



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you the teaching staff for Sept 2023. I am sure the children are all looking forward to meeting their new teachers at the swap over day on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Catherine Hughes at the end of this school year. She will be taking on a new and exciting challenge as an Instructional Coach (supporting teaching across schools within an academy based in Oxfordshire). Catherine is an inspirational teacher and leader in the school, supporting the implementation of our new curriculum. We wish her all the best for her new adventure.

We welcome Mr James Doman (experienced Key Stage 1 lead and teacher) and Mrs Lisa Norris (experienced Key Stage 2 and 3 teacher) who will be joining Stockham School from September. We are excited to be welcoming back Mrs Jess Wylde after her maternity leave. She will be returning on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

All new teachers will be joining us at the FOS summer disco and bbq on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, so please look out for new faces; the new teachers are looking forward to meeting you all!

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| Foundation class | Miss Karie Ledster   |
| Year 1           | Miss Daisy Breakspear  |
| Year 2           | Mr James Doman (Key Stage 1 lead)  |
| Year 3           | Miss Claire Lovegrove (4 days) 1 day teacher to be confirmed.              |
| Year 4           | Mrs Jess Wylde (3 days) and Mrs Gemma Hubbard (2 days)                     |
| Year 5           | Mr Joe Burbank (Assistant Headteacher) 3 days and Mrs Lisa Norris (2 days) |
| Year 6           | Mrs Emma Burson (Key Stage 2 lead)   |

**Well done to the netball team** from Years 4-6 who played Shellingford School this week. The older year group squad had a fantastic win of 7-1! Unstoppable team...



**End of year dates for your diary:**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 6 PGL residential to Liddington

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – INSET day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports day – KS1 and Foundation class at 9.30am and KS2 at 1.15pm.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 trip to Bournemouth

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Swap over afternoon - Children meet their new teachers for September 2023

**12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Years 3 and 4 – BBQ and sleepover in school

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Annual written reports home to parents and carers.

Friends of Stockham School Disco and BBQ.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 leavers BBQ (5.00-6.30pm)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 leavers performance of 'School Daze' (6.00pm)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – **End of term at 12pm**, Year 6 leavers performance of 'School Daze' (am)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – INSET DAY

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – INSET days.

Children return to start the new school year on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September (2023-2024 calendar can be found on the school website)

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

## Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have enjoyed thinking more about sea creatures and creating some fabulous creatures from the book *Commotion in the Ocean*. We've also started practicing for Sports Day, which we are very excited about!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have begun learning how to perform poems to an audience. We worked in small groups and rehearsed a poem, we then recorded ourselves and reflected on how well we thought we did. In science we have compared mammals to birds, looking at the key similarities and differences. In DT we have completed a product outline in preparation for our DT project of making a chair.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been busy learning the difference between seas and oceans and exploring which are the most popular seaside to visit in the class. In maths we have begun exploring measures and in writing we have looked at the features of explanation texts.
- Year 3** In English we have continued to develop our vocabulary to write interesting sentences to grip our readers. We have learnt to use personification and determiner. In maths we have continued to learn about time. In geography this week we have learnt about the tectonic plates and how they move and the effects.
- Year 4** This week Year 4 have done well to survive the heat. In preparation for sports day the class joined Year 3 to practice their sprinting. During maths lessons we have moved onto time, learning about the connection between seconds, minutes and hours as well as renewing our knowledge of digital and analogue. We have been exploring the book *The Land of Roar* during English lessons and have completed our plans to write a diary entry in the voice of the main character.
- Year 5** Year 5 have continued to learn about the features of persuasive writing in English for our letter based on the book *Kick and child slave labour*. In maths we have been learning to read and understand tables and graphs. We have started looking at the life cycles in mammals in science and in history we have been learning about the Victorians.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been busy this week deepening our understanding of *The Lady of Shalott*. We have discussed why we think the Lady might have been put in the tower and had a curse placed upon her. We have had fun creating some knights who might have attracted the attention of *The Lady of Shalott* and written in role as her. We are looking forward to finding out what happens to her at the end of the story. In maths we have continued to apply our maths knowledge in the real-life *Whiterose Bakery*. We have thought about profit and loss and what nets might be needed to make packing for our cupcakes. We have also really enjoyed beginning to practise for our end of year show and are really looking forward to PGL next week!

## Soaring High

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

- Year F** Mariam for her perseverance and effort in phonics; you have been super focused this week and have impressed us with your effort and concentration. Well done!  
Brody for using his problem solving skills this week and working things out to complete your challenges. Well done!
- Year 1** Louie L for always putting 110% into everything you do. You always try your best and persevere even when things are tricky. Well done!  
Julian for always setting a good example in the class, you are always really helpful to the adults and your peers. You like to challenge yourself in your work and enjoy meeting your own goals. Well done!

- Year 2** Isabel for being very determined to complete all her learning this week and have a go independently first.  
Miley for really impressing all the adults with her phonics this week. She persevered to use all her phonemes to read and spell words really carefully.
- Year 3** Daniel – for his determination in his swimming.  
Amelie – for her writing about the tectonic plates.
- Year 4** Alfie for his confidence during maths lessons. You have shown perseverance when identifying connections between seconds, minutes and hours.  
Kacie for your positive attitude to learning. You take time to fully understand the task you have been given and have confidence to ask your learning partner for help if you need it.
- Year 5** Lemario for using his perseverance in English to make sure the start of his letter was set out in an organised way. Well done, Lemario!  
Liam for using his confidence and determination to think really carefully about the story of a graph and make sensible corrections! Well done Liam
- Year 6** Tegan for putting yourself out of your comfort zone and auditioning so well for our leavers' play. You put lots of effort in and I was so proud of how brave you were. Well done, Tegan.  
Archie for being so amazing this week! You have put yourself out of your comfort zone so many times and all the adults in Year 6 are so proud of you. This week you have stood up in front of your team and done a duet singing audition, read lines for one of the other parts of the play in character and played a key part in the netball team. Well done, Archie. What a great week!

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](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 [pmsgschoolwear.co.uk](http://pmsgschoolwear.co.uk) and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from [pmsgschoolwear](http://pmsgschoolwear.co.uk).