



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have met their new teachers and TA's for September. There have been a lot of nerves and a lot of excitement. We welcomed our new Foundation children into school too! The Year 3 and 4 children had their overnight sleepover, bonfire and games residential this week. For some of the children, it was their first time away from home; they were so brave! I think we are all catching up on the missed sleep!

Well done to the Falcons (red house group) who won the Key Stage 1/Foundation sports day last week with a whopping 407 points. 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Yellow (297 points), 3<sup>rd</sup> place – green (266 points) and 4<sup>th</sup> place – Blue (243 points). Well done to all the children who took part and to the parents/carers who joined in the fun races at the end.

### **Parents questionnaire feedback**

This time last year, we conducted a parent questionnaire. We were very happy to see that 99% of parents felt that their child was happy at school and 100% felt they were safe and encouraged to behave well. Here are some of the areas that you felt were the strengths of the school:

## What do we do well at Stockham school?

- Communication
- Family feel
- Safe and happy
- Lots of activities
- Instil values
- Wide variety of lessons
- Praise and reward
- Celebrate success
- Pastoral and emotional support
- Responsive to concerns
- Caring staff
- Nurturing
- Approachable
- Family involvement
- Treat children as individuals
- Forest school
- Inclusive
- Sensible policies
- Creative activities
- Fun
- Mastery in maths
- Atmosphere
- Everything
- Strong leadership
- Fundraising

We have been working hard on improving the areas that you suggested. Here are some of the changes we have made in response to the questionnaire:

- Return back to face to face parents/carers evenings rather than on zoom (due to Covid)
- Being informed on upcoming learning – through theme webs and homework grids
- Provide a more diverse curriculum – this year we have worked hard to improve our curriculum to ensure excellent progression in all subjects
- Inform parents of staffing changes – this has been achieved through parentmails, newsletters, early announcements of new teachers for September.
- Providing information to parents on how to teach their children in KS1 – we held maths sessions for parents and children to see how we teach the children and learn current methods.

- Informal sessions for parents to learn more about SEN – Mrs Roberts (SENCo) and our Educational Psychologist have held multiple coffee mornings on many areas of school life, and have led a SWIFT course to support families.

We are continuing to focus on the following areas that you suggested for next year: Mindfulness/Yoga, KS2 maths parents sessions, a wider range of after school opportunities for younger children and more music and cooking. We look forward to hearing your thoughts in September, when the next parent questionnaire will take place.

### **Friday afternoons at Stockham School**

Currently, Years 1-6 have Golden Time from 2-2.45pm every Friday. Senior leaders and staff in school have made the decision that from September 2023 Golden Time will take place on the last (full day) Friday of each school term (6 times a year). This way, staff can really make sure the activities are special and can plan for this time appropriately to give the children the best experiences/opportunities. Weekly golden time is not allowing for the full curriculum to be taught and is no longer feeling 'Golden!'

### **End of year dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 leavers BBQ (5.00-6.30pm)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 leavers performance of 'School Daze' (6.00pm start, doors open at 5.45pm)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – End of term at 12pm**, Year 6 leavers performance of 'School Daze' (9.00am arrival for parents/carers with a 9.15am start)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

### **New school timings Sept 2023**

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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and will be 8.40pm-3.10pm.**

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – INSET days.

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

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

## **Class News**

**Year F** In Foundation this week we have been thinking a lot about transition, change and friendships. We had a lovely visit to Year 1 and are so excited about September! We talked about the good friends we have made in our class this year and the reasons why we treasure each other. We have made each other some treasure coins to go in our pirate treasure chests for the children to take home to remind them of their friends over the holidays.

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been looking at the key features of a letter in preparation to write a letter to Miss Breakspear, all about our time in Year 1. We have been talking about the transition from Year 1 to Year 2 this week in our PSHE lessons and we enjoyed meeting Mr Doman on the transition afternoon.

**Year 2** This week, Year 2 had their trip to the seaside and all had an amazing time. We have been creating books about our day in English. In art, we have carried on being inspired by shells, exploring our drawing skills and using different materials.

- Year 3** What an amazing week we have had! On Monday we followed in Gordon Ramsey's footsteps writing a recipe for a vegetable soup then cooking it. As what chefs do, we sampled our product which turned out to be very tasty! On Tuesday we had Bright Sparks talk to us about science and showed us some amazing scientific demonstrations. We were all covering ourselves when we were shown the force holding water in a bucket as it was swung around! Last but not least our residential! The children have all been fabulous! We have played team games, problem solved some of Mrs Allen's problems and on Wednesday night we sat under the stars around the campfire singing songs just before heading off to bed. On Thursday we still had lots of energy, so we participated in a nerf gun activity and orienteering. We learnt how to hold and orientate a map correctly.
- Year 4** Year 4 have had an exciting week with the residential this week. We all had a great time with the wonderful activities both in the evening and also the following day. As well as this we have written letters to Mr Burbank and Mrs Norris to let them know a little bit about ourselves, prior to 'move up' afternoon. We are now busy writing leaflets about Letcombe Brook after a visit on Monday.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a really busy week! We have sent off our letters to all the different footballers around the world. I hope we get some responses! In maths we have been looking at perimeter and area and we had a fantastic time at the Wantage Museum finding out about the Victorians!
- Year 6** Year 6 have been really busy this week working on our play of School Daze. We have been trying to perfect our acting and singing and have enjoyed bringing it all together by putting our costumes on! We are looking forward to being able to show it to you next week! We have also been working hard on completing our 'softies' for our Foundation buddies and are looking forward to passing these over next week (although lots of us are going to be a bit sad to let our softie go!!!) There has also been a lot of focus on transition this week, with most of us visiting our new secondary schools. We can't believe we only have one week left at Stockham!

### Soaring High

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

- Year F** ALL of Foundation for their teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience on Sports Day last Friday. All of the adults were very proud of you all.
- Year 1** Maia for your perseverance and teamwork skills in PE this week, you showed great listening skills and this meant you were able to take part in your teams tactical wins! Tommy and Willow for always listening intently in the classroom, you are both positive role models to the class and are always ready to learn, keep it up!
- Year 2** All of Year 2 for their behaviour in Bournemouth. They set such a good example for the school with their behaviour. All the staff were very proud of them.
- Year 3** Elizabeth – for her teamwork ethos during our residential activities.  
Rocco – for preserving in his writing.
- Year 4** Macey for continuing to make the right choices in and out of the classroom. You are trying so hard and this is really paying dividends well done Macey.  
Guy for your constantly positive attitude to everything you are asked to do. It is great to see the obvious pleasure you take from learning something new.
- Year 5** Olivia and Alise for demonstrating determination and resilience in class even when you find things tricky. Well done. It has been great to see how hard you have worked over the year and the progress you have made!

**Year 6** Euan for putting exceptional effort into your performances of your characters in the play. You put 100% into delivering your lines and take on the characteristics of the different characters really well. I have been really impressed, Euan. I can't wait to see your final performances next week.

Tamilore for working so well on your Foundation 'softie' toy. You put such care and attention into your toy and were so independent with the sewing. I know your Foundation buddy will love it when you give it to them next week.

Well done everyone!

### **Tidy Tiger**

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 6 and Mrs Burbank 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).