



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 9th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are getting very excited in school to celebrate our 50th birthday on the week beginning 20th June. On Tuesday 21st June (12.45-3pm) we will be welcoming families to join us in a picnic afternoon on the field. A poster with all the details of the afternoon will be sent home soon. Please can we ask that parents and carers bring a family picnic to share with their child/ren. **There will be no hot dinner ordering on this day, but brunch bags will be available to order.** Please do not worry if you are unable to attend, children can sit with school staff and have their own packed lunch/brunch bag. Parent Pay is now set up ready to make your child's £2 payment for their visit to the ice cream van. After the children have had their ice creams, the van will be taking orders from any other family members. During the afternoon the Wantage Silver Band will be playing and the children will be singing their songs to you. Jim will also be sharing the talent of his pianists in the hall. We hope you can join us. In the event of heavy rain, we will postpone and set a new date.

On Thursday 23rd June the children will be celebrating the contrasting decades that the school has been open for. Children can come dressed in either 70's, 80's, 90's or 2000's clothing or party wear. We also have our whole school photo during the afternoon on Thursday 16th June. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform, including appropriate socks and shoes.

Assemblies to Parents and Carers

Please come along to your child's class' short assembly to hear more about their learning journey.

Year group	Date
Year 5	16 th June 9.15am
Year 3	22 nd June 2.30pm
Year 1	29 th June 2.30pm
Year 4	6 th July 2.30pm
Foundation	13 th July 2.30pm
Year 6	21 st July (Leaver's show – time to be confirmed in the morning)

Dates for your diary

16th June – Whole school photograph

20th June – **Stockham School's 50th birthday celebration week**

21st June 12.30pm – Whole school and families picnic (no hot dinner orders today)

23rd June – Decades dress up day/party clothes

24th June – Inset day – school closed to children

27th June – Inset day – school closed to children

5th July – Sports day (am = Foundation and key stage 1, pm = Key stage 2)

15th July – Children's reports home to parents and carers

21st July – Leavers play and school finishes for the Summer holidays at 12pm

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 12th June 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

Here is our school list to our Amazon wish list page!

It is full of the latest recommended books which we would love to begin filling our book corners, school library and guided reading selections with. The books will be distributed and used all over the school - based on the needs of the children and school areas. If you would like to support us by buying a book for our school, we would be incredibly grateful! The link can be found here: <https://amzn.eu/eATTDGF>

On Wednesday 25th May, we took two teams of Year 5 and 6 children to Challow Cricket Club for a tournament. The children were all very excited to put their cricket skills to the test. They worked brilliantly in their teams and were very keen to share advice with each other. One team came 5th place and our second team came out on top spot - 1st! Thank you to our staff and parent helpers who made the event possible.



Class News

Year F This week in Foundation we have loved sharing our half term news, talking about all the wonderful Jubilee celebrations the children attended and the adventures of their half term holidays. We've started our new theme of pirates, sharing what we already know and discussing what we would like to find out. We're looking forward to adventures at sea this term! We've also been practicing hard for sports day and loved joining in with the tennis day.

Year 1 In Year 1 this week the children have been working super hard showing off their phonics skills! In science we have started to learn about the weather and thinking about what clothing we need during the different weather conditions we see in England. The children really enjoyed their tennis festival on Wednesday and worked really hard to learn some new skills!

- Year 2** In Year 2 we have worked incredibly hard on our class assembly and we were exceptionally proud to share all our learning with you all. We have enjoyed making our vehicle designs come to life this week and have ensured they all have fully operational wheels and axles. In English, we have been retelling The Wizard of Oz in our own words whilst making sure we are using a range of interesting punctuation.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have absolutely loved going swimming every day, we have worked really hard and have already made so much progress with our swimming. We have been looking at measurement and perimeter in maths and revising converting cm to m and cm to mm.
- Year 4** Year 4 have had a busy first week back. In English we have been exploring our new story called The Lost Thing. Firstly we made some great predictions about what we thought the story might be about and then we have learnt it using story telling, story mapping and story stepping. Ask us to tell you the story to see how much we can remember! In maths we have been linking our work about fractions to our new work on decimals. We have focused on tenths and hundredths and how they can be represented. We have also been practising our times tables lots! In PE we have really enjoyed learning some new tennis skills during our tennis roadshow session and we have also begun to explore our new theme of 'Cracking Contraptions' in our humanities lessons.
- Year 5** In Year 5 we have started learning about the Ancient Greeks in history. We have also started our new writing unit linked to Greek Myths. In maths we are continuing to think deeply about fractions. We are looking forward to sharing our work with you next Thursday in our class assembly!
- Year 6** This week Year 6 have been very busy on their bike ability training. In the mornings they have also been learning about the life of Shakespeare and what it was like at the Globe theatre. They have begun their science topic on light.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Sol for his wonderful news report writing about his half term. We were very impressed with all the sentences you wanted to write and super proud of the progress you have made in your writing. Well done Sol!
Harley for her great morning writing - you were really independent in finding the sounds you needed for your writing and worked as a team with your friend to overcome any challenges without asking an adult. Well done Harley!
- Year 1** All of Year 1 for your amazing effort during your Phonics Screening. You all worked really hard to use your phonics skills to help you decode the different words. You made all the adults very proud! Well Done!
- Year 2** All of Year 2 for an exceptional class assembly. You all worked so well as a team and supported one another with kindness and encouragement. We are all very proud of you. Well done!
- Year 3** Eva for showing such fantastic confidence and perseverance in the swimming pool, huge well done to you! It has been lovely to see you enjoy yourself so much too. Great work Eva!
Alistair for using great teamwork and independence at forest school, you worked hard to make a great obstacle course for the other members of your team to take part in and enjoy. Well done, Alistair!
- Year 4** Abigail and Kiki for doing a wonderful job this week of supporting the newest member of our class. You have both shown all the Stockham values really well and been so caring and considerate to your new class mate. It has been lovely to see how thoughtful you have both been. Well done girls.

Year 5 Tyler for making such a positive start to Year 5! He has been using his confidence learning power to answer questions and take a full part in the class! Well done Tyler!

Edward for using his independence in English and producing some excellent and creative writing when thinking about our Greek Myths.

Year 6 Alfie B and Charlie for impressing the instructors on their bikes. They have grown in confidence on the road and have been really determined to follow instructions safely and gain more skills.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 6 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](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).