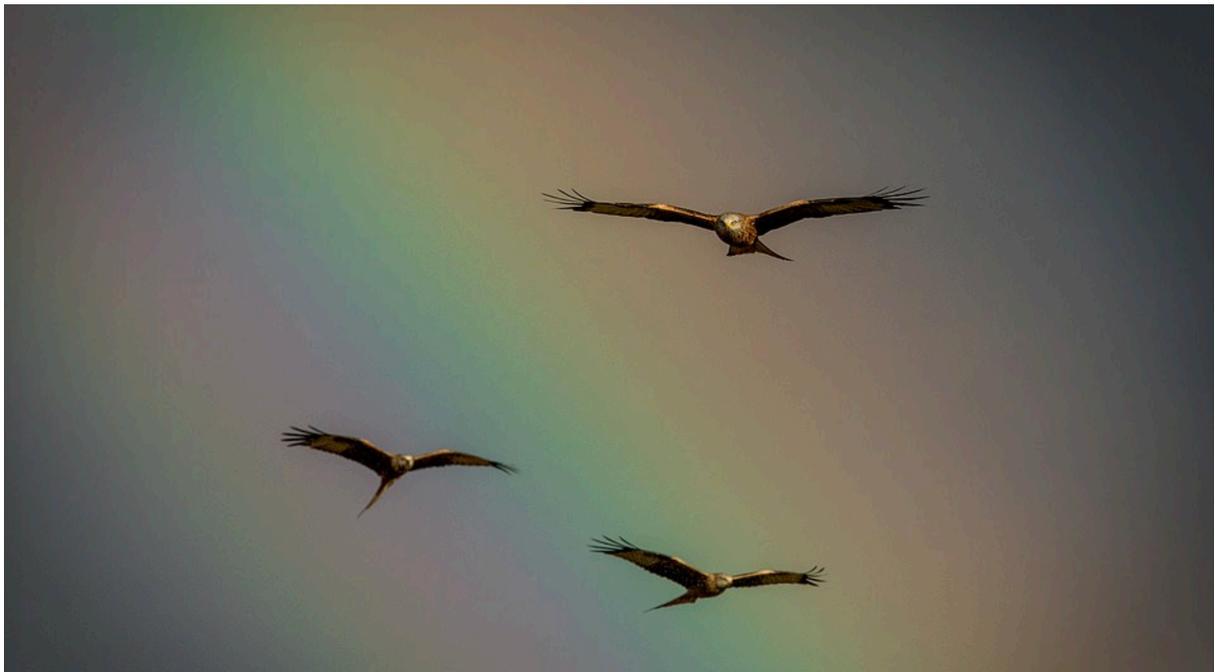


**Stockham Primary School**



**An extra special thanks to all staff at  
Stockham Primary School**

**Governing Body**

Annual Summary to Parents

2019-2020

## Summary on behalf of the Governors

This years' annual summary reflects the unfamiliar times that we are currently experiencing through an unprecedented worldwide pandemic. Despite the extraordinary circumstances, all the staff, including caretakers, kitchen staff, office staff, Teaching Assistants, Teachers and the Headteacher, have put in a tremendous effort towards keeping the Stockham School spirit alive. On behalf of all Governors, we would like to say a big thank you for the tireless effort and difference that every member of staff has made during this very difficult period. The immediate provision of resources, ideas and support from teaching staff, when the tables turned and parents were faced with the unfamiliar territory of teaching their own children, has been a seamless undertaking. This has been further extended through several lines of communication (emails, phone calls, and video links) that for some were an important lifeline - providing reassurance for parents and the child/children throughout this period and some semblance of familiarity. For key workers whose children required childcare during this time, the additional planning and coordination by staff at Stockham has been unparalleled, in comparison to many schools around the county. Staff members committed to ensuring that provision of care was accessible during holidays and half-term. At times like these, we are reminded of the strength and effectiveness of the leadership and management at Stockham School. Thank you all for continuing to Soar High during these strange times!! It has not gone unnoticed and has been much commended by many parents.

Whilst the end of term has been a little quieter than usual, Stockham did have some notable events throughout the first half of the year including a visit from the Explorer Dome, which provided a virtual insight into many of the topics being covered by the school. The annual visit to the pantomime was once again enjoyed by all and, the Christmas Shows enabled the school to showcase the great talent of Stockhamites as well as the new lighting equipment that was invested for the school. Another tremendous effort by staff behind the scenes that made these shows a great success! There have been many Sporting achievements at the school that includes: the Tag Rugby A-team getting through to the finals of the Wantage Tag Rugby competition; Dylan Evason in year 5 making it into the finals of the County level Cross Country and getting 21<sup>st</sup> place; and, two of Stockham's Netball teams finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Netball Tournament.

This is also the time of year that we celebrate the achievements from KS2 SATS before they are officially stamped out of Stockham. Given the lockdown prohibited the end of year playing out in the usual way, the results reported this year are based on what might have been expected and celebrated from the current Year 6's. These are presented in the table below and based on National Averages

from 2019. As you can see, they were expecting to exceed the National Averages reported from last year and, with the exception of combined scores, they would have prospectively demonstrated greater depth averages at, or, above the National scores. In the wind down to the end of term, Mrs Cargill has been devoting much of her time and energy into ensuring that Year 6 do not forgo the traditions and celebrations of their final year send-offs. Here's hoping that Year 6 have the opportunity to bank some final memories as a Stockhamite!

Key Stage 2	Stockham School Expected data 2020	National Average 2019	Stockham School Expected Greater Depth 2020	National Greater Depth Average 2019
Reading	86%	75%	45%	28%
Writing	89%	78%	38%	20%
Mathematics	83%	76%	24%	24%
SPAG	86%	78%	52%	10%
RWM Combined	79%	64%	14%	34%

Since the easing of lockdown, staff at Stockham School have provided an opportunity for each child to come into school in controlled cohorts, for a short visit to catch up with friends. For those that have embraced this opportunity, you may already have noted the exceptional impact that the context of Stockham School has on your child/children. It is not only the familiarity of the school routine and lessons that children thrive on but, the broader social interactions with their peers and staff that contribute to their physical and mental wellbeing. Being in school is a critical part of each child's development when they forge friendships that may last a lifetime and, begin to develop the skills and knowledge they need for future independence. In this time of heightened anxiety, it will be important to remember many of the benefits that our children receive from Stockham School from the peer-peer learning, the cross-cutting curriculum, as well as the sports' programmes that stretch and exercise their mental energies.

As a parent of two children at Stockham School, home schooling definitely proved to be demanding beyond my own working role. There were many successes throughout the experience as well as a number of challenges in imparting specific concepts or, allowing space and patience for each of them to exercise their own ideas and thinking. With the teaching table turned and considering our roles as Governors in school, whereby we serve to assess how well the school is performing towards all children making good progress, it was clear to see how high the bar is raised in terms of meeting the curriculum objectives. Staff at Stockham really do provide a broad and rich set of lessons, teaching tools and social experience that in many respects home schooling simply cannot deliver. Returning to

school in September will feel quite different within the classroom and school given the current guidelines given by Public Health England. Whilst every effort is currently being made by staff to plan effectively for compliance with the appropriate safety measures within the new arrangements, it will take some time for everyone to adjust to them. Please be patient and ensure that you read the essential material being sent from the school before school begins in September to help you prepare.

## Governors at Stockham Primary School

### Changes to the Governing board at Stockham Primary School

This year our Governing Body has welcomed a new Co-opted Governor, Ellen Hallams, who has a child in Year 2 and is a Lecturer in Defence Studies, Kings College London. We have also appointed a new Clerk, Hattie Clay, to the board. Sadly, Jody Kerman and Paul Easterbrook decided to step down from their Associate roles on the Governing body due to other commitments. We would like to take the opportunity to thank each of them for their invaluable input into Stockham’s Governing body over the years, which has driven the continued success of the current Governing body. The Governing body is currently made up as follows:

Governing body member	Governor role/type
Ruth Burbank	Headteacher
Heena Brown	Chair/Parent
Jo Wilkinson	Vice Chair/Parent
Hattie Clay	Clerk
Jenny Hannaby	Local Authority
Sarah Anderson	Co-opted
Duncan Francis	Co-opted
Ellen Hallams	Co-opted
Jan Butler	Parent
Florian Stoermer	Parent
Joe Burbank	Staff
Sue Randall	Bursar

Next academic year, there will be an election for new Parent Governors as the terms of office for two of them will come to an end. We are still actively seeking new Associate Governors that may complement the current skillset on the board. If you are interested or, know of someone that might be dedicated in becoming a Governor, please do come and speak to one of us.

Big Friendly Governors (BFGs), following a specific year group throughout their journey at Stockham school, are listed below.

Big Friendly Governor	Year group
Heena Brown	Foundation
Duncan Francis	1
Jan Butler	2
Florian Stoermer	3
Jo Wilkinson	4
Jenny Hannaby	5
Ellen Hallams	6

We wish to thank all the Friends of Stockham for continuing to support the school and, an extra special mention of thanks and farewell to Karen England who will no longer be with us at Stockham. Karen has been instrumental in the success of the FOS as Chair over many years and it will be a tall order to find someone like her!

On behalf of all the Governors at Stockham School, we wish you all wonderfully relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you return to school in September. Stay safe and well!



**Heena Brown**  
**Chair of Governors**