football tournament. They showed incredible determination and amazing teamwork. For some, it was the first tournament they had ever been to and everyone tried their very best. Adults commented that our team showed some excellent skills and great team spirit. We played 5 games in a round robin and won 4. In the final, we narrowly came second – it came down to penalties! Well done everyone and a big thank you to all who helped on the day!

### **Wellbeing**

We would like to support parents and children with wellbeing and mental health. We will therefore regularly add some wellbeing information to our newsletter as supporting material. This week I would like to share where you can find advice on how you can support children's mental health.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-health-development/promoting-mental-health-wellbeing>

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>

### **Class News**

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have started our new term theme of Growing and Changing. Inspired by the story of The Tiny Seed we have planted cress seeds and are enjoying watching them grow and change every day! We are also exploring the art of Eric Carle, the author and illustrator of The Tiny Seed, and have loved having a try at process painting to create painted papers for a collage artwork in his style.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have started our new English topic based around the story Don't let the pigeon stay up late! We have been looking at how we can use imperative verbs (bossy verbs) to tell someone what to do. In maths we have been exploring how our knowledge of doubles can help us to work out 'near double' calculations. In PSHE, we have been looking at making healthy lifestyle choices.
- Year 2** This week, Year 2 have been very busy showing their teachers everything they have learnt so far this year. They have made everyone very proud with their determined attitude. In geography, we have started to explore farms and in science looked at the difference between bulbs and seeds. In English, we have started to explore nature poems.

- Year 3** We are very excited to start our new topic 'Walk like an Egyptian.' In English we have started looking at instruction writing. We have mummified a piece of fruit which will help us with our instruction writing next week. In maths we have been calculating the perimeter of a 2D shape. We have been measuring the perimeter using cm. In art we are looking at Egyptian masks. This week we focused on detail and accuracy and drew our own faces. We also experimented with different pencil shades using art pencils.
- Year 4** This week, Year 4 have been getting to grips with our new units of work including colour mixing during art lessons and discussing the importance of friendships during PSHE. On Tuesday afternoon the children joined in a Challenge Afternoon which they earned during last term. Within their Houses they took part in classroom and sport games including some energetic games of Dodgeball. A well-deserved treat.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week. We have started looking at the book 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne in English and in maths we have been adding and subtracting mixed numbers. We have started looking at Anglo Saxons in history and in science we have been investigating the effects of rusting on iron.
- Year 6** Year 6 have had a busy return to school for the beginning of term 4. We have enjoyed starting our poetry unit and exploring the poems in our new book The Lost Words. We have been set a challenge to bring back some words which are becoming lost from children's vocabulary. We have started to do this by writing our own version of the poem 'Willow' about a bird of our choice. In maths we have completed our learning about algebra and done some assessments to see how much we can remember from all of our maths learning. As scientists we have been investigating the effect of exercise on our pulse and as geographers, we have started to think about what we understand by the term climate change. We were super excited this week when our pen-pal letters arrived from Canada and are looking forward to replying.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Stanlee and Evie for super progress in their phonics! It's wonderful to see you both using your new skills to help you read and write. Well done both of you!
- Year 1** Maia for your fantastic attitude towards school after returning after half term, you have really shown a positive attitude towards working as a team to keep the classroom tidy and safe as part of your new monitor job!  
Mawa for transitioning so well into our class, you are always ready to listen and are kind and respectful to others. Well done!
- Year 2** Scarlett for her great start to the new term. She has had a determined attitude and made a lovely poster about the different types of farms and what might come from them.  
Erick for his determined attitude all week in his learning. Teachers have been very impressed with his morning tasks where he has earned lots of house points for trying the extra challenges.
- Year 3** Charlie – for great engagement and challenging himself in his writing.  
Sophia – for helping and supporting another child.
- Year 4** Yassin for his wonderful mixing of secondary and tertiary colours during art. You gave the mixing of colours great thought and created a neat and clear colour wheel.  
Macey for her confidence when completing her assessments this week. She has shown a calm attitude to tackling the reading and maths assessments this week.
- Year 5** Lucas for using his determination and independence this week in all subjects! Well done Lucas, it has been a pleasure to see you working so hard!  
Isabella for thinking really deeply during our maths lessons and applying knowledge that she has learnt to solve problems. Well done Isabella!

**Year 6** Jacob for having a much better attitude towards your work this week. You have been actively pushing yourself to complete more work and this has been really rewarding to see. Keep it up, Jacob!  
Madison for being a really good role model and for always working really hard. You always engage really well in lessons and try your very best. You have also been a particularly good learning partner this week. Keep it up, Madison!

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 3 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).