



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been lucky enough to have many visitors to Stockham School this week. The Mayor of Wantage came into assembly and handed out the first 8 Coronation pin badges. The Mayor will be judging some of the children's cake topper designs this week, we are excited to find out if we have a Stockham School winner or runner up.

The Wantage Morris Dance team also visited us. Year 4 children enjoyed finding out more about Morris dancing and joined in a fun lesson learning the moves!



Congratulations to the joint first netball winners of the large school's competition – your medals are on their way!



Lunchtime Club

We have introduced a new club that will take place at lunchtime, largely supported and run by parents of the school. The club will be a calm and nurturing place for children to go to during lunch breaks. If you, as a parent, feel you have the correct skills to offer an hour of time supporting the children, please let me know.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor role 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.

Monday 1st May – Bank holiday

Thursday 4th May – Kings Coronation theme day – Children and staff dress as a King for the day (or Prince/Princess; red, white and blue dress up, or wear clothes fit for a Royal party!)

Monday 8th May – Bank holiday due to the King's Coronation (school closed)

9th May – Year 6 SATS week.

Friday 26th May – End of term 5 at 3.00pm

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

Sharing Assemblies – We invite parents to join us to see what your child has been learning about:

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Thursday 4th May 2.30pm – Year 1

Wednesday 17th May 2.30pm – Year 3

Wednesday 24th May 2.30pm – Year 4

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have continued our learning about The Three Little Pigs – In science we investigated which materials would make a good strong house that couldn't be blown away by the Big Bad Wolf, and we also listened to an alternative version of the story before having a try at creating our own versions by changing the characters or the building materials. In phonics we have been practicing reading and writing words with adjacent consonants, and in PE we enjoyed using our ball control skills to throw balls at, and into, a target.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been learning the key features of non-fiction texts in preparation for writing our own information page all about castles. We have been exploring famous landmarks in London and learning about why we will be celebrating the Kings coronation next week.
- Year 2** Year 2 have started to explore sketching techniques in art. In science, they have explored micro habitats. In English, we have been creating our shape poems about animals and in maths we have started to explore division.
- Year 3** This week we have started learning about money in maths. We have converted pounds into pence and are learning to add and subtract different amounts. In English we have learnt to use metaphors, similes, and subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions to write effective sentences. We are enjoying experimenting with different dynamic movements to the theme of Narnia in our dance lessons.
- Year 4** Year 4 continue to enjoy their swimming lessons and are all making progress with their confidence and technique. They learnt about the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates, as well as how we can categorise different groups of vertebrates. In addition, they created a shape poem about their chosen historical hero including rhyming words and rhetorical questions.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week preparing for our class assembly and are really looking forward to sharing it with you all. In addition we have been writing different parts of our non-fiction text in English based on Emperor penguins. We have finished the final part of our fractions unit multiplying fractions before we move onto decimal and percentages. We have been exploring space in our science and have been comparing distances of the planets from the sun and the affect this has on them.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been very busy this week revising and rehearsing their learning ready for SATs in just over a week's time. In maths we have been deepening our understanding of angles. We have learnt that the internal angles in a triangle add up to 180°. We have also learnt about special types of triangles and how we can work out the angles in these. Using all of the information we know about angles we have then been able to work out some very tricky missing angles. In English we have been revising our grammar knowledge and have been applying our understanding about different sentence features. In geography we have finished our learning about climate change by thinking about the impact of climate change and also the 'green' jobs we might be able to have in the future to help protect our planet for future generations.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Bella and David for their creative ideas for changing the story of the Three Little Pigs. We loved the ideas you came up with for the new characters and building materials. Well done!
- Year 1** Kyla for having a fantastic learning attitude this week, you have used all of your learning powers and tried really hard with your learning this week especially when taking notes on castles and creating a fantastic acrostic poem, well done!
Bella for creating a beautiful piece of artwork in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe, you used the rule of thirds to help you to draw it accurately and you used charcoal to carefully highlight the details. Well done!

- Year 2** Idris for his perseverance all week. He has been listening really well in lessons and is keen to share all his ideas with others. I have been impressed with how determined he has been to remember all his spellings.
Dolcie for her determined attitude in lessons this week, she persevered to write some lovely rhyming sentences about a giraffe and worked well with her partner to show her sharing and grouping understanding.
- Year 3** Sophia for persevering in her maths lessons using money.
Leo for his amazing writing in his English lessons.
- Year 4** Louis for your determination during English lessons. Your biography was detailed and well structured with clear facts about your chosen historic hero.
Jasmine for your positive attitude during swimming lessons. You are always ready to start the activities with a smile. Well done.
- Year 5** All of Year 5 for a fantastic assembly. Well done, you really raised your game. It was great to see so many confident speakers!
- Year 6** Tyler for having an excellent attitude in maths lessons this week and for making brilliant progress with your understanding of angles- you even surprised yourself with some of the questions you got correct! Keep it up, Tyler and keep believing in yourself!
Eva for always having a very mature attitude and for approaching everything with a growth mind-set. You can always be relied upon and are a great role model for others. Well done, Eva. Keep it up!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 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).