



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying some of the school trip opportunities and other experiences over the last few weeks:

Foundation class are getting ready to receive their new eggs, ready to watch them hatch into chicks. Year 1 are excited about their trip to Oxford Castle after the Easter break to participate in a 'King of the Castle' themed day. Year 2 have visited the Wantage museum this week and taken part in a workshop exploring people in the Vale who were famous for their passions and achievements. They will also have an opportunity to explore some older farming equipment to link with their 'food and farming' theme.

Year 3 are looking forward to their trip to The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, learning about Egyptian history. Year 4 have explored the Winchester Science Centre and Year 5 and Year 6 are preparing to see the 'High School Musical' production at KAs! Lots to look forward to.

Coronation cake design

PRIMARY SCHOOL CAKE-TOP COMPETITION

As part of the Town's Celebration of The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort, on Saturday 6th May 2023, the Market Place will be closed and a large screen to display the Coronation installed. There will be tables and chairs laid out, food and drink stalls, a stage with musical entertainment, and various children's rides and family entertainment.

As part of the celebrations, two large cakes (28" by 14" / 71 cm by 35 cm) are being baked professionally. One cake will have the Coronation logo, see below; the other will have a design created by a local primary school pupil. Stockham School will hold its own competition and submit 2 winning designs from each appropriate year group. These designs will then be judged and the overall winner's design put onto the cake. The Winner and Runners' up will be displayed in the Vale and Downland Museum and will be given Coronation related prizes and certificates.

All the children will be designing our cake toppers later this term, ready to submit them before the 20th April.



Dates for your diary

Friday 31st March – End of term at 12pm.

Monday 17th April – Children return to school for term 5

Sharing Assemblies – We invite parents to join us to see what your child has been learning about:

Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm for Term 4

Wednesday 29th March – Foundation

Other year group assemblies will take place in term 5.

Extra Bank holiday - There will be an extra bank holiday on **Monday 8th May 2023** due to the King's Coronation.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Don't forget to come to our Coffee Morning next Thursday 23rd March from 9.00 am-10.00 am in the school hall (don't worry if you can't stay for the whole hour). Our Special Needs Advisory Support Teacher (SNA) Jo Allott will be there to tell you a little bit about some of the work she does. Emma Herring our Educational Psychologist will be giving a short presentation about supporting maths difficulties and answering any questions you may have. No need to book a space, just turn up! I look forward to seeing some of you then.
Katie Roberts (SENDCo)

Mental Health

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have enjoyed the slightly warmer weather and some spring sunshine - we've spent lots of time outside! We have been looking at the lifecycle of a caterpillar, after reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We also practiced our days of the week while retelling the story. In maths we have started learning about doubles, with some lovely links to butterflies too!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been exploring inventions that have changed the way we live, comparing what technology we have now to what people had in the past. In English, we have been preparing to write our own version of the pigeon story using lots of features of effective instructions! In science, we went on a puddle hunt to investigate how rain is a liquid in our everyday materials unit of work.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been having lots of fun exploring the history of Wantage and some of the people that used to be found here. They really enjoyed their museum visit and their behaviour was amazing. In maths we have started measurement and in science we have been exploring the life cycle of a plant.
- Year 3** In maths we have started to learn about mass and capacity. This week we have focused on mass, learning about intervals between two numbers and what they are counting up in on scales. In English we have been back to 1922 when Howard Carter found the tomb of Tutankhamun. We have hot seated Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon to help us write a diary entry. We are very excited to have started making our Egyptian masks. Thank you for all the cardboard you have sent in!
- Year 4** This week Year 4 have been learning how to identify and use fronted adverbials within their writing. They are a great way for the children to start their sentences when creating their own biographies. Joining the rest of the school to celebrate Red Nose Day meant we could let our silly sides show, taking part in musical bumps and fun quiz's.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week. We have been learning how to add different grammatical features into our writing such as dialogue, personification and complex sentences. In maths we have been learning 3 digit by 2 digit multiplication and then solving reasoning problems. We have continued to look at chemical reactions in science and are looking forward to starting our new unit on forces next week.

Year 6 Year 6 have been really busy this week preparing for our assembly. We have really enjoyed looking back over all the work we have completed since beginning Year 6. It has helped us to realise just how much we have covered already. In English we have started our new book *The Last Bear*. It has made us start to think about the affect people are having on our environment. We are looking forward to finding out more about how April will help the bear she has met. In maths we have started to make links between decimals, fractions and percentages.

Soaring High

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

Year F Filbert for his increasing independence and confidence in phonics this week. It has been lovely to see you being so enthusiastic and listening so carefully. Well done Filbert.

Eddie for some fantastic listening in lesson AND being so helpful and kind this week. Well done Eddie.

Year 1 Tia for trying so hard during phonics this week, Justine has really noticed your determination when completing your workbook and your confidence when sharing your ideas, keep it up!

Oscar for showing fantastic teamwork and leadership skills this week, the adults were particularly impressed with how you took lead of a group in DT, sharing your ideas and encouraging others to share their ideas too! Well done Oscar.

Year 2 Kolby and Ariella for being so determined in maths to measure carefully and accurately. It was great to see your confidence grow and how hard you worked independently.

Year 3 Amelie – for being a role model in following our school rules and always being ready to learn.

Ethan – for persevering and working hard on his maths at home.

Year 4 Finley for his brilliant contributions during maths lessons on fractions. You have shared your prior learning and tackled new concepts with confidence.

Lola for her growing confidence in PE. During your netball lessons you have shown resilience and strength when receiving and passing the ball to your classmates.

Year 5 George for showing some fantastic resilience in class this week. Well done George, you have made a fantastic effort in class and it has really shown in your work. We are all very proud of you!

Leon for showing some real confidence in his guided read this week. Well done Leon - you were really engaged and answered and asked questions thoughtfully.

Year 6 All of Year 6 for a wonderful assembly. You made all the adults in Year 6 very proud with how well you spoke in front of everyone (even if some of you were not so keen to do it!) It was lovely to hear and see the examples of work you shared and you to see how far you have all come since you started Year 6.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 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.