



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5. I hope you all had a restful Easter break. Please remember that Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.

At the end of this school year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Anna Kerman who will be having a change of career and will be starting her new role as an Oxfordshire SEND officer. We will also be wishing both Ben and Daisy good luck as they continue on their journey to train to be a teacher!

We are therefore recruiting for:

- A lunch time Supervisor to start as soon as possible
- Two full time Teaching Assistants for September
- A key stage 2 teacher to start in September 2022

<https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

Assemblies to Parents and Carers

We are really excited to tell you that the children will be sharing what they have been learning with you. Please come along to your child's class's short assembly to hear more about their learning journey.

Year group	Date
Year 2	8 th June 2.30pm
Year 5	16 th June 9.15am
Year 3	22 nd June 2.30pm
Year 1	29 th June 2.30pm
Year 4	6 th July 2.30pm
Foundation	13 th July 2.30pm
Year 6	21 st July (Leaver's show – time to be confirmed in the morning)

Dates for your diary

2nd May – Bank holiday

4th May – Inter school Goal Ball tournament here at Stockham

9th May – Key stage 2 SATs week

18th May – Inter school Rounders Tournament at Stockham School

24th May – Year F and 6 NHS height and weight checks

27th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration day (children and staff come dressed in red, white and blue, or Royal theme. Term 5 finishes at 3.00pm)

6th June – Term 6 starts (8.40-8.50am)

16th June – Whole school photograph

20th June – **Stockham School's 50th birthday celebration week**

21st June 1.00pm – Whole school and families picnic + Ice cream van visit (more information to follow but please save this afternoon so that you can join us)

24th June – Inset day – school closed to children

27th June – Inset day – school closed to children

5th July – Sports day (am = Foundation and key stage 1, pm = Key stage 2)

15th July – Children's reports home to parents and carers

21st July – Leavers play and school finishes for the Summer holidays at 12pm

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation we have been learning about the lifecycle of a seed - there has been lots of discussion, some planting of seeds and talking about and labelling the parts of a plant. We really enjoyed the story of 'The Tiny Seed' and were inspired by the illustrations to make our own flower pictures in the style of Eric Carle using painted papers in a collage. In maths we have been using our counting skills to count larger quantities.
- Year 1** This week we had an amazing visit from Ridgeway Bees. The children loved finding out about how Amy looks after her honeybees. They enjoyed exploring the hive, trying on the beekeeping outfits and tasting the different types of honey. In English we had been learning a poem by Julia Donaldson. The children worked in teams to each learn a stanza and perform it to the class. They all did really well!!
- Year 2** In Year 2 we are so excited to have begun our new Theme 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road'! We have already read an extract from the Wizard of Oz and we worked hard on two reading skills - vocabulary and visualising. In maths, we are now learning about 2D shapes and have been counting their sides and vertices to find out if there are any patterns we notice or any generalisations we can make.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have started to look at our new text for the term 'Hello Lighthouse.' We have been using expanded noun phrases, personification and planning an informal letter. In maths we have been learning about fractions, we have recapped learning on equal parts, finding a half and finding a quarter. Group A have also thoroughly enjoyed their first forest school session.
- Year 4** Year 4 have been really busy this week and very excited (also quite tired!!). We started our intensive swimming lessons this week and have enjoyed going every day! There has been lots of use of our Learning Powers, as some of us had to face our fears as well as persevering and building on our skills each day. There have been some real moments of bravery and all the adults are so proud of all the children. We can't wait for next week! As well as doing lots of swimming, in maths we have started to learn about fractions and how these are represented. As historians we have also been learning about the different shelters they used during World War 2.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great start to the summer term. We have started looking at the poem Maleficence in English and fractions in maths. We have also started looking at biomes in geography and started thinking about blogging in computing.
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been very busy revising for their assessments. In PSHCE we have been exploring how to look after ourselves and manage our emotions. In art we have been looking at reductive drawings.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Jacob for showing bravery and adaptability this week while learning how to be in school with a broken arm. It's been difficult at times not to be able to do all your favourite things and to have to stay still more, but you have shown lots of resilience and perseverance. Well done Jacob.
Isla for her fantastic writing about how to plant a bean; your work was beautifully presented and you remembered all the punctuation we have been talking about in class. Well done Isla!
- Year 1** All of Year 1 for their fantastic behaviour during our Beekeepers visit. The children listened beautifully to Amy and put their hands up to ask lots of interesting questions. Well done Year 1!!
- Year 2** Amelia and Isla for a wonderful start to the term. You have been using your Listening Learning Power brilliantly and I have been so impressed with your contributions to class discussions. Well done girls!
- Year 3** Kacie- Belle for using fabulous confidence when finding equal parts, it was great to see you working so independently, well done Kacie!
Teddy for fantastic English this week, you explained perfectly the fact that the lighthouse uses it's light to communicate and you came up with superb noun phrases to describe your lighthouse.
- Year 4** Alise for showing such bravery during our swimming lessons. You didn't stop when things were a bit tricky and kept persevering. You could easily have stopped but you didn't and this has meant you have already made great progress with your confidence in the water. I can't wait to see what you achieve next week and am so proud of you.
James for being so confident during our swimming lessons and showing bravery when asked to do some new things. You have been so happy in the water and it has been lovely to see this confidence increase as the week has gone on. Well done, James.
- Year 5** Jayden for using his determination to understand some tricky maths. Jenson for some very well thought out explanations in English and maths. Well done both of you!
- Year 6** Ashton for really persevering through challenges in maths.
Brandon and Charlie for their amazing perseverance and determination in the reading race challenge, you kept going even when you got stuck and did really well because of it.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 5 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).