

# Stockham Primary School

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*Stimulating Curiosity, Raising Aspirations & Inspiring Ambition*

**24<sup>th</sup> February 25**

## **Newsletter**

The first half term back after the New Year is often one of the shortest but also one of the hardest. After the excitement and energy of the festive season, the dark mornings and challenging weather makes for a stark contrast, and it is sometimes hard to find the same levels of energy. Nevertheless, it was a productive term in many ways and both the children and staff have continued to show what a fantastic place Stockham is to work and to learn. We will continue with our drive and determination as we move into term 4 and hopefully some kinder weather.

### **Staff Recruitment**

We have very nearly finished the recruitment processes that we have undertaken over the last few weeks.

There are lots of sections involved in the process, including all the safer recruitment checks, online checks, DBS checks, references & of course time for people to share the news with their current employers etc. This all needs to happen/be in the process before announcements are made about who has been successful.

I am pleased to share with you that we have appointed:

### **Starting Term 4**

Ms. Steph Harper – Admin

Mrs. Leila Cross – Caretaker/Site

Mrs. Kirsty Knight – MDSA/LTS

Ms. Nikki Simmonds –MDSA/LTS

### **Starting Term 5**

Mrs. Sally Cooper – SENDCo – Mrs Cooper will be in during term 4 to work with Mrs Roberts to ensure a smooth handover.)

### **Sports Achievements**

I am excited to share some wonderful news about our latest sporting achievements. Recently, groups of children have shown exceptional skill and dedication in both a local Swimming Gala and a Goalball Tournament. Their hard work, teamwork, and sporting attitude truly shone, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. Please join us in celebrating their achievements!



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## E Safety & Social Media

On Feb 11th we participated in Safer Internet Day. Children attended an online assembly on the importance of staying safe online followed by a variety of class-based activities.

There are many further opportunities through which we would encourage parents to become increasingly involved in their child's education.

## Join Your Child @ School



Our Join Your Child @ School for this term will be linked to science. It will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. The school will be open to all parents, carers and families and this will be another opportunity for you to experience a morning in school. You are welcome to get as involved as you can with our morning's learning.

This 'Join Your Child @ School' science session is based on teaching and learning in science.

The session will be open in:

- ✓ EYFS & KS1 from 8:50am-9:50am
- ✓ During the break session there will be a Parent/Carers Meeting about science in the hall from 10:00- 10:30.
- ✓ KS2 from 10:35am- 11.35am.
- ✓ During the sessions you will work with your child on science based tasks. So, come along and give it a go!

## Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)



All pupils in KS2 have access to Times Tables Rockstars and have their own log in that can be used at home. This is a great, fun way to support fluency in maths and is set as the ongoing weekly homework. Just spending 5-10 minutes each day on this can have a considerable impact on your child's progress in maths. We are also celebrating the children's wonderful achievements on TTRS by presenting certificates in our weekly 'Soaring High' celebration assembly. Check out Times Tables Rockstar at <https://trockstars.com/>

## Parent/Carers Consultation Evenings

This is an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher, ask any questions and discuss progress please note the following dates for the consultations are:



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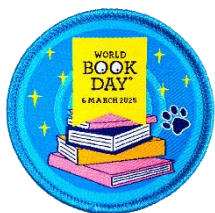
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- ✓ **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30pm- 7:00pm**
- ✓ **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30pm- 7:00pm**

Please see the signup sheet that will be outside your child's classroom to book a suitable time. The sheet will be up on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 25.



## World Book Day

We will kick off the World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Look out for more information to follow.



## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back. This Red Nose Day, on 21 March 2025, let's celebrate 40 years of going big, giving big, and feeling good together. So, take on the challenge or buy a Red Nose and join the nation for a night of laughs. Look out for more information into how we are celebrating and supporting Red Nose Day.

## Reminders

### Parking

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints from our neighbours about parking around the school and some cars driving unduly fast along the road outside the school gates. If you have to park along the road close to school please ensure that you park with due care and attention to other cars and homes. Please do not park in front of people's driveways and park along the road with care and attention. Please pass this message on to any other members of the family that bring or collect your child to and from school. Having a positive relationship with the local community is paramount to Stockham Primary School. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Healthy Packed Lunch



How to pack a well-balanced lunch box - focus on the food groups



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A school packed lunch might look something like this:

## Packed lunches should include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- meat, fish, eggs, or a non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous, falafel) every day.
- oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or another cereal every day.
- a dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day.
- a drink of water, fruit juice or smoothie (maximum portion 150ml), or semi-skimmed milk or skimmed milk, yoghurt or another milk drink.

## Packed lunches can occasionally include:

- meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages.
- cakes and biscuits but encourage your child to eat these as part of a meal and be mindful of appropriate portion sizes.

## Packed lunches should not really include:

- salty snacks such as crisps.
- confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets.
- sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks.

Please note that we are a nut free school and so any items brought into school should not contain nuts.

Please read labels as sometimes it may not be obvious.

## Further information and support

[www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes)

[www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/?fwp\\_courses=packed-lunches](http://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/?fwp_courses=packed-lunches)



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## Contacting school when your child is absent

Please ensure that you contact school in the morning before 10.00 am to let us know if your child is unwell and unable to attend that day. If we have not heard anything from you then we will contact, you in the morning. If we are still unable to get in touch with you, we will attempt to contact people on the contact list you have provided school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

You may telephone the school office or email [office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2583@stockham.oxon.sch.uk)

## Water Bottles in School



To ensure that your child remains hydrated across the day please ensure that they bring a water bottle to school with their name clearly on it. This should be filled with water or a sugar free drink only.



## Friends of Stockham

One final thing I would like to mention is the Friends of Stockham. This is a small group of volunteers who do a fantastic job organising events and raising funds that help the school improve, whether it is funding coaches for trips, reading books in classes or helping to develop the outside area. They do a wonderful job and I am sure the FOS would welcome the addition of more parent volunteers who can provide 'hands-on' support in running events so if you believe you have what it takes, please do contact them directly ([friendsofstockham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstockham@gmail.com)). Your continuing support is very much appreciated.



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