



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In line with the expectation that from September 2023 all state-funded schools meet 32.5 hours a week of school time, we will be extending our school day, finishing at 3.10pm. **The new timings, start on 5th September 2023 and will be 8.40am-3.10pm.**

Reminder – School has an INSET day on Monday 26th June

Mr B's busy bees!

We have a swarm of bees that now belong to the school! These are located in the school bungalow. These photos show the bees settling into their new hive. We have adult and child bee keeper suits too and are hoping to share the honey with you when it is ready! Mr Burbank will tell you more information about the bees in next week's newsletter.



End of year dates for your diary:

Tuesday 4th July – Sports day – KS1 and Foundation class at 9.30am and KS2 at 1.15pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Monday 10th July – Year 2 trip to Bournemouth

Tuesday 11th July – Swap over afternoon - Children meet their new teachers for September 2023

12th/13th July – Years 3 and 4 – BBQ and sleepover in school

Friday 14th July – Annual written reports home to parents and carers. Please let your child's teacher know if you require an additional report for a parent/carer who resides at a different address.

Friends of Stockham School Disco and BBQ.

Tuesday 18th July - Year 6 leavers BBQ (5.00-6.30pm)

Wednesday 19th July – Year 6 leavers performance of ‘School Daze’ (6.00pm)

Thursday 20th July – End of term at 12pm, Year 6 leavers performance of ‘School Daze’ (9.00am)

Friday 21st July – INSET DAY

There will be meetings after school in September to meet your child’s new class teacher(s) and find out more about what their year at Stockham will look like (year plan, timetable expectations etc).

1st and 4th September 2023 – INSET days.

Children return to start the new school year on Tuesday 5th September (2023-2024 calendar can be found on the school website)

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friends of Stockham are having a 2nd hand uniform sale on Thursday 6th July after school in the hall. We have lots of excellent quality trousers, shorts, skirts, summer dresses, cardigans and jumpers. These will be available at very reasonable prices! Great opportunity to stock up for next school year.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Coffee Morning 6th July 9-10 am in the school hall.

Emma Herring our Educational Psychologist will be giving a short talk on how to support children with their reading and writing skills. She will be focusing on key skills and supportive strategies. Please e-mail me if you would like to attend: krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk
Katie Roberts SENDCo.

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have been thinking about the journey of The Snail and The Whale, and which oceans the snail and whale must have travelled through. It has been fun thinking about how the places they visited were different from each other. We have also enjoyed practicing our jumping, throwing and water games for Sports Day. In maths we have revisited our number bonds to 5, and made our own dough to practice doubling!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we had a visit from Bea's Mum, Ali and Lucifer the bearded dragon. We had lots of questions and we learnt lots about reptiles linked to our science topic. We have created some fantastic mood boards, thinking about different materials and joins for our chair project. We have also been working hard on our new maths topic - place value to 100.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been really busy learning all their skills ready for sports day. In English we have been using adjectives to describe our creatures. In history we have been learning about famous explorers.
- Year 3** In maths we have started to learn about angles in shapes. We have been practising our running and our throwing skills ready for sports day. We have been exploring some of Peter Doig’s work, looking at the different effects he uses in his art.
- Year 4** This week Year 4 have been developing their observational drawing skills during art lessons. We have used the school field as our classroom, using the sunlight to create shadows. As a class we have been exploring the book, The Land of Roar. We used our knowledge of the text to write a diary entry in the voice of the main character. We continue to learn about the Vikings, this week focussing on the move from worshipping Norse Gods to Christianity.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a busy week! We have been looking at the life cycle of mammals and how long their gestation periods are. We found out that an elephant’s gestation period is 23 months! In English, we have continued to write our persuasive letters and in maths we have been exploring coordinates and translation of shapes!

Year 6 Year 6 have been incredibly busy and excited this week as we have been on PGL! All the children were looking forward to it and it definitely lived up to expectations. Across the 3 days we experienced problem solving, archery, raft building, giant swing, zip wire, challenge course, aero ball, climbing and crate challenge. As well as the evening activities of role-play Cluedo and team balloon splash challenge. Everyone was so brave and really put themselves out of their comfort zone. We also enjoyed the amazing choice of food!

Soaring High

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

Year F Lewis for his amazing vortex throwing skills in PE - all of the adults were amazed! You were also kind enough to demonstrate the right position for throwing the vortex to the other children, and helped them with advice on their throws. Great sportsmanship Lewis!

Billy for some great noticing and making links between all of our lessons this week – using your knowledge of the world to help us in all of our lessons. Well done Billy!

Year 1 Finley A and Sol for your fantastic contributions to science this week, your vocabulary and understanding of the different characteristics of animal groups is brilliant, and you asked some great questions when we had our visit from Lucifer (the bearded dragon). Well done to you both, keep it up!

Year 2 Eleanor for having such a positive and determined week to do all your learning. Your sentences in English had great adjectives in.

Jack for your great vocabulary. You always help other children understand what different words mean and listen really carefully to learn new words.

Year 3 Felicity – for her determination in working through her maths, carefully answering questions and checking her answers.

James - for the use of his vocabulary in his written work.

Year 4 Kian for his growth mind set during English. You have listened to both peer and adult feedback when making improvements to your diary entry with a positive attitude.

Macey for her lovely work in art. You have really focused on building your techniques when drawing and shading objects and have taken pride in your artwork.

Year 5 Sasha for using his confidence in maths and answering lots of questions when translating shapes in the different quadrants.

Henry for using his confidence and taking a full part in our history lesson about the Victorians. Well done Henry, it was lovely to hear some very careful and well thought out answers.

Year 6 All of Year 6 for your amazing teamwork, bravery, resilience and courage during our PGL adventure. All the adults were so proud of how you all worked so well as a team and how you supported each other; particularly when you were feeling a little bit unsure or nervous about an activity. All of you made massive personal achievements and should feel very proud of yourselves. What amazing memories we all made!

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.

<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).