



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the end of another term. **Just a little reminder that school finishes on Friday 26th May – End of term 5 at 3.00pm.** Have a wonderful half term break; enjoy the sunshine!

Safety around the school premises

Please can I remind parents, carers and children that the play equipment is not to be used before or after school without staff supervision. Footballs and sports equipment should also not be used whilst children are on the field or playground during drop off or pick up times. This is to keep everyone safe during busy times of the day.

We are still seeing dangerous parking on the zig zags and double parking by the layby (blocking cars in the layby in). Please ensure you keep the children's safety as your main priority when dropping off and picking up.

End of year dates for your diary:

Monday 5th June – Children return to school for term 6. Year 3 intensive swimming sessions begin.

12th June – Year 1 phonics screening week

19th-21st June –Year 6 PGL residential to Liddington

26th June – INSET day

Tuesday 4th July – Sports day – KS1 and Foundation in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon

Monday 10th July – Year 2 trip to Bournemouth

Tuesday 11th July – Swap over afternoon - Children meet their new teachers for September 2023

Friday 14th July – Annual written reports home to parents and carers.

Friends of Stockham School Disco and BBQ.

Year 6 leavers BBQ –Date to be confirmed.

Thursday 20th July – End of term at 12pm, Year 6 leavers performance (am)

Friday 21st July – INSET DAY

1st and 4th September 2023 – INSET days.

Children return to start a new school year on Tuesday 5th September (2023-2024 calendar can be found on the school website).

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Could your child be a future England lioness?

Wantage Town Juniors are looking for new players to join their under 7 (current year 1) and under 8 (current year 2) girls football teams.

For more information, please contact:

Steve Cooper on 07881992335 or

email: swivcooper@aol.com

Find on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WantageTownFootballClubJuniors>

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been designing and building traps to try and catch any stray Gingerbread Men - unfortunately we haven't caught any at school yet! We have written instructions on how to build the traps in case anyone else wants to have a try at catching them... In maths we have been playing lots of number track games and thinking about our own mental number lines. We've also been enjoying the sunshine with lots of outdoor time and water play!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been learning about what a simile is and how we can use them to compare an object or person to something else. We have come up with some similes to describe London. In maths we have been recognising and finding half of an object or shape and in DT we have completed a product outline in preparation to build a bridge from sugar cubes, taking into consideration what we have learnt about solid structures.
- Year 2** Year 2 have had a very busy week showing off everything they have learnt this year! In art we have explored the rule of thirds when creating layered pictures outside with natural objects. In English we have begun to box up and tell our jungle stories.
- Year 3** This week in maths we have continued to learn to tell the time. We have learnt to tell the time to the nearest minute using past and to the hour. In PE the children choreographed a dance to Narnia. This looked amazing! We have been learning about the features of a river in geography.
- Year 4** This week Year 4 gave a wonderful performance of their class assembly. Their confidence shone through as they shared their hard work with parents and the rest of the school. The class were excited to send their letters about animal conservation to 10 Downing Street, they have all become passionate about the animals they wrote about, and we hope to receive a reply. Over this term the children have worked very hard and are looking forward to the half term break.
- Year 5** There were lots of very tired Year 5 children on Monday as we all recovered from the field trip. It was lovely to see the children using their learning powers to take on new and different challenges. The giant swing was a firm favourite! This week we have continued to look at decimals as well as starting to write our own non chronological reports on polar bears. In science we have been investigating the earth's rotation around the sun and the different time zones around the world.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week furthering our understanding of The Tempest. We have investigated the character of Caliban and thought about whether he is a man or monster (or a combination of the two!) We also wrote a detailed manual about how to care for him. To end the unit, we enjoyed watching an acted version to compare it to the book we had been reading. Lots of Year 6 have also been learning about how to ride a bike safely on the road and completed the cycling proficiency course. Everyone who took part listened carefully and tried really hard to put into action everything Val and Jacqui taught them. As historians we have continued learning about The Tudors and have investigated what they would have eaten and the houses they would have lived in. We are all glad it is the end of term as we have all worked so so hard this term. Well done all of Year 6!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Bella for increased confidence in her writing - you persevered in your Gingerbread Man writing this week with great results!
Njie for showing lots of independence and increasing confidence in her tasks this week. Well done Njie!

- Year 1** Mawa for your increasing confidence in PE this week, you worked really hard to use the inside of your foot when kicking the ball and listened very well to Mr Chadwick, well done Mawa!
Louie K for your fantastic recount of our school trip to the castle, you took your time and created a fantastic piece of writing that you should be very proud of, well done Louie!
- Year 2** All of Year 2 for a really determined week. You have all worked really hard and also been so careful to be kind and look after each other too!
- Year 3** Isla – for writing an amazing adventure story.
Kai – for persevering in his writing task.
- Year 4** The whole of Year 4 for their class assembly performance. Your confidence shone through when you shared your hard work with parents and the rest of the school. The Year 4 adults are incredibly proud of your efforts. Well done!
- Year 5** Lucy for using her independence to write an excellent start to her non chronological report on polar bears! You have thought about the different writing skills needed to write your introduction! Well done Lucy.
Kathy for really thinking about her language she used when describing decimal numbers and why one number is greater/less than or equal to another. Well done Kathy!
- Year 6** Sophie for showing great learning powers whilst doing cycling proficiency training this week. I was so proud of how you overcame your initial worries and persevered with the training during the week. You should be very proud of your achievements and progress, Sophie. Well done!
Edward for having an improved attitude to work and for having some great responses to our work on The Tempest and The Tudors this week. Your contributions to discussions have been well thought through and you have also produced some good pieces of work based on this. Well done, Edward, keep it up!

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).