



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee **(children and staff come dressed in red, white and blue, or Royal theme)**. Term 5 finishes at 3.00pm

Appropriate school uniform

This week in assembly I have reminded the children about correct school uniform. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct footwear and uniform. Indoor shoes must be black plimsolls or similar soft black shoe, outdoor shoes must be smart black shoes (no white/coloured trainers). Socks can be white, black, grey or burgundy. Cardigans and jumpers must be burgundy (no hoodies).

Assemblies to Parents and Carers

Please come along to your child's class' 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

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 12.30pm – 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

On Wednesday 18th May, two teams from Year 6 took part in a rounders competition against other Wantage schools. For some children it was their first experience of rounders – especially with all the competitive rules. They all enjoyed themselves and had lots of fun, showing great team spirit. It was also fantastic to see everyone applying their new skills to a game situation and growing more confident in the tactics as we went along. Great job everyone!

On Friday 20th May, the Stockham A netball team finally had their opportunity to have a final play off against other schools who had succeeded in their league. Four teams arrived at Stockham to play each other in a round robin and all the children had fantastic energy – especially in the wet weather. They had really grown as a team after practicing together during the school day and over all out of all the Wantage schools finished in an amazing second place! Everyone should be so proud and what an amazing achievement!



Charlotte and Jess are having their beautiful long hair cut off to donate to The Princess Trust and hopefully raise money to help their Aunt Karen fund treatment as she is terminally ill with bowel cancer.

We would like to share her story with the school and give the link for any donations to her sponsored hair donation.

For those of you that know me well, you'll know how much me and Jan Hague love our big sister Karen High who was diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer in August 2017. You'll also recognise my two beautiful daughters and their signature long hair in the pics below. The devastating news that their fun loving and creative Aunt was terminally ill, was so hard for them to comprehend as they were still quite little, but they would give anything to make her better as they've watched her go through endless chemo and losing her hair.

Well here is the emotional and proud mummy moment.....one day Charlotte my eldest daughter said 'I want to cut my hair off and give it to Aunt Karen'. I won't lie, I cried buckets at the sheer innocence and selflessness of my loving daughter. Then Jess my youngest started to grow her hair during lockdown too so that both girls could do a sponsored hair cut and donate their hair to the Princess Trust and raise money towards their Aunt Karen's potentially life saving treatment. On 28th May Moonlight Hair Design -by Sapphira will be chopping off both girls beautiful locks, 12inches for Jess and 16inches for Charlotte. I know for many that money is scarce due to the rising costs of everything but any small amount you could sponsor would mean the world to my girls and my sister. I'm so so proud of my girls for doing such a special thing but most of all proud of my sister for staying positive every step of the way.

Thank you 🙏

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/karen-high?utm_term=6dn55Zdwv

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been marvelling at how quickly the chicks have grown! They will be going back to the farm on Thursday and we will miss their cheery cheeping and funny ways. The children have been inspired in their writing, making labels and signs, and detailed daily observations of the things they have noticed each day. This week we've also learned who the Queen is and why we are celebrating her Jubilee, learned how to sing along to 'God Save the Queen' and are excited for our Jubilee celebrations in school on Friday.
- Year 1** Year 1 had an amazing trip on Tuesday, we learnt all about seeds and how they get dispersed, helping plants to grow new plants. The children enjoyed looking around the different greenhouses and exploring the gardens. In maths we have been continuing with our times-tables and this week started to look at the ten times-table. The children have enjoyed playing our new game, fizz-buzz, showing off their times-table knowledge.
- Year 2** In Year 2, we have worked incredibly hard on our reading and maths assessments this week. Everyone has tried their best and shown great determination. In English we have been finishing the Wizard of Oz and reading a newspaper report about one of the main events from the story. We have now begun to write our own newspaper report about a different event from the story. It has been great fun interviewing each other to prepare us for this! In D&T we have been designing and making vehicles with operational wheels and axles.
- Year 3** This week in English, Year 3 have been working on our editing skills, we have been checking our newspaper reports for the key features that we know make a good report and writing a log book entry for the Lighthouse Keeper's book of events. In maths we have been continuing with fractions, we have been counting fractions on a number line and also looking at fractions of groups. We are very much looking forward to completing some art work linked to the Jubilee Day on Friday.

- Year 4** Year 4 have been really busy this week completing our learning about our play 'Bombs and Blackberries'. We have finished acting it out and have written some great new scenes using all the things we have learnt about how to structure a play script. In maths we have completed our learning on fractions and have learnt how to find fractions of amounts, including finding non-unit fractions of amounts. As artists we have worked so hard on our bas-relief sculptures of Spitfires. We have learnt how to build up different layers to create a 3-d effect, apply a thin layer of papier-mache and then paint the finished piece. We hope you enjoy seeing our finished pieces.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week looking at fractions in maths and performing the narrative poetry that we have written. We have also continued to look at biomes in geography and we have made our kite designs in DT! We are looking forward to testing them!
- Year 6** Year 6 have been classifying animals in science. We have been working really hard bringing our Maya masks to life. We have also been looking at how to keep ourselves safe on the internet.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Louie L for making great progress in his reading and writing! You have been persevering with your handwriting and trying to use all of your phonics sounds. Well done Louie!
Finley A for some great independent writing about the chicks this week, we have enjoyed reading about all of the things you have noticed in your observations. Well done Finley!
- Year 1** All of Year 1 for your fantastic behaviour during our class trip to the Botanic Gardens. You all listened beautifully during the seed workshop and made all the adults very proud. Well done.
- Year 2** All of Year 2 for working so hard on your SATs assessments this week. I am so proud of your determination, dedication and support of one another. You are all superstars!
- Year 3** Elijah R for writing a really fabulous newspaper report, your fabulous perseverance really paid off and your report included all of the key features that we had been learning about, well done Elijah!
Teddy for using confidence in his maths, you have shown excellent determination in our fraction work and this has really paid off in your work in class, very well done Teddy!
- Year 4** Bella for persevering so well with your bas-relief spitfire sculpture. You listened carefully to the instructions and took real care over the different stages of the process. Well done!
Max E for being really enthusiastic in our English lessons recently. You have really enjoyed acting out the scripts and it has been lovely to see you be keen to do this in front of the class. Well done, Max!
- Year 5** Jenson and Leon for writing some fantastic poetry based on the Malfeasance by Alan Bold. They used a wide range of features including hyperbole, alliteration, rhyme and onomatopoeia! Well done!
- Year 6** Alfie R and Lily for really being determined and persevering on their masks. It took a lot of patience to build the layers out of cardboard and tissue paper to get it all ready for painting! I am sure they will look really effective.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 3 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.