



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school enjoyed their sessions with Daniel from Fit For Kids last week. They found out about different food groups, the importance of sleep and a healthy diet and played some educational games all around staying fit.



## **FFT National Attendance Award**

We are delighted to share with you that Stockham School has been awarded the FFT National Attendance Award for having attendance in the **top 10% of all schools**.

## **Parent Governor vacancies**

We have two vacancies for parent governor roles at Stockham School. Please see the information provided on the school website for more information. We would love to hear from you:

[http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/are\\_you\\_our\\_next\\_governor/594866](http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/are_you_our_next_governor/594866)

## **Dates for your diary**

3<sup>rd</sup> February – Valentines Disco (Friends of Stockham)

10<sup>th</sup> February – last day of term 3pm finish.

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

20<sup>th</sup> 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 continuing to investigate toys, and using some of our knowledge to sort toys into 'old' and 'new'. We also talked about some different types of 'evidence' that tell us about the past. In phonics we have now learned a GPC for every letter of the alphabet! In maths we have been thinking about '1 more' and the staircase pattern for numbers 1-5.
- Year 1** In Year 1 this week, we have been retelling the story of The House That Jack Built in our English lessons. We have been using adjectives to write descriptive sentences, and using the conjunction 'and' to join two ideas together. In geography we have been learning more about the culture in China, the money they use and the animals that can be found there. We have also been using our teamwork skills to build a replica of the Great Wall of China!
- Year 2** Year 2 have been very busy writing descriptive paragraphs to try and paint a picture in a reader's head - using their visualisation techniques. In maths we have been subtracting. In science we have been investigating which materials are the most elastic.
- Year 3** We have started our new topic 'Steampunk' in art this week. We have begun papier mâché balloons to make a steampunk helmet. We will be working on our steampunk helmets over the next few weeks. In English we have been learning about past tenses; past simple tense, past perfect and past continuous tense, in preparation for writing our diary recount next week.
- Year 4** Year 4 have loved getting to grips with their new topic Europe, sharing their own prior knowledge and experiences. They have also started to explore the Jewish faith during R.E lessons, specifically the celebration of Passover. Discussing our relationship with food and what it would be like to be told we can't eat what we want. They finished their week with a little market research which meant taste testing pizzas as a part of their Design and Technology lessons.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been exploring the Highwayman poem in English. We have also started learning about unit and non-unit fractions and how to recognise if they are equivalents. In science we have been investigating reversible changes and carried out an experiment investigating this.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week creating our own adventures to continue our story of The Barnabus Project. We have included our own 'failed' creatures in our stories and tried really hard to include relative clauses and create a clear mood and atmosphere. In maths we have started to learn about ratio. We have learnt how to compare different amounts using the ratio symbol and compared this to fractions as well. As historians we have been investigating how the Ancient Greeks and Ancient Romans really changed our ideas of medicine and keeping healthy. As scientists we have been learning about the heart and how our circulatory system works.

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Locryn for his confidence in PE this week - you listened carefully to the instructions and confidently made the animal movements. Well done, Locryn.  
Mariam for working so hard on her toy drawing - thinking carefully about every detail and producing a very realistic drawing of her doll. Well done, Mariam!
- Year 1** Louise for always showing respectful listening when on the carpet and for always being ready to learn.  
Finley A for being a great role model for others to follow and for always being ready to learn.

- Year 2** Eleanor for having a brilliant afternoon with Mrs Roberts. She listened carefully and was very determined when completing the activity.  
Jessica for her determination in writing. She independently produced some lovely sentences all about the weather including some brilliant adverbs.
- Year 3** Daniel for supporting his friend in and out of class.  
Amelia for working hard in class and for coming into school with a great big smile and making others feel happy.
- Year 4** Lexi R for her brilliant work during English lesson. Her thoughtful description and her confidence to share her ideas benefitted the whole class. Well done.  
Alistair for his perseverance during maths lessons. He continues to progress with his understanding of addition and subtraction. Well done, Alistair.
- Year 5** Harry H for using his confidence learning powers during our fractions lesson. He was able to solve complex problems and explain his reasoning. Well done, Harry!  
Herbie for setting a fantastic example in English when performing the Highwayman poem. You used your confidence and teamwork learning powers and led by example! Well done, Herbie!
- Year 6** Edward for excellent effort this week with your learning. You have written a really engaging adventure story and worked hard to include lots of the features we have talked about. You have also worked really hard in maths, getting onto the challenge tasks most days. Well done, Edward, keep it up!  
Phoebe for a really positive couple of weeks at school. It has been lovely to see your confidence grow. You have joined in really well with lots of the tasks we have worked on this week and been super brave. Well done, Phoebe, keep it up!

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Foundation 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 [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](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).