



Stone

Church of England Combined School

Building stepping stones to success



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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th September 2018

COMING UP

Class R Enterprise week

Tuesday 2nd October

Life Education Bus here

Wednesday 3rd October

Life Education Bus here

No Pens Day

Parents Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm

Thursday 4th October

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 5th October

2.00 - 3.00pm Prospective EYFS Parents tour.

3.30pm Year R Enterprise sale

Children of the Week

EYFS:

James B for being really kind to Mrs Duffin by offering to help her tidy the outdoor area.

Year 1:

Emily C for being very helpful to everyone in class.

Year 2:

Jack S for excellent work in Maths using partitioning to add.

Year 3:

Ava-Mae R for positive contributions to SRE class discussion.

Year 4:

Arnika B for beginning to put her hand up more in maths.

Year 5:

Summer W for having a great attitude to learning this week.

Year 6:

Lara B for settling into her new class and becoming more confident over the week.

Stepping Stone to Success Awards

Compassion: to Bobby E (Class R) for being a kind and caring friend and showing compassion towards others.

Community: to Melissa N (Class 2) for helping adults and children on the playground.

Community: to Toby M (Class 4) for thinking of others before himself.

Perseverance: to Jack C (Class 1) for persevering and showing great resilience with his cutting skills.

Perseverance: to Leah T (Class 3) for perseverance with home learning.

Responsibility: to Helen L (Class 5) for holding the door open for adults and children and being polite all week.

Responsibility: to Zuzanna (Class 6) for showing responsibility for her own learning in all lessons.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks for all your generous donations to the Vineyard Storehouse this year. It was wonderful to see how many items were



donated. The Vineyard Storehouse send their thanks for your generosity.



Life Education Bus

It would be very much appreciated if you could make your voluntary donation of £3.50 towards the cost of the Life Education bus which comes next week. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

Multiplication Check

This year sees the trial of the new Multiplication Check that the Government has introduced for all Year 4 pupils from June 2020. A national sample of schools has already been selected to participate in the trials and we are waiting to hear if our current Year 4 pupils have been selected. From next year, the test will be mandatory; therefore, our current year 3 class will take this assessment. Knowledge of Multiplication facts is important for many aspects of maths so please support your child in learning their tables.

Skills for Life Update

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Skills for Life workshop last night and showed such enthusiasm and support. It was a really positive, interactive evening and we received excellent feedback from our follow-up questionnaires, for example:

I have appreciated: 'the school making such an effort with the workshop.'

'seeing the things that the children have seen.'

I have been challenged by: 'trying to change my own mindset.'

I feel very positive about: 'the way the school care about mindset and the kids' wellbeing.'
'seeing my little one's growth mindset develop.'
'my child learning about mental health.'

I am going to: 'explore the resources given and challenge my own mindset in areas.'

Don't worry if you couldn't make it - we will be uploading all resources onto our website in the 'Parents, Workshops' section.

Please find attached the refined long term plan for our Skills for Life focus. This term's assemblies have a heavy focus on mental health and thinking habits for children in years 1-6, with the intention of encouraging children to challenge negative thinking habits, leading to better well being. The focus for each week will be reinforced in daily teaching and learning and all skills will be consolidated throughout the year. The aim is to feel this approach across the community, so every adult has an important part to play in this and it can help adults too!

Please refer to the unhelpful thinking habits attachment for information about these and how they can be reframed. This handout is for adults' information rather than how we will present information to the children - they will be taught about unhelpful thinking habits using an age appropriate approach, focusing on helping characters that they already know.

This Week's Assembly

We listened to: I'll be There by Jess Glynne

This week's focus is 'Critical Self', or in more child-friendly terminology 'the bully inside'. Children in years 1-6 have been reintroduced to Mojo the alien, who they have met previously during growth mindset sessions (Reception children are focusing on growth mindset in class



at the moment and met Mojo for the first time last week). You can view the Mojo series by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zrtHt3bBmQ>

Please see the attached Powerpoint for assembly content and use this to help reframe children's thinking where needed in day to day life. Questioning is the most powerful tool you can use, rather than telling children what they 'should' think or feel.

Please note that we have made it very clear that 'the bully inside' is just our thoughts (words/pictures etc. that pop into our minds) and not a monster in our head or anything along those lines so that the children are not scared! The children were really engaged in our assembly this week and we all found it helpful when we realised that everyone has thoughts like these sometimes.

Reception will join our Skills for Life assemblies later in the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Open Day at Aylesbury Vale Academy

Thursday 4th October 6.00 – 8.00pm

Thursday 18th October tours at 9.15, 10.15 and 11.15am. Please ring on 01296 428551 to confirm a tour.

SSPTA Events

Inset Days 2018/19

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Wednesday 24th July 2019

Term Date Reminders

Autumn Term 2018: Thursday 6th September to Wednesday 19th December

Half Term: 22nd October to 26th October

Inset Day: Wednesday 5th September 2018

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3rd January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term; 18th February to 22nd February 2019

Summer Term 2019: Wednesday 24th April 2019 to Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Half Term: Friday 24th May to Friday 31st May 2019