



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Netball tournament

Our winning streak in sport has continued... congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 netball teams who played so well at the small schools' tournament last week. The A team won the tournament and the B team came 3rd! The A team will be entering the large schools' tournament on March 9th.

ACE card award this term

The following children have been chosen for the Ace card treat this term for always Soaring high and using their learning powers to the best of their ability, well done! We had lots of fun playing party games in the hall!

Foundation: Lewis and Harley

Year 1: Tommy and Edith

Year 2: Erin and Isabel

Year 3: Amelia and Rupert

Year 4: Elijah G and Guy

Year 5: Annabelle and Lucy

Year 6: Violet and Sophie



Late arrivals at school

Why is PUNCTUALITY such a GOOD thing? Being on time:

- Gets your child's day off to a good start so he/she can settle straight into the school day
- Sets positive patterns for the future
- Leads to good attendance
- Leads to better achievement
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable

Being regularly late for school can result in a fine from Oxfordshire County Council. After half term, we will be asking parents / carers / children to record any late arrivals with the school office. This will help us to identify any patterns and offer support to families. We have a breakfast club on the school site, please talk to Mrs Burbank if this is something that you think could help your family situation.

Dates for your diary

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

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

Monday 20th February – Children return for term 4.

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – more information to follow

Week beginning 13th March – Parents/carers/Teacher meetings (Please sign up to a time slot on your child's classroom door. Lists will be up on Monday 27th February).

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day – School council will send out more information soon!

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 1st March - Year 2

Wednesday 15th March - Year 6

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.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

Year F In Foundation class this week we have been learning about heroes who help us - we have loved our visits from a Community First Responder, a Nurse, a Physiotherapist, a Postal Worker and a Firefighter. The children showed great listening skills and asked lots of fantastic questions. They were inspired by the visits and have enjoyed talking about what they might like to do when they are older, and how their current learning will help them in their future jobs.

Year 1 This week Year 1 have been busy creating new characters, ready for when they write their own versions of the story. The children enjoyed thinking of animals and giving them a name that rhymed. There were some fantastic suggestions, Mrs Hubbard, Mrs A and Justine were very impressed by our creativity! We have also continued reading Farmer Duck, and created our very own maps of what we thought the setting might have looked like.

- Year 2** Year 2 have been spending the week exploring 2D and 3D shapes and drawing lines of symmetry. We have been looking at news reports and exploring what they look like. In PE, we have been improvising different dance moves to show the seasons.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have been busy finishing their steampunk helmets. They are looking great! We have learnt about textures and the importance of designing first and making adaptations as we progress. In English we have been using an apostrophe for possession and writing poems. We have had an exciting week learning about measurements. We have measured different items around the classroom using the correct unit and have learnt the equivalent lengths using metres, centimetres and millimetres.
- Year 4** All of Year 4's hard work this term has paid off with an exciting last week. We have been completing our daily observations and evaluating our predictions for our science experiment into tooth decay. The class decided that their findings surprised them and will certainly continue to brush their teeth. Furthermore, based on their own designs and research the children have created their own pizzas as part of their Design and Technology lessons. I'm sure they would all agree that tasting them as part of their evaluations was the best part!
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great week. We have been practising our dance with Mr Chadwick and enjoying forest school. We have also been investigating rusting and other irreversible reactions in science. In English we have been writing our narrative poems and in maths continuing to develop our understanding of fractions.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been busy this week completing our work on The Barnabus Project. We have been writing our own news report scripts and have really enjoyed performing these news reports in front of the class. We made sure we used good 'news reporter voices' and the people we interviewed did a great job too. In maths we have been furthering our understanding of algebra and have learnt the difference between an expression and equation. We have used this knowledge to help us to work out what the different letters in the equations are worth. As historians we have completed our learning about medicine through time by looking at the advancements in the Victorian era and then coming right up to date by looking at the NHS. As scientists we made a trip to King Alfred's and got to experience a heart dissection and look at the different parts of the circulatory system we had learnt about in class.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Oliver for his fantastic geographical knowledge about our local area! You made some fantastic links to our previous learning and impressed Mrs Hackwood with your thoughts and ideas during your choosing time. Well done, Oliver!
Brody for being so adaptable this week and being accepting of all of our visitors and changes to routine. Well done, Brody!
- Year 1** Rosie - for putting a huge amount of effort into phonics this week. Rosie has shown great listening and has approached all the activities with a 'can do' attitude. Well done, Rosie!
Bella has worked really hard in her phonics lessons this week. She has been a great role model to the others in her group by showing huge amounts of respect when listening to others. Well done, Bella!
- Year 2** Morgan and Esmée for always having such a positive attitude, listening brilliantly and trying their best in every lesson for every adult.
Morgan used some great extended sentences this week and was helping his group to create new ideas.
Esmée had some excellent dance moves in PE and was thinking carefully on how to make different shapes with her body.

- Year 3** Saloma for challenging herself in her poem writing.
Stuart for using all the key features of diary writing and using descriptive language when writing his diary from a child in the Iron Age.
- Year 4** Logan for his enthusiastic and joyful personality. It has been a pleasure to have you be part of our Year 4 Team. We all wish you well with your new adventure at your new school. We will all miss you.
Mason for your calm and kind attitude to your lessons and friends. You have shown a clear focus this week, especially with writing your fable during English lessons.
Well done, Mason!
- Year 5** All of Year 5 for a great half term! Well done Year 5.
- Year 6** Tegan for making really good progress with our work on algebra this week. You have been really engaged in the lessons and have made big leaps in your understanding - even surprising yourself at times! Well done, Tegan. It has been lovely to see your confidence grow.
Kaci for being really engaged in our history lesson this week about Victorian medicine and for completing a great research page about Florence Nightingale.
Well done, Kaci!

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).