



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Sarah McNaught this week. Sarah is furthering her career as a Play Therapist and although she will not be a TA in school anymore, she will continue to work with some of the children at Stockham School delivering play therapy sessions every week. We would like to thank Sarah for her time at Stockham school and will miss her experience and fun nature in school.

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their visit from PC Susan Haynes this week. The class learnt about the role of police officers and discussed police cars blue lights. PC Haynes read the children a story called PC Ben which showed how the role of the police isn't just 'catching the baddies!'



Dates for your diary

12th and 13th January – Fit for kids' fun session for the whole school.

3rd February – Valentines Disco (Friends of Stockham)

10th February – last day of term 3pm finish.

14th February (HALF TERM WEEK) – Bright Sparks holiday camp at Stockham School – book via website: <https://brightsparksevents.co.uk/science-camps/>

20th February – Children return for term 4.

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

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation class this week we have been enjoying our new theme - toys! We had a great trip to the museum, where we were able to look at some toys from the past and think about how toys have changed over time. We've also been using our toys as the subject for our artwork - trying to recreate a realistic representation by paying attention to the details, shapes and colours. In phonics we have continued learning and practicing the sounds of the alphabet and in maths we have been consolidating our subitising and composition of number skills.
- Year 1** Year 1 have had a very busy week this week. We were lucky to be visited by a police officer, who told us lots of interesting things about her job, and shared the story of PC Ben. Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Anderson and Justine were very proud of our excellent manners and listening skills! We have been very excited to start our topic on China. We listened to a traditional Chinese story in our English lessons, and thought of our own adjectives to use to describe different animals. In geography, we looked at maps of China in an atlas and on google earth. We then tried to label the two longest rivers, and some cities.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have been exploring how different materials are suited to different purposes in science. In English we have been learning about 'visualisation' and using adjectives to paint a picture in a reader's head. In maths our focus is all about subtraction.
- Year 3** This week we have started our focus on the Bronze and Iron Age and the children are very excited about what we are going to learn next! In English we have been learning about adverbs and writing in first person in preparation to writing a diary account of a child from the Iron Age. We have recapped related calculations in maths making connections with the ones and the tens, for example $2 \times 4 = 8$ / $2 \times 40 = 80$. This will help us next week when we begin multiplying a 1-digit number with a 2-digit number.
- Year 4** A great start to a new term for Year 4! As a class we have explored the stages of the digestive system and which organs support the process of breaking down our food. Within our English lessons we have acted out different fables to share our understanding of what a moral is. The highlight was our visit from Fit4kids on Thursday.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great start back to school. In maths we have been looking at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and linking these to reasoning problems. In English we have been reading and identifying the poetic features of Highway Man. In science we have been investigating changes of materials and have designed and conducted an experiment to identify which solution has salt in and which was safe to drink.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week exploring our new book The Barnabus Project. We have loved thinking about the central character of Barnabus and have written some excellent descriptions of both Barnabus and the city he wants to escape to. We have tried to use expanded noun phrases and metaphors in our writing. In maths we have been learning about measures and have been converting and solving problems with both metric and imperial measurements. As historians we have started to think about how people long ago dealt with medical problems and have learnt about some rather interesting ways of dealing with a head ache!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Valentin for his confidence and enthusiasm in PE this week. Your animal movements were well thought out and brilliantly executed - well done!
Bella for showing great teamwork skills this week by being a fabulous friend, helping others and making them feel welcomed and valued in our class. Well done Bella.

- Year 1** Millie for being ready to learn, and trying her very best in phonics this week.
Oliver for showing respectful listening and being ready to share his ideas during group discussions.
- Year 2** Henry for his brilliant enthusiasm all week. He has listened brilliantly, shared all his ideas and worked very independently when he has needed to.
Benjamin for his determination this week. He was very keen to use materials to create a strong bridge design and in English used good adjectives but was even confident enough to try using a simile.
- Year 3** Amelia has settled back into class fantastically after the Christmas break and is working super hard in her English lessons!
Dominic has been showing great kindness in supporting his friend in class. He has also shown his kindness out on the playground ensuring his friends have a buddy to play with.
- Year 4** Marcus for showing a higher level of enthusiasm during his lessons. He has demonstrated having growth mindset, particularly during English lessons when creating speech.
Kacie for her perseverance during maths. She has worked hard to secure her understanding of multiplication facts and using them when working independently.
- Year 5** Lucy for always setting a fantastic example to the class and working to the best of her ability. It is lovely to always see such a high standard of work in everything you do. Well done Lucy!
Alexa for using her confidence learning power to perform some fantastic drama linked to the Highway Man. Well done, Alexa!
- Year 6** Tyler for excellent effort with your work this week. You have been so engaged with your learning and have produced some wonderful work as a result. You are also so polite and thoughtful. Well done, Tyler, keep it up!
Milo for some wonderful responses to our English and history work this week. You have been so engaged and contributed so well. Your language choices have been amazing! Well done, Milo.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 3 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 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).