



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School life is feeling a bit more familiar this week with sports day practices, playtimes on the field and after school clubs.

Congratulations to Mrs Katie Roberts who has achieved her SENCO award with a merit. Mrs Roberts has worked extremely hard, during a pandemic and with increasing needs in school whilst completing this qualification in her own time. We are all so proud of her and value everything that she does for the children and staff.

Would you like to make a difference in school? We are looking to appoint 2 new **lunch time supervisors** to start as soon as possible. The job role includes supporting the children with eating lunch, playing games outside and promoting a positive ethos around the school. The job is 7.5 hours per week over the lunch time period. If you feel that you have the right qualities for this exciting role, please follow the link for more information <https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Term 6 school dinners–

Congratulations to Nikki Simmonds on her recent appointment as catering manager at Stockham School. We have been impressed with all of your new ideas and early commitment to the role. The launch of brunch bags has been a big success in school. Children may order a picnic lunch on the morning of school. The sandwich choice is tuna, cheese or ham.

Covid guidelines and some changes to our school risk assessment

Please use the link to view the revised risk assessment.

http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/covid_19

After school clubs term 6:

Here is a list of after school clubs that are already in full swing this term:

Monday – Years 1 and 2 football club (paid club)

Tuesday – KS2 football club (paid club)

Wednesday – Years 1 and 2 dance club

Thursday – Years 3 and 4 tennis club

- Foundation class – construction club FULL
- Year 2 and 3 – Bright Spark science club (paid club)

Thursday 8am – KS2 - Martial arts

Friday – Years 5 and 6 archery club

If you missed the deadline for clubs and would still like to book a place, please contact Sarah Anderson on ***sand4607@stockham.oxon.sch.uk***

School trips still to come:

Foundation – Friday 18th June – Trip to Wittenham Clumps Earth Trust

Year 2 - Monday 14th June - Trip to Marwell Zoo

Year 3 – Wednesday 7th July – Trip to Sutton Courtney Environment centre.

Year 4 – Wednesday 14th July – Trip to Wittenham Earth trust for a day of den/shelter making and wild art

Year 5 – Thursday 17th June – Go Ape in Bracknell

Year 6 – Thursday 1st-2nd July – Overnight sleepover at school.

Dates for your diary

14th June – Mrs Wylde returns from maternity leave to support teaching across the school.

16th June – Photo retakes

21st June – Whole school picnic on field (brunch bags only on this day from the kitchen) – Government rules depending!

Whole school author virtual visit – Nick Sharratt – (Nick Sharratt is a British illustrator and author of children's books, whose work is split between illustrating for writers such as Jeremy Strong, Julia Donaldson and Michael Rosen.

Friday 25th June and Monday 28th June – School inset days – school closed to children

Tuesday 6th July – Swap over afternoon – children meet their new Teachers!

Friday 9th July – Friends of Stockham disco and BBQ (government guidelines dependent)

Tuesday 13th July – Sports day (Foundation and KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon). We will be waiting for guidance of whether sports day will take place with just the children or with children and their parents and carers.

Thurs 15th July – Year 6 leavers BBQ

Fri 16th July – End of year reports home to parents and carers

Thurs 22nd July – School year ends for all children (12pm or 12.10pm)

Monday 6th September - Children return back to school in their new year groups! Inset days are 1st, 2nd & 3rd September for staff training. (This year our focus will be 'The science of well-being' and 'Curriculum drive and progression')

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

Coin Collection

This year you raised a fantastic £312.85! Every penny really counted, there was over 50 pounds in 2p's alone. FOS would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for sending in their loose change. The class winner for the largest volume of coins was Year 3!

Class News

Year F In Foundation this term we are practicing the art of Storytelling. We have been enjoying our new role play area, puppet show area and small world story play. We have been creating stories to act out as a class, thinking about characters, settings and events. The children have shown wonderful imaginations!

Year 1 Year 1 have been really enjoying the sunshine this week, we have started our new topic about the seaside and have started to look at writing a non fiction report about whales. In maths we have been continuing to look at numbers up to 50, we have been learning about one more and one less.

- Year 2** In Year 2 we have been excited to begin our new topic Rumble in the Jungle! We have already begun to read the story Gorilla by Anthony Browne in English and in maths we are spending our last week on learning to tell the time. We are also preparing for our exciting trip to Marwell Zoo next week!
- Year 3** Year 3 have had a great start to Term 6! We have continued learning about the Ancient Egyptians by finding out all about the process of mummification. We have had a mummy making competition in our house teams, role played and ordered the steps of mummification, and mummified some tomatoes! In maths we have used our new Times Tables booklets to practise multiplication and division.
- Year 4** Year 4 have had a great start back to our final term in Year 4! This term our topic is 'Cracking Contraptions' and we have already been busy thinking about inventions we think are really important and we had a great debate about our most and least important. In English we have begun finding out about our next book - 'The Lost Thing'. We have used the storytelling approach to help us map, step and learn it already! In maths we have been doing more work to help us understand decimals.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week looking at non chronological reports in English. In maths we have been doing some tricky problem solving using decimals numbers in different contexts. We have also had athletics with Mr. Chadwick and have had two extra French lessons from a languages specialist from St Helen And St Kathrine's School in Abingdon.
- Year 6** Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the last term where we have jumped straight into rehearsing for our play. All of Year 6 have thrown themselves into it and are SO enthusiastic and I'm incredibly proud of how you are all doing so far. We have also started looking at percentages this week, which we have absolutely conquered already! I'm so excited to make lots of wonderful memories with you all this term!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Jaime for her wonderful story, which she also illustrated. Everybody in our class enjoyed seeing it acted out too. Well done Jaime!
Erick for his efforts and good sportsmanship during our sports day practice. It was lovely to see you enjoying it so much Erick.
- Year 1** Leah for using fantastic independence when drawing her scientific picture of a blue whale, you really took care when you were doing your drawing and your picture was very realistic.
Millie for such great work in maths when looking at the different representations of numbers to 50, you worked so hard and really used your determination and your work was absolutely beautiful.
- Year 2** Pip for contributing so confidently to our class circle time. It was lovely to see you talk so clearly about your holidays and all that you did. Well done!
Eva for showing such a positive, determined attitude to all your learning. You are working so hard in all our lessons and use your Learning Powers every day. Keep it up Eva!
- Year 3** Polly and Lucy for using their Learning Powers in every lesson. You both always listen well and persevere with your work. Your confidence has increased greatly this year and you contribute well in class.
- Year 4** Milo for making some great contributions to our lessons about inventions. You made some really well thought through points about which ones were most important and compromised well in your group when the rest of the group didn't agree with you. Great learning powers, Milo.
Euan for doing some great story mapping work. Your map was so clear and you were able to retell the whole story to me the very next day because of this careful work. Well done, Euan!

- Year 5** Amelie for using her determination in maths and showing some really deep thinking. Well done Amelie you should be really proud of yourself!
Brandon for some amazing working in English when discussing the Highwayman Poem.
- Year 6** Freddie for having a fantastic attitude to his work while being away from school and coming back and settling straight back into a routine. I'm also really impressed with his attitude to the leaver's play that we have started rehearsing, and the amount of effort he has put in, both at home and in school.
Ethan for always having a smile on his face and being polite and respectful to all adults at school. He has also embraced the leaver's play and it's been a delight to have him in Year 6!

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.

<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).