



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and staff have had a very happy and busy start back to school this week. It was lovely to see all the children back in their classrooms. The school now has its 'buzz' back!

All the staff would like to say a huge thank you for their card, kind words and extremely generous monetary donation. We are all very much looking forward to enjoying some quality time as a staff to spend the money.

### **The school curriculum this term**

The children are all receiving a 'recovery curriculum' during this term. In addition to maths and English, the classes are focussing on topics such as relationships, resilience, post lockdown feelings, friendships and behaviour and routines. The whole school will be having well-being Wednesdays where the afternoon will focus on areas of the curriculum such as PSHE, PE, music, art and well-being. There will be a 'light touch' approach to homework this term as we appreciate the work parents have put in over the past 8 weeks. Your child's teacher will email you soon to set this light touch learning at home. Teachers will also be carrying out low-level assessments in an informative way to identify individual children who may need future academic support.

### **Staffing**

Congratulations to Miss Sarah Hall (Year 2 teacher on a Friday) who is expecting baby number 2 in June. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs Wylde back from maternity leave on June 14<sup>th</sup>!

We are pleased to officially welcome Mrs Aimee Watts as a lunchtime supervisor with the Year 1 class. We hope that you have enjoyed your first few weeks with the children.

### **Teaching Assistant position**

We are looking to appoint a full time TA to join our wonderful team at Stockham School. Please follow the link for more details: <http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/jobs/373434>

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose day –



To celebrate Red Nose day this year the children can come to school dressed as a superhero, dressed in the colour red, colour their hair or face paint a red nose! The children will take part in activities during the day to find out why we raise money on Red Nose Day and who the money goes to. We will also be taking part in 'Jump start Jonny, do something funny for money and finish the day with a whole school Red Nose Day quiz in house point teams! Please see below for the link to the donations page – this goes straight through Parentpay directly to the Red Nose Day charity.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2486>

Wednesday 31st March – End of term 4 (12.00pm for Years F, 1, 5 and 6; 12.10pm for Years 2, 3, and 4)

Monday 19th April – Term 5 begins

Week beginning Monday 26th April – parent evenings via phone call or zoom. SEND Pupil profiles will also be shared and discussed during these times.

Monday 3rd May – Bank holiday Monday – school closed

Friday 28th May – End of term 5 (2.50, 3pm or 3.10pm)

Monday 7th June – Term 6 begins

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

### **Dates further ahead**

Friday 9th July – Friends of Stockham disco and BBQ

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

Thurs 15th July – Year 6 leaver BBQ

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

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

### **Friends of Stockham update**

#### **Stockham Goes Around the World**

Have you signed up to join our whole school trip around the world yet? We will be starting our journey on Monday, and hope to get to London that day, so pledge your miles on the website below as soon as you can and then start building up your miles from next week.

To pledge your miles and find out more visit:

<http://www.stockhamgoesaroundtheworld.co.uk/sign-up>

FOLLOW FACEBOOK PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/StockhamGoesAroundTheWorld>

JOIN PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE (just for children and parents/guardians) here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stockhamgoesaroundtheworld>

#### **Easter Egg hunt**

Following the great success of the Halloween trail, FOS is arranging another trail for Easter which will be held on Sunday 11 April. Thank you to everybody who has offered to put a letter in their window so far, we could still do with a few more houses taking part (there is no need to be at home on the day, and no need to decorate for this one). Please can you let us know if you are able to take part by emailing [friendsofstockham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstockham@gmail.com).

#### **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>

## Class News

- Year F** This week Foundation have had a fantastic time settling back into the classroom.
- Year 1** This week Year 1 have been talking about real life super heros. We have been learning all about different people who help us and why we think they are super heros. We have also enjoyed a second world book day where we made wands, magic potions and Room on the Broom puppets. We have all absolutely had a brilliant week being able to be back at school and together again.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been truly brilliant on their return to school! They have shown maturity, independence and such excitement to be back. All the adults in Year 2 are incredibly proud of them and we have loved having everyone back in class together. We have worked hard on fractions in maths and reports in English this week but have enjoyed much of our time working on and talking about our feelings and focusing on mental health and well being. A great first week back!
- Year 3** Year 3 have had a fantastic first few days back at school! We have been kind and considerate to each other & have loved being able to chat with our friends in real life! We showed great teamwork when we painted our class Reading River & thoroughly enjoyed our hockey lesson with James. We made (and talked about!) a Year 3 Bag of Worries, and we enjoyed some fun activities for our first Wellbeing Wednesday. We have done some maths and English too, but we have mainly had lots of fun this week!
- Year 4** It has been so lovely to have all of Year 4 back in the classroom this week. We have been busy doing lots of mindfulness activities and reconnecting with each other. We have thought about what helps us to 'bloom' and what it means to be a good friend. In maths we have been exploring division and have found that the place value counters really help us with this. In English we have been thinking more about the characters in our story 'The Lion and the Unicorn'.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great week back and have settled into the swing of things! We have started to look at our Anglo Saxon topic, as well as carrying on with fractions in maths. In English we will start looking at the story Beowulf and will be thinking about writing an Anglo Saxon myth.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been making time capsules so they can look back at this unprecedented time with fond memories. We have also been doing some creative writing, using an inanimate object as the main character and have really enjoyed coming back together and working as an amazing team. I'm so proud of you Year 6!

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Kolby for using his perseverance and independence to overcome any challenges returning to school.  
Freya for joining in with everything in Foundation from her very first day, and for showing great confidence and independence starting at a new school.
- Year 1** Sophia for using excellent perseverance in maths this week even when you felt a little bit unsure you did not give up and you put in 100% effort. Well done, you should feel really proud of yourself.  
Leo for using brilliant independence in maths, you showed a fabulous attitude to learning and you were so determined to get your work done. What a great example you set to the whole class, well done.
- Year 2** Lucy for settling into our class so wonderfully well. You have worked hard and shown such kindness towards all your classmates. It is a pleasure to have you as part of our team!  
Alfie for superb, independent work this week. You have shown such focus and determination in maths, English and phonics in particular and we are so proud of you. Well done!

- Year 3** James for settling into Year 3 so well and for making us all laugh with his imagination and great sense of humour! Welcome to Stockham, James!  
Max E for great listening and confidence in class, and thoughtful contributions. Well done.
- Year 4** Lola for having a great return to school. She has come in so happily each morning, contributed so well during lessons and worked really hard. It has been so lovely to see you being so happy to be back with your friends again, Lola.  
Rafe for having such a positive return to school as well. He has worked so hard this week and has had a really positive attitude to his work. He has been working really hard, especially in maths and when thinking about what helps him to 'bloom' during our mindfulness lessons this week. Well done, Rafe!
- Year 5** Angel for using her learning powers to understand how to solve fractions of amounts!  
Brandon for being really confident when learning his 7 x table!
- Year 6** George for using his learning powers, especially for perseverance during the bleep test. He has also shown so much enthusiasm towards being back in school and his work and it is so delightful to see.  
Isabella for showing really good independence and returning to school with a really positive attitude. She has shown great confidence in her writing and it is a pleasure to have her back in the classroom.

Well done everyone!

### **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).