



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started this final term with a whole school tennis road show! All children across the school enjoyed learning new skills and taking part in fun games throughout the day.



Year 6 children are very excited to be wearing their new leavers' hoodies. Thank you to Snob and Lock in Wantage for designing these for the children. The Year 6 children only have one more week until they venture out of school for their PGL residential to Liddington.



End of year dates for your diary:

12th June – Year 1 phonics screening week

19th-21st June – Year 6 PGL residential to Liddington

26th June – INSET day

Tuesday 4th July – Sports day – KS1 and Foundation class at 9.30am and KS2 at 1.15pm.

Monday 10th July – Year 2 trip to Bournemouth

Tuesday 11th July – Swap over afternoon - Children meet their new teachers for September 2023

12th/13th July – Years 3 and 4 – BBQ and sleepover in school

Friday 14th July – Annual written reports home to parents and carers.

Friends of Stockham School Disco and BBQ.

Year 6 leavers BBQ – Date to be confirmed.

Thursday 20th July – End of term at 12pm, Year 6 leavers performance (am)

Friday 21st July – INSET DAY

1st and 4th September 2023 – INSET days.

Children return to start the new school year on Tuesday 5th September (2023-2024 calendar can be found on the school website)

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Well-being

Next week is healthy eating week. A healthy diet is one way you can improve your mental health. Eating different fruits and vegetables can add a good range of nutrients to your diet.

These nutrients help to keep us mentally and physically healthy. Fresh fruit and vegetables can sometimes be expensive and more difficult to prepare. Frozen, tinned, dried and juiced fruits and vegetables all count towards your 5 a day too, if you want a cheaper or easier alternative.

Diets higher in protein can support your mental health. Protein contains chemicals called amino acids, which your brain needs to produce chemicals called neurotransmitters. These help to regulate your thoughts and feelings. You can find protein in foods like: Legumes (peas, beans and lentils) Nuts and seeds, Milk, Fish, Eggs, Cheese, Lean meat, Soya products.

Drinking plenty of fluids can also help with how we feel. It is important to make sure we stay hydrated during the hot weather to help us to concentrate and to think clearly.

If you are interested in trialling a change to your family's diet for healthy eating week, why not take a look at some mood boosting recipes - <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/top-10-healthy-mood-boosting-recipes>

Class News

Year F In Foundation this week we have started our new theme and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about some of the amazing creatures that live in our oceans. We had a great time joining in with the Tennis Festival, and had a wonderful visit from Year 6 to design the 'softies' that they will be creating for the children. In maths we have been using a new piece of equipment called a rekenrek, which has been very exciting!

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have been learning to recognise and find a quarter of a shape. We have started looking at animals and the groups of animals. We have enjoyed looking at frame structures in DT and had fun creating a cube with straws.

Year 2 Year 2 have been busy finding different fractions of numbers this week. In English we have written some excellent book reviews. In art we have begun to make our collagraphs ready for our jungle printing next week. We also took part in World Ocean Day and designed some inventions to help keep plastic from our rivers.

Year 3 Welcome back! This week has been a busy week. The children were very excited on Monday to start their swimming lessons. We are on day 5 and they have all done amazing! On Wednesday we had the chance to trial tennis with a tennis coach. There were many children who enjoyed their lesson. We have also started learning about volcanoes and earthquakes in our geography lessons.

Year 4 Year 4 have enjoyed their preparations for Sports Day by practicing their athletic skills during PE. Together we started to explore the book, The Land of Roar during English lessons, renewing our knowledge of characterisation and setting description. The children celebrated earning all of their classroom marbles this week with a fun activity afternoon of their choice. They should be very proud of this achievement. Well done Year 4.

Year 5 Year 5 have had a busy week back. We have been looking at how fractions, decimals and percentages link in maths and in English we have been looking at writing a persuasive letter based on the book Kick, linked to football and child poverty! We have also been exploring the moon's movement in relation to the earth and how this affects the tides.

Year 6 Year 6 have had a great start to their final term at Stockham. We have been starting to investigate our new text The Lady of Shalott. We have unpicked some of the tricky language and made some great predictions about what we think might happen in the story. In maths we have been applying some of the maths we have learnt over the year by planning out a baking task - using ratio and proportion, the four operations and percentages to compare prices and work out ingredients for different amounts of the recipe. We have also been very excited to begin our DT 'softie' project. We have all been paired up with a child in Foundation and helped them to draw a design for a 'softie' toy that we will now make for them before the end of term. A highlight of the week was also receiving our leavers hoodies. A big thank you to Snob and Lock for getting these to us this week!

Soaring High

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

Year F Nandi for her creativity and using her own ideas when making her recycled bottle fish - you have created a beautiful sea creature to swim in our classroom ocean! Well done Nandi.

Billy for coming back to school with a super positive attitude to learning, and for using all his teamwork skills to help his friends in lessons and games. Well done Billy.

Year 1 Bea and Anna for your fantastic contributions to science this week, you have lots of knowledge already about different animals and their characteristics. Well done for using your confidence and sharing your knowledge in class discussions! We all learnt facts about different animals from you both!

Year 2 Eleanor for being so determined to edit and improve her jungle story and showing good teamwork in her ocean design challenge.

Benjamin for his thoughtful contributions during our circle time discussions about the environment and for good teamwork and imagination in his ocean design challenge.

Year 3 Teddy – for doing great listening, enabling him to develop his swimming skills. Laya – ONE SUPER SUPER STAR! – for her determination in her recovery and returning to school.

Year 4 Marcus for his perseverance during PE. During an athletics lesson you worked hard to overcome your worries and went on to improve your running time.

Elijah R for your continued calm and engaged attitude to learning. You have shown particular focus during maths lessons this week.

Year 5 Alexa for showing great reasoning skills in maths. She used her confidence to accurately describe the link between percentages and fractions using the correct vocabulary. Well done Alexa.

Harry H for using his teamwork in English and supporting other children in their understanding of vocabulary linked to football, for example, explaining the meaning of the word underdog. Well done Harry!

Year 6 Jacob for some great contributions in English lessons this week and for making some good observations about The Lady of Shalott. You have also been very enthusiastic already about our play choice. I hope this continues. Well done, Jacob.

Jayden for being really engaged with our learning this week and for making some good contributions to class discussions- especially about our new book The Lady of Shalott. You were also a great buddy to your Foundation partner when they were showing you their design for their 'softie' toy. Well done, Jayden.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 6 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.