



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to a fun summer term. The staff are busy planning some wonderful school experiences for the children, including trips and sports days! Fingers crossed we will be able to finish the year with all the usual opportunities and events.

Please note that as the weather becomes warmer (hopefully) children will need to come into school wearing sun cream and should bring in a sun hat in their school bag. Children must also bring a full water bottle every day.

This week, Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed taking part in a virtual visit from The Houses of Parliament. They have been learning about rules and laws.



This term, in assemblies, we will be looking at how to be resilient. We have talked about 'bouncing back' from hard or challenging situations and emotions. Some of the children have given me wonderful examples of times that they have shown resilience during their home learning period. I will be sending Head Teacher postcards home to children who show resilience in school. Your child's teachers would love to hear if your child has shown resilience at home too!

### **Parents evenings**

Next week the teachers are holding parents meetings. If you have not managed to book yet, please do so via the Parentmail app or website.

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank holiday Monday – school closed

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 day trip to PGL Liddington (provisionally booked)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – End of term 5 (2.50, 3pm or 3.10pm)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Term 6 begins

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – Mrs Wylde returns from maternity leave to support teaching across the school.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – School inset days – school closed to children

### Dates further ahead

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Friends of Stockham disco and BBQ

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports day (Foundation and KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon). Let's hope we can have parents watching by then!

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 leaver BBQ

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – School year ends for all children (12pm or 12.10pm)

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

### **Class News**

- Year F** In Foundation this week we had a big surprise! A dinosaur laid eggs in our garden! We looked after the eggs until they hatched and now we are learning about the dinosaurs so that we can take care of the babies. We have been using lots of non-fiction books to learn more about the dinosaurs.
- Year 1** Year 1 have been working on adding by counting on, we have been making up our own addition number stories to go with our number sentences.  
In English we have been writing our own pirate song using adjectives and verbs.
- Year 2** We are already immersed in our new class topic Follow the Yellow Brick Road! We have enjoyed the first two chapters of The Wizard of Oz in our English lessons and have made predictions about the events that may follow. In maths we have been studying the properties of 2D shapes and finding out which ones are polygons and which ones have lines of symmetry. We have discovered some interesting links and patterns!
- Year 3** Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the term! We have been brilliant at investigating tenths in maths, and we have been working on improving 'sick' sentences in English. In history we have started our new topic 'What Happened to the Boy Behind the Golden Mask?' by finding out about Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.
- Year 4** Year 4 have had a really good return to school this week. We have started to investigate our new text 'Bombs and Blackberries' which we have found out is a playscript. We have begun to learn all about the features of a playscript and are looking forward to reading it. In maths we have been investigating equivalent fractions and how we can work out if different fractions are equivalent or not. We have been historians this week as well and have begun to learn about The Blitz and what it might have been like to have lived through it. Our classroom looks beautiful as well with all the hanging weavings you created as well. A great start back, Year 4.

- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great start to the new term. They have settled in well and we had a very exciting Tuesday morning, where we had a virtual visit from the Houses of Parliament and got to ask our local MP David Johnstone some tricky questions. In maths we have been recapping on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000 as well as looking at decimals. In English we have designed our own monsters who we will need to trap and overcome in our stories that we will be writing!
- Year 6** In Year 6, we have settled back into school really well. We have learnt how to divide fractions, and we are working up to writing a newspaper report about a Lighthouse in English. We even had our own Task Master competition in school and had so much fun making paper aeroplanes, building the tallest towers, and drawing upside down portraits of ourselves! A fantastic start to the Summer term!

### **Soaring High**

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

- Year F** Rosie L for showing incredible attention to detail and perseverance in her dinosaur research when it was difficult to find out which dinosaur baby she had.  
Scarlett for using her independence learning power and her creativity skills when making her baby dinosaur a costume with some lovely jewellery.
- Year 1** James for using fantastic independence in maths, well done I am so impressed at how much you had your hand up in our number stories lesson!  
Jamie for fantastic ideas in our pirate song lesson, you had such great ideas and your rhyming was amazing!
- Year 2** Louis for showing perseverance and determination throughout the week. You have worked so hard and not given up. I am so proud of you for believing in yourself and for finding the confidence that I have in you.  
Lucy for always being an impeccable role model. You always show focus with your learning, you always try your best and your work is presented beautifully. Well done!
- Year 3** Lucas for great listening and confidence in our art lesson this week. You concentrated well and used your learning powers throughout the lesson. Alfie for good listening and independent work in maths lessons. Well done both of you!
- Year 4** Kaci for getting a reply back this week from The Queen in response to the brilliant letter she had written. We were all very excited when the letter arrived on Monday with the post mark from Buckingham Palace!!! Great work, Kaci!  
Archie for settling in so well to Stockham and Year 4. You have been a superstar this week and have already got really involved in our discussions about our new book. Well done, Archie.
- Year 5** Jennifer for a really positive start to the term. Well done Jennifer, Keep it up!  
Ashton for showing some great teamwork skills in class. Well done Ashton!
- Year 6** Harley for having a positive attitude to learning and being a ray of sunshine in the classroom. You are a pleasure to teach Harley, keep it up!  
Oscar for being an outstanding member of the class, you are always engaged and contribute to lessons, you are such a good friend to your peers and a pleasure to teach.

Well done everyone!

### **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.