



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## New play equipment at Stockham

We are very excited to say that we now have our design plans drawn out for our 2 phase play equipment! This equipment will be suitable for all children in the school to use. Phase 1 will be installed in April/May next year. The Friends of Stockham will need your help to raise money to complete phase 1. Phase 1 will cost approximately £22,937. We are keeping the costs down by removing the existing old play equipment ourselves as a school community. If you feel that you can help in any way, please let me know. We have set guidance on the correct way to remove and make good of the existing surface in preparation for the new equipment.

## STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

**PROPOSED PLAY AREA**

**KS 2 Physical Development**

**Phase 1**  
Proposed Features:  
**1 x Voyager Space Frame**  
**1 x Pull Up Bars (+ Duraplay 15.8m<sup>2</sup>)**  
**2 x Full Sling Shots (Location TBC)**

**Proposed Surfacing:**  
 Total Durabond  
 Perimeter - 42.3m Area - 105.4m<sup>2</sup>  
 Inc. Sand Durabond  
 Area - 30.7m<sup>2</sup>

**Phase 2**  
Proposed Features:  
**1 x Pick Up Sticks 12 (+ Duraplay 112.4m<sup>2</sup>)**

**Proposed Surfacing:**  
 Total Durabond  
 Perimeter - 42.3m Area - 119.2m<sup>2</sup>  
 Inc. Sand Durabond  
 Area - 38m<sup>2</sup>

An example of the Pull Up Bars

Durabond

Duralawn

Phase 1  
Phase 2

Illustrations For Visual Purposes Only

Examples of the Voyager Space Frame

Examples of the Pick Up Sticks 12

Full Sling Shot

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Playtime  
by FAWNS

**Congratulation to the following Year 6 children** who have been selected to take on these very special roles across the school. We are all very proud of you:

Head boy – Kiran

Head girl – Lily

Blue house captain – Fabian

Green house captain – Amber

Yellow house captain – Jess

Red house captain – James

Reading ambassadors – Harry and Gwyn

### **How to report Covid Test results –**

Our school phone lines have been very busy this week. If you have a result from a PCR or lateral flow test, please can you email the office on [office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Dates for your diary**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Invictus games visitor in school – children to come to school in sportswear and trainers or dressed as their sporting hero ready to take part in a whole school circuits challenge**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – End of term at 3pm for all children

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Inset day – Staff vision day – no children in school today

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Start of term 2 – 8.40 - 8.50am

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Photo day - individual photos taken of children

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu nasal spray offered to all children by NHS nurses (more information to follow)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need day – School council to arrange

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school pantomime trip to Swindon (Jack and the Beanstalk)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 12.00pm to all children

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

### **School Car Park**

Please can we remind parents and carers, when dropping off your child/ren to breakfast club or school, to not park in the school car park. Thank you.

### **Class News**

**Year F** In Foundation this week we have been very musical! The children enjoyed playing a variety of musical instruments and learning some new songs while Imogen accompanied them on her guitar. We have continued looking for signs of Autumn, exploring our autumn treasures and looking closely at the colours of the leaves. We used leaf printing to recreate these gorgeous colour patterns. We have also been enjoying finding out more about where we live in geography. We used google maps to find our school, our town and zoomed out to see our country and our whole planet! We were very good at using Streetview to take a virtual walk from school to find our houses too.

**Year 1** This week we have been getting a little more independent with our learning. The children have enjoyed getting stuck in to their Rainbow Challenges and are loving using the hole punch and date stamp on their own! In our science lesson this week we did an experiment to find out if people with big feet have large hands! The children loved using the different resources to measure their hands and their feet!

- Year 2** In Year 2 we are enjoying reading Beegu together. We have talked about who Beegu might be and where she may be from. We have made some fantastic predictions and have shared some really interesting ideas with each other. In art, we have been learning about the artist Joan Miro and we have enjoyed creating self portraits using his work as inspiration.
- Year 3** In maths this week Year 3 have been recapping number lines and how to use them, we have also carried on looking at place value and been comparing the size of numbers. In English we have been working hard on improving the sentences we write by adding description using different grammatical features. We are very much looking forward to the athlete visiting school on Friday!
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week innovating the story of How the Frog became King of the River. They have all had such wonderful ideas for how the story could be changed and are now busy writing their own version. In maths we have been continuing with our place value work and have been really successful at finding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more and less than a number. We have enjoyed being artists this week, creating beautiful and careful studies of rivers. As scientists we have also been able to find out the fizziest drinks - ask us how we did it!
- Year 5** Year 5 have been learning about Robert Scott's doomed final trip to the South Pole in English and formal addition methods in maths. During our humanities lessons we have been looking at the 'Qualities of Leadership' in RE and the capital cities of South America in geography. The Year 5 class has also made Mr Le Coyte feel very welcome in his first week at Stockham.
- Year 6** This week, Year 6 have been looking at rounding and negative numbers in maths. In English we have been exploring different sentence structures and writing about our own animals. In art, we have begun to look at different line styles used when sketching.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Anna and Willow for using their perseverance Stockham Learning Power whilst practicing on the obstacle course this week. You were both very brave giving it a try when you weren't sure about doing it, you kept on trying and practicing, asking for help when you needed it, until by the end you could do it all by yourself! We are so proud of you both! Well done.
- Year 1** Erin for coming back to school this week with an amazing attitude to learning. You have tried your best in all areas of leaning this week and made us all really proud! Dolcie for your independent learning this week! It has been lovely to see you in your busy time challenging yourself with independent writing! Well done!
- Year 2** Joshua for showing excellent listening skills and for always being ready to learn. You are such a good role model for the class.  
Felicity for sharing your ideas so confidently and articulately in our guided reading sessions. It is lovely to see you so enthusiastic and animated in our reading lessons.
- Year 3** Guy and Will for using absolutely fantastic teamwork and creativity when making their own Charlie and the Chocolate Factory board games. It was so lovely to see how hard you had both worked. Very well done to you both.
- Year 4** Herbie for his fantastic knowledge in our science lessons. You have shared some wonderful reasoning with us and this helped you to make good predictions for our experiment. You explained yourself so well, Herbie!  
Max B for his wonderful effort with all of his home learning. You have worked so hard on the different tasks set and it was lovely to see you uploading your work. It's also lovely to have you back in class now!

**Year 5** Harry, for working hard and without fuss in all lessons, and Amelia, for helping me out at every opportunity and for never needing a reminder about classroom expectations.

**Year 6** Matthew for working really well with his partners this week. Sharing, listening and responding to ideas.

Milly for her determination in maths to learn new ideas. She made lots of effort to have a go independently and learn from her mistakes.

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Foundation for having the tidiest room. Well done!

### **BINGO NIGHT, this Saturday 2nd October**

Raising money for the Year 1 Learning Garden

£15 for 6 games, Cash Prizes & Raffle drawn on night at The Comrades Club.

Starts 7pm, Eyes Down 8pm.

Open to public, friends & family.

TICKETS via Marie North, 07885 989 033

### **COVID SAFETY**

**We ask that all participants take a lateral rapid flow test before joining the event and only attend if it's negative**

**If you have a temperature, continuous cough or loss of/change to your taste or smell, please do not attend.**

**If you have been asked to self-isolate, please do not attend.**

**Hand sanitiser will be available.**

### **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).