



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are over half way through this term already. It is going so fast!



This week, some of the children from Year 4 and 5 worked alongside an award winning poet Coral Rumble for a day of poetry! <https://www.coralrumble.co.uk/about> They had a wonderful day creating their own poems and exploring poetry features.

The girls' Year 5 and 6 football team are getting excited to play in their first tournament of the year. Good luck to our newly made team for their schools' tournament this afternoon.

Please can you ensure that children arrive at school on time (8.40am-8.50am). We have increasing numbers of children coming through the school reception doors at 9am. This makes it very difficult and time consuming for both office staff and teachers to repeat registers and lunch orders.

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.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Friends of Stockham are excited to share details of the Valentines Disco with you.

This is a ticketed event and they can be purchased in advance on Tues 31st Jan and Wed 1st of Feb from 8.30am in the school hall. All attendees need a ticket. Children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. If your child is at breakfast club and you would like to purchase tickets, please send money in a named envelope. Tickets are £1.50 each.

The disco will take place Friday 3rd February from 6pm till 8pm. There will be a bar, hot food, tuck, face painting, glitter tattoos and more.

We look forward to another wonderful family event!

Thank you for all your continued support,
Friends of Stockham

Class News

Year F In Foundation this week we have enjoyed finding out about Chinese New Year celebrations and loved decorating our classroom and setting up a 'Chinese banquet' in our role play area. We learned how to concertina fold paper to make dragon puppets, and re-enacted a dragon dance with our puppets and colourful scarves. We've also been busy learning more digraphs in phonics and thinking about the composition of number 5 in maths.

Year 1 This week we have been looking at what a Primary School in Beijing looks like, and have been comparing it to Stockham. We were surprised that they have a longer school day and use their lunchtimes to do their homework! We have also been looking at the story of Chicken Licken, and how traditional tales can have more than one version. We have used this knowledge to retell our own versions.

Year 2 Year 2 have been exploring subtraction in maths and revisiting the 5 senses and learning about phrases in English. We were very lucky this week to be visited by a parent helper (Ms Mannino - thank you!) who brought in some fab equipment to help us learn more about how we find out about the weather.

Year 3 We have had an exciting week in our English lessons! The boys trained as warriors while the girls made bread. We then all made and played a game of knucklebones which was a game the children played during the Iron Age. We have ended our English lessons this week by writing a diary recount from an Iron Age child's perspective. We have also started making our steampunk helmets following our design in our art book. Thank you for all the items that were sent in!

Year 4 This week Year 4 have shown a keen understanding of human teeth including the different types and how they contribute to our digestion. We have continued to use our knowledge of multiplication to explore factor pairs during maths. We are especially proud of the fables we have created during English, each focusing on a moral we have discussed in previous lessons. A great week had by all.

Year 5 Year 5 have had a great week. We have enjoyed forest school and some have taken part in a writing workshop on Monday. In maths we have continued to look at fractions and how we can recognise that they are equivalent or not. In English we have started writing our narrative poem based on the Highway Man.

Year 6 Year 6 have been really busy this week in English becoming journalists. We have thought about the features of a newspaper report and have interviewed people as if they witnessed the events at The Perfect Pets store in our book. We have learnt how to write effective headlines and are looking forward to using these in our own reports next week. In maths we have deepened our understanding of ratio and proportion and tried to use what we know to answer reasoning questions based on this. In history we learnt all about the plague and how people in the Middle Ages believed this happened and how they tried to treat it.

Soaring High

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

Year F Poppy for her perseverance in phonics this week. It's not easy to adjust to a new way of learning phonics but you have persevered and worked hard to learn all the actions to match our phonics scheme. It's been lovely to see you gaining confidence in using these more independently. Well done!

Seth for his teamwork during choosing times - your great ideas and fun attitude mean that lots of children want to play your games, and you are always kind and welcoming to anyone who wants to join in. You are a great friend and classmate!

Year 1 Kyla for being ready to learn and for showing good concentration in maths and phonics this week.

Joshua for excellent team work in English and for putting lots of effort into his Chicken Licken story.

Year 2 Freya and Isabel for their fantastic team work in all lessons. They are really determined together and share their ideas and help each other. Well done.

Year 3 Maisy for being persistent in planning her diary recount.

Rocco for working hard to improve his handwriting. Keep this up Rocco, Mrs Allen is impressed!

Year 4 Eva for being a true team player during the sports tournament this week. You displayed a wonderful attitude to competing against other schools and representing Stockham well. Well done, Eva

Lola for her perseverance during maths. This week you have overcome your difficulties in asking an adult for help during a lesson. As a result you have been completing all of the questions set during the lesson and feeling confident. Well done, Lola.

Year 5 Kiki for always showing a fantastic learning attitude towards all her work in class. Well done, Kiki!

Max B for showing both independence and teamwork while working on our fractions topic in Maths.

Year 6 Tamilore for settling so well into life at Stockham. You have been a pleasure to welcome into our class and are always so polite and ready to learn. Well done, Tamilore.

Harry for always working really hard and for some great contributions in all lessons this week. You came up with some fantastic headlines, especially great puns! You have also done particularly well with our work on ratio and proportion. Well done, Harry.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 4 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).