



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronation Cake Winner

Millie had a fantastic day at the Coronation Day in Wantage, despite the rain! She was so thrilled with the cake and was bursting with pride. She was presented with a special award - a silver salver, got to cut the cake with the mayor (and eat some!) and was interviewed by the local newspaper and radio. What an amazing experience for her!



Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Edge who is expecting her first baby in October, later this year. She will be returning in September for a few weeks in a slightly different teaching role within the school.

I am sad to say that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hackwood (Foundation class teacher) at the end of this school year. She will be taking on a new and exciting opportunity to build on her success here at Stockham School by joining the teaching staff in the Foundation classes at the new school in Grove, St Johns CE academy. We wish her the best of luck!

We have appointed a new Foundation teacher, Miss Karie Ledster, who will start in September. She is an experienced Early Years teacher from another school in Oxfordshire. We look forward to welcoming Karie to Stockham School over the next few months, ready to start in September.

End of year dates for your diary:

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

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

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.

Year 6 leavers BBQ – Date to be confirmed.

Thursday 21st 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)

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation Class this week we have been helping Goldilocks to make amends to the Three Bears; we have followed a recipe to help make more porridge (and enjoyed tasting some!), used our hammering skills to fix Baby Bears chair, and designed some new duvet covers to make Baby Bears bed lovely again!
- Year 1** We enjoyed our trip to Oxford Castle on Friday last week, we enjoyed a tour of the castle and we climbed 101 steps to the top of the tower where we could see over Oxford city. We have started writing up some of the facts we learnt while we were there as part of our non-fiction unit in English. We have started work on our abstract memories in art, where we have thought about 4 memories of Year 1 and drawing and painting them to create an abstract piece of art.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 have been busy creating their own microhabitats for animals to live in. We have begun exploring fractions in maths and finding halves and in English we have been using phrases.
- Year 3** We have had a busy week preparing for our class assembly. We have started writing our adventure fantasy stories this week. We have also worked hard on our art, finishing our mixed media pictures. We cannot wait to show you! In geography we have looked at the similarities and differences between Europe and North America. We have been practising mindfulness and learning how this skill can help us when we feel wobbly.
- Year 4** This week, during science lessons, Year 4 have explored different types of habitats. Working together as a class to match animals with a suitable habitat. Discussing the key factors animals need from their environment in order to survive. The class have worked hard to finish their letters to the government, persuading the Prime Minister to do more for endangered animals. Once completed their letters will be sent to 10 Downing Street as the children are keen for their voice to be heard.
- Year 5** Year 5 have had a great week. we have continued to write our non-chronological report based on Emperor penguins. We have been exploring how we can use puns and technical language in our writing. In maths we have started looking at decimals and how these fit into our place value system. In science we have been exploring heliocentric and geocentric models of the universe.
- Year 6** Year 6 have been super busy this week as they have completed all of their SATs assessments. The class have all completed spelling, grammar, reading and maths assessments and have shown wonderful perseverance, determination and teamwork: so many of our learning powers. They have also shown great compassion towards each other and supported each other through a tricky week. Well done, Year 6 - you have smashed it!

Soaring High

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

- Year F** Finley for showing resilience in trying so hard to improve his writing formation so that other people can read his lovely sentences. We're really proud of your perseverance and determination Finley.
Filbert for showing us his wonderful artistic skills this week with his amazing drawings of his favourite characters. Your Big Bad Wolf illustration was so full of character and detail, it made us all smile.
- Year 1** Jacob for asking fantastic questions when we were on our trip, it was clear that you really listened and enjoyed learning all about life in a castle.
Joshua for sharing all your knowledge from your trip to the Tower of London, your contributions to our history lessons have been really appreciated and have helped us to develop a better understanding of the Tower of London. Well done both of you!
- Year 2** Dolcie for her brilliant attitude in all her lessons this week. You have made your teachers very proud with how determined you have been.
Miley for independently writing a lovely sentence with a phrase in it. She has also been very determined to show how to half different amounts of counters in maths.
- Year 3** Maisy for being a supportive friend.
Jacob for working really hard to stay focused on his tasks. Well done, Jacob!
- Year 4** Emily for your wonderful contributions during science. During lessons you have taken a keen interest and when placed in a group were encouraging of others.
Lexi F for your determination during maths. Your confidence has grown when using a place value chart to divide a 1-digit number by 10.
- Year 5** Lucy for always setting a fantastic example in class. She is a very independent learner always settling down to her work and doing her best. Well done Lucy!
Annabelle worked brilliantly and showed great teamwork during our box fort building challenge! Well done, Annabelle!
- Year 6** All of Year 6 for their outstanding work this week during their SATs. Everyone has been amazing and all of the adults who have helped and supported you have been so impressed by your determination, hard work and perseverance. Even when you found things tricky, you all kept up a great spirit and pulled each other through; working as hard as you possibly could. All the adults in Year 6 are so proud of you all. What super stars you all are!

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).