



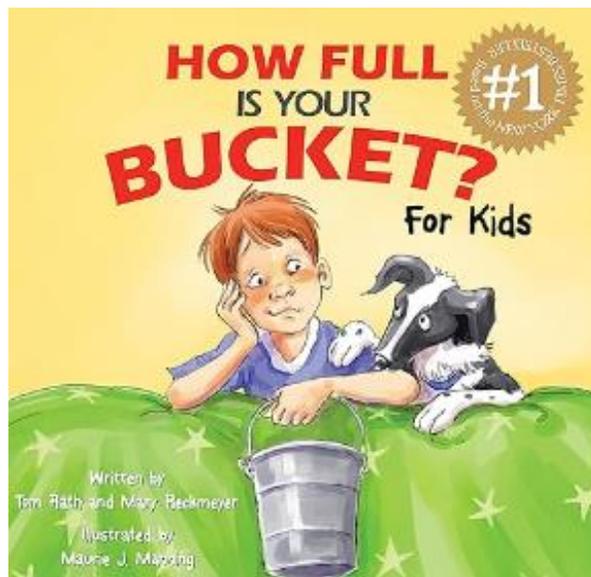
# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, our values in assembly are friendship and kindness. We have been working hard to 'fill each other's buckets' and have had some lovely first week Good Vibes postcards!



It has been great to see all our after school clubs up and running this week. There are so many opportunities. If you would like your child to join a club, please see our list on our school website. This list has an email address for Mrs Anderson who is our clubs co-ordinator!

[https://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/extra-curricular\\_clubs/264516](https://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/extra-curricular_clubs/264516)

This week, the children will be nominating their choice of school council children. We are excited to see who will be working with Mr Burbank this year to make positive changes across the school.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Friends of Stockham Summer Disco and BBQ, 6-8pm (rearranged from July 23)

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Visit from PC Haynes (community police) – Year 1 (PC Ben story) and Year 3 (Anti- Bullying themed story)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 5 and 6 children visit the Beacon for the Wantage Literary festival. The children will meet the author, Lauren St. John and be able to purchase a signed copy of her 'Finding wonder' book.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Whole school Bassistry music workshops (Fully funded by our partnership Springline Schools)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 swimming sessions start

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – End of term 3.10pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET day.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

## Class News

- Year F** This week in Foundation we have been continuing to get to know one another and our school. We went on a lovely listening walk around the school and saw lots of things and met lots of people! We have been getting used to the school routines and eating our lunch in the hall. The children have been busy learning in maths and phonics lessons and enjoyed their first PE lesson.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been very busy getting to grips with this term's theme, marvellous me. In geography we have been looking at our local area and learning what an address is used for. We have been looking at some of the key body parts in science and learning about what our eyes help us to do and how they work. In English we have been learning about the key features of a sentence and beginning to write our own, thinking about the capital letters and full stops.
- Year 2** Year 2 have had a wonderful start back to the new school year and have hit the ground running. We have been learning about how to write a really entertaining superhero story using Eliot the Midnight Hero as our inspiring text. In history we have begun the story of the Great Fire of London and have been building up our vocabulary as we retell the significant events from September 1666. In maths, we are becoming confident in identifying tens and ones in 2-digit numbers using a variety of models and equipment.
- Year 3** Year 3 have had a great start to the term! We have begun our history topic about 'The Stone Age' and designed stone age menus this week. In English we have been reading the story 'Stone Age Boy' and writing postcards from one of the characters. In maths, we have been learning about place value and hundred numbers. On Monday we enjoyed a gymnastics lesson with Mr Chadwick.
- Year 4** We have had a great first, full week in Year 4! The children have settled in really well to the classroom routines and have been working well as a class team. In English we have started our new text, Escape from Pompeii. The children have enjoyed learning the story and creating their own story maps. In maths we have been exploring 4-digit numbers, using place value charts, counters and dienes.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a fantastic start! They have settled in well and earned many house points and raffle tickets for using their learning powers. In English, we have been reading the book The Explorer and in maths, we have been looking at how everybody can be a mathematician and more recently exploring place value.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week. In English we have begun learning the North American story of Raven. We have used the story telling process to help us learn the story and have started to think about the key characters. In maths we have been investigating place value and have been working with numbers up to 10 000 000! As scientists we have begun to think about light and how light travels. As geographers we have started our learning about North America. We have investigated the countries which make up North America and were surprised to learn there are 23!

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** Grayson, for trying his very best to be happy and confident in a new environment. Pippa, for an excellent start to her year in Foundation and working hard as part of the team.
- Year 1** Oliver for setting a fantastic example so early on in the term, you are always keen to help around the classroom and show a positive learning attitude at all times. Well done, Oliver, keep it up!  
Brody for a fantastic first week back at school, you have shown a positive attitude and tackled all your tasks with confidence. Well done!

**Year 2** Tommy, for showing exceptional qualities of being a supportive and patient friend with constant acts of kindness. He has made every effort to ensure his friends are happy and feeling confident about Year 2.

Oscar, for always being ready for learning in Year 2 so that he can give every task his absolute best effort.

**Year 3** Tyler, for a great start to Year 3 and completing some excellent maths work. Keep it up Tyler!

Freya, for showing brilliant friendship skills when welcoming a new child into our class.

**Year 4** Leo, for your positive attitude towards learning and your growing independence. It has been a joy to teach you this week, you should feel really proud!

Rupert for always being ready to learn and giving every piece of work 100% effort! Well done, Rupert!

**Year 5** Eliza for showing resilience in class especially during maths and English where she has worked hard to complete the work. Well done Eliza!

Alfie for showing great determination in maths. We were very impressed with how he solved some tricky reasoning problems linked to Roman numerals! Well done Alfie.

**Year 6** Charlotte for a beautiful story map showing the story of Raven. You took such care over the drawings and the end result was so detailed. It really helped you to learn the story as well. Well done, Charlotte for a great start to Year 6!

Kathy for amazing effort in maths this week. You have tried so hard and completed some great work about place value. I was so pleased with how much work you got completed correctly and how well you listened. Well done, Kathy. What a great start to Year 6!

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 2 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).