



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so pleased to confirm the Government's announcement earlier this week that school will be returning to 'normal' in September.

**Please note, the following could be subject to change if guidelines and rules change over the summer holidays**



This news brings with it many exciting changes. From the 6<sup>th</sup> September:

- School for all children will start at 8.40am and finish at 3.05pm
- School bubbles will no longer be needed and children will be able to play and learn together again.
- Face coverings both inside school and in the playground will be a personal choice.
- After school clubs can open up to more children.
- Whole school assemblies can take place in the hall.
- Classes will not need to isolate if there is a child or adult with a confirmed positive Coronavirus case (however, parents and carers will be informed if this does happen)
- The one way system will not need to be strictly followed, but please be courteous to other adults when dropping off and picking up your child/ren (especially adults who wish to continue wearing a face covering).

School will be continuing to hand wash /sanitise regularly, carry out additional cleaning and continue with increased respiratory hygiene. Please can I ask that children still do not go on the play equipment before or after school as the school are held responsible for any accidents that may take place due to lack of supervision from parents.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports day (Foundation and KS1 in the morning) Years 5 and 6 pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 4 trip to Wittenham Earth trust for a day of den/shelter making and wild art

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Years 3 and 4 sports day, Year 6 leavers BBQ 5pm-6.30pm

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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - 1.30-3pm – First Year 6 leavers performance 'Pirates of the Currybean'

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – 9.30 -11am Second Year 6 leavers performance 'Pirates of the Currybean' followed by a colour run and Year 6 parents socially distanced picnic on the field. Year 6 finish school at 12.30pm.

**All children – Non-school uniform day – make a rainbow day! We would like all the children and staff in the school on the last day of term to come to school on this day dressed in bright rainbow colours. We would like to fill the field with colour and watch Year 6 take part in their colour run. We would love any cash donations of 50p or £1 which will all go towards the new KS2 play equipment.**

School year ends for all children - 12pm = Foundation, Year 1 and 5  
12.10pm = Year 2, 3 and 4

Year 6 will be staying for their picnic until 12.30pm.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** - Children return back to school in their new year groups! Inset days are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **Class News**

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been planning and writing our own stories about Tiddler the Story Telling Fish and turning them into books! We have loved being Author/Illustrators! We have also loved spending time with Mrs Wylde on our transition afternoon and getting to know more about Year 1.
- Year 1** This week Year 1 have been looking at the story of The Singing Mermaid, we have been writing character descriptions about the mermaid and also talking about which jobs we would like to have if we were in the circus!! In maths we have started to look at multiplying using repeated addition, we have also been looking at telling the time.
- Year 2** In Year 2 we have really enjoyed our sports day practice with Year 1 and Foundation. We are now ready for the real event next week and can't wait to show our brilliant teamwork and athletics skills! In maths we have been working hard on measuring length and height in metres. We are able to solve problems and show excellent reasoning skills about this too.
- Year 3** We have had a wonderful week in Year 3! We loved our swap over afternoon on Tuesday and enjoyed showing Mrs Burson how clever we all are! We also had a fantastic day at the Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre where we learnt all about fascinating flowers and intriguing trees, and we loved our Ancient Egyptian theme day! What a week!
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week writing our own Lost Thing stories. We have used our story mapping and careful design of our Lost Thing to help to weave our characters into their own stories. In maths we have been learning about how to convert analogue to digital time using both the 12 and 24 hour clock. We enjoyed investigating structures and had fun trying to build a successful bridge - some of us more successfully than others! We have also enjoyed meeting Mr Burbank and learning about what Year 5 will be like next year.
- Year 5** In English Year 5 have been presenting their research on Emperor Penguins to the class and soon we will be writing our non chronological reports. In maths, we have been looking at measures and converting units as well as solving some tricky problems. We have also had our sports day practice and we are looking forward to the real thing next week!
- Year 6** At the end of last week, Year 6 had their sleepover at school! We enjoyed activities such as archery and go karting, had a fish and chip dinner along with a campfire (with s'mores and hot chocolate)! We also had a bbq, which was very welcome when we were all tired. Year 6 were fantastic on the sleepover and they should be very proud of themselves. Miss Booton would also like to say a massive thank you to all of the adults who stayed over and helped make the two days run smoothly, it was greatly appreciated! This week, we have been doing assessments, finalising our props for the play and, of course, practising like crazy! We're so excited for you all to see the performance!

## Soaring High

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

**Year F** Idris for his wonderful Tiddler book. Idris you worked so hard to make the book look fabulous and you used some amazing adjectives and story language in your writing. I am so proud of you!

Kayden for perseverance - you also worked really hard on your Tiddler book. At times you wanted to give up but you kept trying and kept going until you had finished your wonderful book. Well done Kayden!

**Year 1** Isla for using great independence when writing about the job she would like in the circus, you were able to use because in your writing to explain beautifully, well done!

Leah for working extremely hard in maths this week, you have tried your best and worked hard in all of our lessons. All of the adults are very proud of how well you have been doing in maths!

**Year 2** Alfie and Kacie for always being ready to learn and showing excellent determination and motivation. You both always try your best and are developing wonderful independence too. Well done!

**Year 3** All of Year 3 for their superb behaviour, listening and teamwork on our trip and theme day. You were a credit to the school and I was so proud of all of you. Well done!

**Year 4** Jacob for settling in so well to the Year 4 team. You have made a great start to your time at Stockham and I know you will make friendships really quickly. Well done, Jacob!

Frankie for being so interested in everything you do and for having such a wonderful attitude to learning and school in general. You are a great role model and always so polite and kind. Well done, Frankie. What a superstar!

**Year 5** Charlie and James for showing real determination in the 600m race. Even though it was tough they kept on going and never gave up. Well done!

**Year 6** Georgia for working really hard on her learning powers, especially her confidence and perseverance. The hard work is truly paying off and allowing herself to perform to her best in our leavers play. You're going to be fantastic Georgia!

Dylan for always being a ray of sunshine in our classroom. You work so hard and you're so positive, it rubs off on everyone around you and you're always encouraging others to be their best. Well done Dylan!

Well done everyone!

## Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Foundation 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).