



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Staffing**

There have been a few changes and additions to the school staffing team. Congratulations to Mrs Emma Burson for gaining the role of Key Stage 2 leader. Mrs Burson is already busy organising sports day and other Key Stage events!

We will be wishing Miss Sarah Hall (Year 2 teacher on Fridays) good luck as she starts her maternity leave next month. Miss Hall's last day with us will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Wylde will be covering the Fridays in Year 2 for the remainder of the year.

Aimee Watts will be joining the Teaching Assistant team on a permanent basis this month and we welcome Kristal Rees to temporarily support in Year 6.

We are also lucky enough to have lots of volunteers helping in school on a daily basis. Thank you so much for your continued support. This allows staff to get a well deserved lunch break and have further help in the classroom during a tricky 'bubble based' year.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 day trip to PGL Liddington

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – National Numeracy day – the children will be taking part in a fun, problem solving day based around maths.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Class photos (outside)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – End of term 5 (2.50, 3pm or 3.10pm)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Term 6 begins

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – Mrs Wylde returns from maternity leave to support teaching across the school.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – School inset days – school closed to children

### **Dates further ahead**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Friends of Stockham disco and BBQ

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports day (Foundation and KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon). Let's hope we can have parents watching by then!

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 leavers BBQ

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July** – End of year reports home to parents and carers

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – School year ends for all children (12pm or 12.10pm)

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

## Class News

- Year F** Foundation have continued dinosaur journey, thinking about why dinosaurs are no longer around, and what it might be like if they were! In maths we have continued our money work, and enjoyed our pretend pet shop!
- Year 1** This week Year 1 have been looking at what a dictionary is, we have been practising what alphabetical order means and finding definitions of words. In maths we have been learning how to subtract, we have been using the part whole model, the bar model and jumps on a number line to help us.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have been focusing on the characters of The Wizard of Oz this week. We have been planning and writing character descriptions using expanded noun phrases and a range of interesting adjectives. Some of us have even incorporated similes into our writing! We have enjoyed finding out about all the different types of families of the world during well-being Wednesday time. We loved telling each other all about our own families too!
- Year 3** This week in history we have found out all about the contents of Tutankhamun's tomb. We have written descriptions of the tomb and thought about what its contents told us about the pharaoh. In maths we have been revising our 3 and 4 times tables, and we have gathered our own positive affirmations as part of Wellbeing Wednesday.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week reading more of our play 'Bombs and Blackberries'. We have found out more about the different characters and the effect of the blackout. We have all really enjoyed using lots of different accents for the different characters! In maths we have been learning more about fractions and learning how to subtract them, including with fractions bigger than one whole. We have also been investigators in our history lessons and have looked at some war propaganda posters and tried to work out what message they were trying to give.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard. We have continued to look at adding and subtracting decimals in maths and we have been exploring settings in English using extracts from the Hobbit and the Graveyard book. We have started our Ancient Greek topic in history.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been working really hard this week. We have been looking at how to find fractions of amounts in maths, using our multiplication and division skills that we recapped at the beginning of the week. In English, we have done some hot seating of the main characters in the news report we're going to write next week!

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Toby for working hard on his phonics and challenging himself in his reading. Ariella for thinking about our food rainbow and trying lots of new fruit and vegetables.
- Year 1** Saloma for such fantastic perseverance with her writing, you have worked incredibly hard on it and you should feel very proud of yourself, well done! Sophia for such amazing confidence in science, you shared your knowledge of animal habitats beautifully and wowed all of the adults with not only how much you knew but how much you had listened during the lesson, this is brilliant Sophia!
- Year 2** Teddy for contributing so enthusiastically in class and for always working exceptionally hard. You never give up and you draw on your learning powers wonderfully well. Brilliant Teddy!  
George for always presenting your work with pride and care. Your books are beautiful, and your work is a joy to read and share with the class. Well done!
- Year 3** Alexa and Olivia for great listening and confidence in history lessons. You both contribute so effectively in class, it is a pleasure to hear you share your ideas. Well done!

- Year 4** Amelia for fantastic effort in maths this week. You have been so focused and have pushed yourself onto the deep sea dive challenges - well done, keep it up!  
Jenson for fantastic effort in our script reading and writing sessions. Jenson really threw himself into the role and tried really hard to vary his accent as he was performing in front of the class. Well done, Jenson.
- Year 5** Jess for using her independence and writing her own fable at home. Well done Jess!  
Hector for using his independence and determination when solving some tricky maths problems. Well done Hector!
- Year 6** Amber and Zoe for always setting a fantastic example to the rest of the class. You are both always so positive in every lesson and have great attitudes towards your work. I'm so proud of you both, keep it up!

Well done everyone!

### **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).