



# STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our wonderful Summer BBQ and Disco last Friday. The weather was perfect and the evening had a great atmosphere. It was lovely to see new Foundation children with their families and Year 7 students coming back to visit. We have raised over £1000 from this event!



Congratulations to Year 6 and Year 3 for having the best attendance so far this term – in the 99% region! They all took part in an early bounce session on the inflatables last week. Keep it up.

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen (by their peers) as **school council** members this year:

Foundation: Sylvia and Noah

Year 1: Elliot and Florence

Year 2: Rosie and Finley A

Year 3: Morgan and Erin

Year 4: Jacob and Millie

Year 5: Lucy and Freddie

Year 6: Herbie and Annabelle

Their first job will be organising Children in Need day for the whole school.

## **Dates for your diary:**

**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)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Winter Water safety roadshow assembly

**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.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Children return to school for term 2

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu spray for all children (separate consent letter will be sent home)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – School photo day (individual portrait photos and siblings photos who attend Stockham school)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Non-school uniform day – bring in a luxury item for our Christmas hampers

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school trip to the Pantomime in Swindon

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day and present room

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 12pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – Children return for Term 3.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ruth Burbank

We are very excited to be welcoming Therapy Dogs Nationwide into school this week. Please read the attached letter for more information. If you have any questions please contact our SENDCo Katie Roberts: [krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:krob3422@stockham.oxon.sch.uk)

### Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we had a visit from the NHS dental nurse who explained the importance of oral health. The children were taught how to take care of their teeth and mouth by understanding how long they should be brushing their teeth for and when to visit the dentist. The children consolidated their learning by having fun brushing giant teeth in the classroom! As a group we also made some classroom rules, why not see if your child can explain to you what some of these are at home? The children have been busy starting to read in school this week and have also learnt the sounds 'i', 'n', 'm', 'd'. In maths we have been busy building our counting skills to 5, we learned how important it is to be careful when we are counting one by one and ways that can help us to do this.
- Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have learnt more about our 5 senses focusing on hearing and learning about how sound vibrates through the air. In English we have started creating a story board based on the story of The Colour Monster goes to School, we have enjoyed acting out our first day of school and how we were feeling.
- Year 2** Year 2 have begun a new story in English: Eliot the Midnight Hero. We have had great fun learning how different types of sentence can make the story more entertaining to read aloud. We have had a go at writing our own exclamations and remembered to use the exclamation mark in our writing. The superhero theme has continued in art as we have been using bright Pop Art colours to make a repeated image of a superhero different each time it is printed. In maths, we have been estimating where best to place different numbers on number lines that have different intervals.
- Year 3** This week Year 3 have been planning their own Stone Age story in English and have continued learning about place value in maths. In our music lesson this week we acted out a story to match a piece of music. In history, we learned about different types of Stone Age homes.
- Year 4** This week in Year 4 we have been learning about the key features of a paragraph. The children used this knowledge to rewrite the story of Escape from Pompeii, along with storymaps from last week. In maths we have been looking at adding or taking away 1, 10 or 100 from a number. The children used the place value counters to help them understand how to borrow and exchange. In PE we have been doing gymnastics, the children have been looking at different balances and have put them together to create a small routine.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had another great week. We have been looking at place value in maths, including powers of ten and numbers to a million! We have also enjoyed researching the different rainforest animals and the different features of non-chronological reports. In science, we have tried to clone a plant and have started to look at the life cycles of mammals. Did you know that some mammals lay eggs?

**Year 6** Year 6 have been busy this week deepening our knowledge of our book Raven. We have planned our own version of a 'trickster' tale, created our own storymaps and then used these to write our innovated stories. In maths we have been learning more about place value and have revised how to round and order numbers and how to work with negative numbers. As geographers we have investigated climate and how this changes as you move through North America. As artists we have been investigating the native artwork of the Pacific North West and creating our own versions.

### Soaring High

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

**Year F** Harry - for excellent perseverance in phonics this week and being a great role-model for others!

Noah L - for having a positive attitude during our topic lesson and making some great contributions of his own.

**Year 1** Filbert for really persevering with your learning this week, you have shown fantastic determination with your phonics. The adults are very proud of you, well done!

Albie for being a great friend to everyone in your class, you are very kind and thoughtful to others around you and all the adults have noticed, keep it up, well done!

**Year 2** Bella - For being an extremely helpful member of our class. You are always offering to help with lots of classroom jobs to help each day run smoothly. The adults really appreciate your kindness.

Olivia - For making excellent links in your learning this week. You have applied your phonics to learning new words in different subjects, remembered lots of facts from geography and history and used your reading to create exciting ideas for your writing.

**Year 3** Ariella - for being ready to learn in every lesson! We have been really impressed with your positive attitude and hard work. Well done!

Elsie - for making a great start in Stockham School. You have settled in really well to Year 3 and always follow the rules and work hard.

**Year 4** Chloe, for showing real kindness during your lunchtime this week. It was really thoughtful of you to offer your jacket potato to another child when the kitchen had run out, and to choose a different dinner option. You made your friend and the adults smile!

Isaac, for showing good listening skills in all our lessons and always welcoming a challenge! You have worked really hard this week, and it is lovely to see your enthusiasm for learning!

**Year 5** Yassin has shown great resilience and confidence this week. All the staff in Year 5 have been really proud of his confidence, standing up and giving a speech in front of the class. Well done Yassin.

Zach has demonstrated great team work. He has been brilliantly organised by helping others, giving them roles, and making sure they have been fully involved. Well done Zach!

**Year 6** Liam for showing great effort and enthusiasm in maths lessons. You have been working so hard and focusing to complete the tasks set. I have been very impressed with your attitude. Well done, Liam, keep it up!

Olivia for always contributing so well in class and for being really engaged in our lessons. You are always happy to share your ideas and answers and by doing this you show a great commitment to learning. Well done, Olivia. A great start to Year 6.

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](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).