



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 5. I hope you have had a good Easter break.

We are straight back into school life with class photos, Year 4 swimming and a Year 6 Junior citizenship trip to Oxford. We have many wonderful things planned for the two summer terms, so please put the dates below on your school calendar.

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 netball team who took their winning streak to the large school's netball tournament yesterday. They came joint first (the tournament ran out of time for a golden goal decider). This is an incredible achievement. Thank you to Mrs Peacock for all her hard work training the team this year. We are looking for more Year 4 children to join the after school club ready for next year's matches.

Lunchtime Club

We are introducing 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:

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

Dates for your diary

Friday 21st April – Easter bingo 6-7.30pm.

Monday 24th April – Visit from the Mayor – linked to the King's Coronation.

Thursday 4th May – Kings Coronation theme day – Children and staff dress as a King for the day (or Prince/Princess; red, white and blue dress up, or wear clothes fit for a Royal party!)

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

9th May – Year 6 SATS week.

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.

Sharing Assemblies

We invite parents to join us to see what your child has been learning about:

Thursday 27th April 2.30pm – Year 5

Thursday 4th May 2.30pm – Year 1

Wednesday 17th May 2.30pm – Year 3

Wednesday 24th May 2.30pm – Year 4

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have enjoyed starting our new theme - traditional tales – starting with the classic story of The Three Little Pigs. The children have enjoyed retelling the story and re-enacting the classic lines, building their own houses - both small scale and large and describing the main characters. In maths we have been sorting objects, and numbers - looking at the differences between odds and evens. In PE we are learning some ball skills - the children enjoyed their first outdoor PE lesson!
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have thought about our Easter holidays and enjoyed sharing all the things we got up to. We have started looking at non-fiction information texts in English and identifying the different features. We have started learning about what vegetables need to grow and made predictions for how long it might take for a seed to grow.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have begun their new topic "Rumble on the Jungle". In science, they have been classifying objects as living and never been alive. In geography, they have learnt what a jungle is and used their mapping skills to find them in the world. We have begun to create our animal poems!
- Year 3** This week in Year 3 we have continued to learn about fractions. We have added and subtracted fractions, learning that the denominators do not change, only the numerator. We are enjoying writing effective sentences in English and this week we have focused on using conjunctions, metaphors, similes and repetitive language to make our stories engaging. In PE we learnt how to use dynamic moves in dance to the theme of Narnia.
- Year 4** A brilliant first week back for Year 4. We have started swimming lessons and the children are enjoying the experience of being in the pool. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as well as their supportive attitudes to one another. As a class we started learning about living things and their habitats, looking into how we can categorise different types of organisms.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great start back to the new term. We have started our new English topic and will be writing a non-chronological report on emperor penguins. In maths we have started to look at how to multiply fractions and in science we have started looking at space. We have been very proud of the kites we have finished making and some have even managed to fly!
- Year 6** Year 6 had a great start to the week going to Junior Citizens in Oxford. Everyone was very sensible dealing with lots of real-life situations and making great suggestions about how to deal with them sensibly and safely. In maths we have been very busy this week expanding our understanding of angles. We have learnt how to use a protractor accurately and learnt the names of the different types of angles and how many degrees are in each. We have been using this knowledge to then help us work out missing angles. In English we have been revising our knowledge of different terms linked to grammar such as prepositions, pronouns, adjectives and conjunctions. We loved starting our new PE work with James this week working on striking and fielding skills.

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Albie for having his own creative ideas on how to create paint textures for his three little pigs houses and using his initiative to try these out and test his ideas.
Freddie for using his phonics skills to independently have a go at writing a speech bubble for the Big Bad Wolf.

- Year 1** Oliver and Rosie for showing your confidence when sharing your knowledge of non-fiction texts, your contributions to the whole class discussions were fantastic and you really impressed all the adults in Year 1 with your knowledge and confidence.
- Year 2** Chester for his brilliant start back to school after Easter. He has thrown himself into all the activities and been really determined to try his best.
Ariella for her determined attitude in geography to show she remembered the continents and where they were. She has also been keen to show off her maths skills this week independently.
- Year 3** James - for returning to school ready to learn. Absolutely amazing this week!
Isla - for her efforts in math, really focusing and working hard on her math tasks.
- Year 4** Eva for having confidence to join the Year 4 swimming lessons and making the effort to join in group activities in the water. Well done Eva.
George for his engagement in lessons during the first week back at school. Your skilled partner talk and independent work has really shone this week.
- Year 5** Elijah for really using his confidence in English and maths this week. It was lovely to see you asking so many questions. Well done Elijah!
Herbie for some fantastic contributions during science. You offered some very thoughtful comments. Well done Herbie!
- Year 6** Mia for very thoughtful and sensible contributions during our visit to Junior Citizens. You approached the scenarios very sensibly and made great suggestions about how to deal with what you saw before you. Well done, Mia.
Spencer for having a great attitude at Junior Citizens. You approached all the scenarios very sensibly; giving great suggestions about what you could do to help. You were also a great sport when we needed an extra 'volunteer' at the end for an additional activity!!! Well done, Spencer.

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 4 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).