



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to the 22 Year 6 children who took part in their cycling proficiency training week. All 22 children passed to the highest standard (level 2). Thank you to Jacqui and Val for their time and support in training up the Year 6 children to be safe when cycling on the roads.

### Reminder:

**On Tuesday 21st June** (12.45-3pm) we will be welcoming families to join us in a picnic afternoon on the field. Please see attached poster. Please can we ask that parents and carers bring a family picnic to share with their child/ren and chairs/blanket to sit on. **There will be no hot dinner ordering on this day, but brunch bags will be available to order.** Please do not worry if you are unable to attend, children can sit with school staff and have their own packed lunch/brunch bag. Parent Pay is now set up ready to make your child's £2 payment for their visit to the ice cream van. After the children have had their ice creams, the van will be taking orders from any other family members. During the afternoon the Wantage Silver Band will be playing and the children will be singing their songs to you. There will be an opportunity to find out more about our school dinner provider and sample some snacks. Jim will also be sharing the talent of his pianists in the hall. We hope you can join us. In the event of heavy rain, we will postpone and set a new date.

**On Thursday 23rd June** the children will be celebrating the contrasting decades that the school has been open for. Children can come dressed in either 70's, 80's, 90's or 2000's clothing or party wear.

### Assemblies to Parents and Carers

Year group	Date
Year 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2.30pm
Year 1	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm
Year 4	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm
Foundation	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm
Year 6	21 <sup>st</sup> July (Leaver's show – time to be confirmed in the morning)

### Dates for your diary

21<sup>st</sup> June 12.30pm – **Stockham School's 50th birthday** families picnic (no hot dinner orders today)

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Decades dress up day/party clothes

24<sup>th</sup> June – Inset day – school closed to children

27<sup>th</sup> June – Inset day – school closed to children

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

15<sup>th</sup> July – Children's reports home to parents and carers

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

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

## Here is our school list to our Amazon wish list page!

It is full of the latest recommended books which we would love to begin filling our book corners, school library and guided reading selections with. The books will be distributed and used all over the school - based on the needs of the children and school areas. If you would like to support us by buying a book for our school, we would be incredibly grateful! The link can be found here: <https://amzn.eu/eATTDGF>

On Wednesday 8th June, we had our summer tennis taster festival with Andy Aitkin from Wantage Lawn Tennis Club. All the children in the school got to learn and practice using their tennis skills in a fun and social way and everybody had lots of fun. All the children received an invitation to an open day which took place on Saturday 11th June and Sunday 12th June at Wantage Tennis Club.



## Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been learning more about pirates, what they wear and why they look the way they do. We enjoyed our history lesson about real pirates who lived 300 years ago and have been busy designing our own pirate outfits. We've been working hard practicing our key stage and whole school songs and are sounding really great! We can't wait to have a real audience next week!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been very busy learning the different songs to sing to the parents next week at the Birthday Picnic! In English we have been looking at stories by Ed Vere. The children really enjoyed listening to Max the Brave and making their own predictions about the ending! In geography we have been learning about the different continents of the world, we discovered that Asia is the biggest!

- Year 2** In Year 2 we have been learning to tell the time in our maths lessons. We have been using the correct terminology of minute hand and hour hand and we can now read the time to fifteen-minute intervals. Ask us about o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to! We have really enjoyed making bunting for our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations next week and we are looking forward to sharing our songs with you which we have been working so hard on.
- Year 3** Year 3 have been very busy this week! We have continued with our intensive swimming course and it has been great to see how much progress we have all made over the past 2 weeks. We have also been very excited to receive letters from our pen friends in Canada and we are going to hopefully work on writing an email back to them all as there will not be time now to send letters before the end of school for the summer. We are also getting ready for our end of term assembly next Wednesday and with any other time we have had we have been continuing to look at measurement in maths!
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of our new story The Lost Thing. We have thought about how to write really detailed descriptions using sentence pyramids; building up the layers of detail at each level. This helped us to write a really great description of The Lost Thing. In maths we have been doing lots of practice for our times tables test and everyone tried really hard when we did the actual test on Wednesday! We have also been learning how to divide a number by 10 and end up with a decimal answer. As historians we have learnt how the Wright brothers were instrumental to the first flight and we have also been using our art skills to make our own bunting ready for celebrations next week!
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard getting ready for their assembly. We have also been looking at Greek Myths in English and adding and subtracting fractions in maths. We are all very excited about the Year 5 field trip next week!
- Year 6** All of Year 6 have had an amazing few days at PGL. They have been brilliant, all setting the best example for how children at Stockham behave and supporting each other as a team to push their limits.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Rafe for some wonderful independent writing in your choosing time this week. You have been using all your phonics skills and are really motivated in your writing, which is wonderful to see. Well done Rafe!  
Oliver for working really hard to learn the words to our songs. You have been listening carefully and getting really confident with your singing now. Well done Oliver!
- Year 1** Erick for your determination during our geography lesson about continents. You worked really hard using the atlas to help you stick down the different continents in the correct places. Well done!  
Freya for your perseverance in PE, you have worked really hard during our sports day practices and our sessions with coach James. You should feel really proud of your progress, well done!
- Year 2** Charlie for excellent reading and spelling of the Year 2 common exception words. Absolutely brilliant, well done!  
Maisy for reading independently and with excellent fluency during Reading Workshop this week. I am so impressed with your hard work with reading and the progress you have made is exceptional. Well done!

- Year 3** Macey for using such brilliant listening and confidence in the swimming pool this week, you have made so much progress in your swimming and you should feel very proud of yourself.  
Guy for showing fabulous determination in running, I can really see an improvement in how quick you have become and it is great to see you always challenging yourself, huge well done!
- Year 4** All of Year 4 for their wonderful attitude and perseverance when completing their times table test this week. You all approached it with great maturity, confidence and tried your best. I was very proud of you all!
- Year 5** All of Year 5 for showing such confidence in their Year 5 assembly! Well done Year 5!
- Year 6** All of Year 6 for a super team attitude at PGL.

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).