

Stockham Primary School

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Tuesday 8th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been many highlights over the last week, we have seen how well all children have settled into school life at Stockham. Stockham is once again bustling with giggles, smiles and children who have all settled into their new classes really well. They have adapted to new routines successfully and it is wonderful to see how happy they are around school. All showing wonderful 'Kando' attitudes. It was amazing in Celebration Assembly to celebrate the achievements of the children across the school who have truly embraced the new 'Kando' Values. We celebrated all the children who have received:

- ✓ Kando points
- ✓ Kando stickers
- ✓ Kando raffle tickets
- ✓ Kando notes home
- ✓ Kando – Soaring High certificates.

The children have received them for exceptional work, wonderful behaviour choices and amazing attitudes to our new school values.

Highlight number two, we welcomed a fantastic number of parents and carers in to school for the Stay and Read sessions in EYFS—thank you for coming along, we hope you enjoyed spending time in your child's classroom.

Another highlight, was hearing the excitement from the KS2 children who took part in the local Cross County event - where they really showed some fantastic 'Kando' qualities, showing great resilience, give it a go attitudes and truly made all of us at Stockham very proud!

As a reminder there is an INSET day Friday (25th October) and school is closed to all pupils.

Secondary School Admissions

The online admissions procedure for children in Year 6 who will be moving to secondary school in September 2025 will open on 1st September 2024. The deadline for applications to be made is 31st October 2024. You need to apply using the online form which can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website.

You will receive a notification by email that your application has been received. You can make changes to your application, including the preferences, up until midnight on the closing date of 31st October 2024. If you return to your application at any time, to make changes, or even to simply view it, you must remember to complete the process and re-submit the application.

Any un-submitted applications will not be considered.



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Key dates for applications

- ✓ You must submit your application no later than midnight on the 31st October 2024. This is the national closing date.
- ✓ Offer emails will be sent out on the 1st March 2025.
- ✓ You must accept or refuse the place offered by the 15th of March 2025. (You will be sent instructions on how to accept your place in your offer email).
- ✓ Once you have accepted your child's place the school will contact you with further information.

Primary School Admissions

Parents of infant school children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2025.

Key dates for applications

- ✓ 4th November 2024 - Applications open.
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>
- ✓ 15th January 2025- Closing date for applications.
(Applications submitted after the deadline will be processed later in the year and have a far lower chance of securing a place at a preferred school, so please apply on time)
- ✓ 29th January 2025 -Last date for confirmation of change of address.
- ✓ 16th April 2025 - National Offer Day: offer letters sent by second-class post where needed and emails sent to those who applied online.
- ✓ 30th April 2025 - Closing date for late or amended applications
- ✓ Closing date to respond to offers made on 16 April and to join continued interests list.
- ✓ **September 2025- Start of the school year.**

P.E

Participation in P.E is hugely important for the development of health, fitness, and wider skills for learning such as resilience and collaboration. Please check your child's P.E. kit that all clothing and shoes still fit. P.E sessions are still being practiced outside so a dark pair of jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt can also be included for comfort. Please label all uniform and P.E kits with your child's name. This way we can ensure that missing uniform finds its way back to the correct owner.

Drinks

Just a reminder that **only** still water should be sent into school in plastic bottles please. Juice, sparkling or flavoured water should not be sent in. Your support is appreciated. Research shows that drinking water throughout the day helps children to work at their optimum level.



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Healthy Break Time Snacks

Healthy snacks help manage children's hunger and boost nutrition. Snacks can keep them from getting so hungry that they get cranky. Snacks may help prevent overeating at meals. And for picky eaters of all ages, snacks are a chance to add more nutrients to their diets. Children in KS2 are not provided with fresh fruit and vegetables through the National Fruit Scheme. So please send in a healthy snack for them to enjoy at break time to keep up their energy levels!

Harvest Assemblies

We would like to welcome you to our Harvest Assemblies in the hall. There will be a separate assembly for Foundation & KS1 and then KS2 will follow. This will be a chance for the children to share some harvest poetry, songs and readings.

We are happy to welcome any long-life food donations which we will place in our food bank as part of the assemblies—children can bring donations into school on the day. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept fresh food.

Suggested Donations		
Thank you for your help for Food Bank. Below is a list of items which go into our food parcels – unfortunately due to storage problems and health regulations we cannot use fresh or homemade food, or items past their 'best before' date. Donations of the following with one or more months to go on their 'best before' date are very welcome		
Tins or packets of soup Packets of rice Tins of fish Packets of pasta Tins of meat Jars of pasta sauce Tins of other vegetables Jars of jam	Tins of tomatoes Tins of fruit Tins of potatoes Tins of rice pudding Tins of baked beans/spaghetti Tins of custard (not needing milk added) Packets of sweets Packets of treats	Packets of biscuits Packets of teabags Packets of breakfast cereal Packets/jars of hot chocolate (not needing milk added) UHT milk Packets of sugar Jars of coffee Large cartons of long-life fruit juice

- ✓ **Foundation & KS1 Harvest Assembly—22nd October at 9:00a.m. in the hall**
- ✓ **KS2 Harvest Assembly—22nd October at 9:45a.m. in the hall**

Reminders

Please could parents remind their children to be mindful of pedestrians when riding their bikes or scooters to and from school on the paths. Some of our younger children are being frightened by fast bikes and scooters. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe in our community.



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School Parking

Please could everyone be mindful of parking around the school premises. We have had several incidents where people have been parking on the pavements so other parents/carers with pushchairs are struggling to get passed, also double parking of vehicles making it difficult for other drivers who are struggling to get through. We appreciate that the school is busy at drop off and pick up times but we also need to be aware of safety for the children, thank you.

Unlocking the learning at home....

Help your child prepare for their learning:

Spellings – Spellings will focus specifically on the year group objectives ‘Common Exception’ words.

Try the Spooky Spellings game to support the learning.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/spookySpellings/index.html>

Times Tables - It has been great to see the children logging in again to Times table Rockstars (well done to the children that also went on it over the summer holidays too!). Spending 15 minutes a week practising times tables is part of every year group’s homework to either improve or maintain their speed and accuracy. Children must know ALL their tables by the end of Year 4 so any chance to recite them with your child is great. We will be working on all tables across all year groups. Not just 3x4 but 4x3 and $12 \div 3 = 4$ and $12 \div 4 = 3$. We will be practising these using songs and practical activities.

The children in Year 4 will be participating in the Government’s Multiplication Screening Check this during the summer term 25. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>

Times Table Rockstars - is the perfect way to help prepare the children for the Multiplication Screening Check. Please log on to Times Tables Rockstar - <https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Homework Takeaway Menu – includes a selection of work across different subject areas to be completed over the term.

Reading – Children should be reading at home at least four times a week. Please listen to your child read and regularly discuss their reading with them. Regular reading aloud is vital to children’s vocabulary and fluency development.



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Recommended Reads - books for you to check out:

EYFS - A Brave Bear by Sean Taylor

KS1 - If all the world were....by Joseph Coelho

KS2 - A Kid in my Class by Rachel Rooney



Calendar of Events

Term 1 and 2		
Event	Date	Time
Athlete Visit to school	9 th October 24	
Flu Nasal Spray	17 th October 24	
Halloween Disco- FOS	18 th October 24	6:00pm- 8:00pm
Harvest Festival	22 nd October 24	Foundation & KS1 – 9:00am KS2 – 9:45am
ACE Assembly	24 th October 24	
INSET	25 th October 24	
Join you child @ school – Reading	5 th November 24	Letter to follow
Anti-bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks	12 th November 24	
Parent Consultations Evenings	12 th & 13 th November 24	3:30 – 7:00
Children in Need	15 th November 24	
KS1 Christmas Production Nativity	9 th & 10 th December	Information to follow
KS2 Christmas at the Church	11 th December 24	
Whole School Pantomime	12 th December	
Showcasing Stockham	13 th December 24	Information to follow
Foundation – Christmas Songs	16 th December 24	
ACE Assembly	19 th December 24	

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Term 3 and 4		
Event	Date	Time
Reports to Parents	20 th January 25	
Join you child @ school – Maths	22 nd January 25	Information to follow
Winter Disco - FOS	7 th February 25	
E-Safety Day	11 th February 25	
ACE Assembly	14 th February	
World Book Day	6 th March 25	
Join you child @ school – Science	18 th March 25	Information to follow
Comic Relief	21 st March 25	
Parent Consultations Evenings	25 th & 26 th March 25	Information to follow
Class Photographs	1 st April 25	
Showcasing Stockham	2 nd April 25	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	3 rd April 25	
Term 5 and 6		
Event	Date	Time
Join you child @ school – History	7 th May 25	Information to follow
Year 6 KS2 SATs	12 th -15 th May 25	Information to follow
Year 2 KS1 SATs	May 25	Information to follow
Foundation & KS1 Sports Day	19 th May 25	Information to follow
KS2 Sports Day	20 th May 25	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	23 rd May 25	
Year 6 Residential	4 th -6 th June 25	Information to follow
INSET Days	20 th & 23 rd June 25	
Year 4 Multiplication Test	2 nd & 9 th June 25	
Year 1 Phonic Screening	9 th & 16 th June 25	
Showcasing Stockham	4 th July 25	Information to follow
Reports to Parents	14 th July 25	
Summer BBQ - FOS	11 th July 25	
ACE Assembly	18 th July 25	

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Finally, thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another successful few weeks, for your child, for you and for our whole school community. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

With Kind Regards,

Vikki Marsh-Ballard



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