



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Congratulations to Millie in Year 3 who has won the cake topper design for the King's Coronation event in Wantage. Her design has been with the baker all week. Millie and her family will be attending the Coronation event in Wantage on Saturday to receive a prize and to see her cake fully made. I hope she gets to eat some! All runners up received medals this week in assembly from the Mayor of Wantage.



Swimming

Year 4 have now finished their 2 week swimming block – it would be really beneficial to keep taking your child swimming and build upon the great success over the last 2 weeks. The link below offers low cost and free swimming sessions in Oxfordshire.

<https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move>

Lunchtime club

We have introduced a new club that will take place at lunchtime, largely supported and run by parents of the school. The club will be a calm and nurturing place for children to go to during lunch breaks. If you, as a parent, feel you have the correct skills to offer an hour of time supporting the children, please let me know.

Parent Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor role at Stockham School. Please see the information provided on the school website for more information. We would love to hear from you - end date for expressing an interest is Friday 12th May

http://www.stockham.oxon.sch.uk/web/are_you_our_next_governor/594866

End of year dates for your diary:

Monday 8th May Bank holiday due to the King's Coronation (school closed)

9th May – Year 6 SATS week.

Wednesday 17th May 2.30pm – Year 3 assembly to parents

18th-19th May – Year 5 residential to Youldbury

22nd May – Year 6 cycling proficiency week

Wednesday 24th May 2.30pm – Year 4 assembly to parents

Friday 26th May – End of term 5 at 3.00pm

Monday 5th June – Children return to school for term 6. Year 3 intensive swimming sessions begin.
12th June – Year 1 phonics screening week
19th-21st June –Year 6 PGL residential to Liddington
26th June – INSET day
Tuesday 4th July – Sports day – KS1 and Foundation in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon
Monday 10th July – Year 2 trip to Bournemouth
Tuesday 11th July – Swap over afternoon - Children meet their new teachers for September 2023
Friday 14th July – Annual written reports home to parents and carers.
Friends of Stockham School Disco and BBQ.
Thursday 20th July – End of term at 12pm, Year 6 leavers performance (am)
Friday 21st July – INSET DAY

1st and 4th September 2023 –INSET days.

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

As some of you may be aware, Nay in the office has been fighting breast cancer since last year. She has set herself a challenge of doing Race for Life on Sunday (7th May). If you would like to sponsor Nay and her team, please click on the link below. Any donation, however big or small, makes a big difference to Cancer Research UK's ground breaking work. Thank you.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/naomis-team-53>

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Mental Health

Next week is Children's mental health awareness week, focusing on anxiety. We will be talking to the children about anxiety and trying some mindfulness activities within our classrooms.

Please take a look at further information from the Mental Health Foundation.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have started learning about the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and are enjoying re-enacting the story and practicing our retelling skills through play. In PE we have been practicing throwing and catching balls, and in maths we have enjoyed playing '6 or not 6' and recapping our knowledge of doubles and evens, including representing these on a ten-frame. We loved dressing up for our Coronation celebration day, and took part in a procession with KS1 to show off our new designs for 'The Kings Pants' based on the story by Nicholas Allan.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been learning how to add equal groups together in maths. We enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation, decorating pants for the king! We are looking forward to our trip to the castle on Friday.
- Year 2** Year 2 have been enjoying the coronation celebrations this week. We have been very busy learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in maths. In geography we learnt some features of a jungle.
- Year 3** We have had an exciting week this week! In English we have planned our adventure fantasy story based on the book Journey by Aaron Becker. We will be ready to write next week. In maths we have learnt to add and subtract money. We have had great fun with our art this week in developing a replicate of a Claude Monet painting. We have used mixed media to build our picture.

- Year 4** This week Year 4 have enjoyed time out in the sun. We explored the field during a science lesson to find insects to sketch and then add to an invertebrate classification diagram. We identified the features of a persuasive letter during English lessons. The class will be writing to the government, persuading them to help protect endangered animals and their habitats. Lastly this week we have made links between fractions and decimals and how to identify them using a number line.
- Year 5** Year 5 have been working hard this week looking at how we can use fascinating facts and different sentence structures to engage the reader with our writing in English. In maths we completed our fractions assessment - well done Year 5. We have also enjoyed learning all about the Kings Coronation on Thursday.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week doing some last-minute preparations for SATs! We have been learning all about co-ordinates in maths and how to translate shapes on a co-ordinates grid. In English we have been revising different types of punctuation and how to use these in sentences. We are really enjoying our new guided reading book - 'Clockwork' and are really intrigued about how it is going to end. We had a great time celebrating Stockham's Coronation Day, making art work in the style of Chuck Close and joining up with the rest of Key Stage 2 for a Coronation themed scavenger hunt.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Valentin for his super noticing and addition skills in maths. You gave some confident answers when discussing the 'even top' number blocks and made lots of links to your previous learning - well done!
Elliot for some wonderful morning writing - you independently used your phonics knowledge to write a lovely sentence to match your detailed drawing. We were very proud of you.
- Year 1** All of Year 1 for your amazing assembly, you have worked so very hard, and your assembly was absolutely brilliant. Miss Breakspear, Mrs A and Justine are so very proud of you all!
- Year 2** Jessica for her hard work all week. You have persevered with independent work in maths and really impressed your teachers with your phonics progress.
Rosie M for her determination to use her very best spelling in her English poetry task. You also had some imaginative ideas for how to describe your animal.
- Year 3** Saloma has been trying hard to use her phonics knowledge to spell words.
Leo for his determination in his dance lessons.
- Year 4** Lucy for her wonderful attitude towards her learning. You continue to demonstrate all of the learning powers, particularly when taking part in partner talk or group work.
Thomas for your hard work during English lessons. When learning about the features of a persuasive letter you showed focus and a keen interest when completing your tasks.
- Year 5** Henry for showing great confidence last week during the class assembly speaking in front of so many people. It has been great to see your confidence continue into this week!
Toby for being really engaged during our lessons on the Coronation. You made some great contributions to the class. Well done Toby!
- Year 6** Chloe for always working so hard and for always putting 100% into everything you do. You can always be relied upon to share a really clear explanation and take on board advice when you need to correct something. Well done, Chloe, keep it up!
Frankie for having a great attitude to your work this week. You have been working very hard and wanting to complete tasks to the best of your ability. It has been great to see you asking for help and being engaged in your learning. Keep it up and believe in yourself!

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).