



# Stone

Church of England Combined School

**Building stepping stones to success**



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## Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Dear Parents & Carers

I cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone. It only seems five minutes since we came back in September. The children have settled well into their new classes and there have been many exciting events already this year including yesterday's tea party in Year 4. I would like to thank all the teachers for their incredible hard work which is reflected in the feedback that you gave on Parents Consultation Evening. Please find attached the analysis of the questionnaire that was completed by 119 families. We very much appreciate your feedback - the teachers were delighted to see such a positive response which they really appreciated.

I hope you have a lovely half term and I look forward to working with you as we edge towards Christmas.

Happy holidays  
**Mrs Morrison**

### COMING UP

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Return to school

2.00pm Prospective Parents tour

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

1.30pm Forest School starts for Class5

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Netball match v Haddenham

### Children of the Week

EYFS:

Thomas P for trying really hard to join in with phonics.

Year 1:

Oliver N for thinking of lots of brilliant words during phonics.

Year 2:

Max S for writing a wonderful letter in English and staying focused.

Year 3:

Ava G for bravely wearing a boa skin on our trip.

Year 4:

Samanyu S for being an excellent team member when cooking scones.

Year 5:

Layla R for writing a great Greek Myth using relative clauses and fronted adverbials (\*\*\*\*)

Year 6:

Ben Y for becoming more confident in lessons and asking more questions.

### Stepping Stone to Success Awards

Respect: to Jessica P (Class 3) for her respect and enthusiasm on the school trip.



Community: to Jacob P (Class 5) for suggesting great things about how to be a good friend during class discussion.

Perseverance: to Ana P (Class 6) for persevering with her understanding in maths lessons.

Perseverance: to Class 2 for working extremely hard during this half-term.

Responsibility: to Ollie T (Class 4) for taking charge of the washing up after baking scones.

Responsibility: to Phoebe W (Class 1) for taking responsibility for her own belongings and work.

Responsibility: to Amber S (Class R) for showing responsibility by tidying up without being asked.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/what-we-do/parent-carer-resources/supporting-your-childs-mental-health.aspx>

### Class 6 Forest School

This week was Class 6's last week of Forest School. As well as getting to toast marshmallows they also created some beautiful art sculptures based on the ideas from Andy Goldsworthy. Everyone worked really hard creating their masterpieces and they were all really proud of themselves, as were we!

### Skills for Life Update

This week's skills for life focus are the unhelpful thinking habit of **prediction**:

**Prediction** - Believing we know what's going to happen in the future.  
*Am I thinking that I can predict the future? How likely is it that that might really happen?*



In assembly, we listened to: Firework by Katy Perry  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BtI43kqkOI>

Please find attached this week's assembly for your information. We hope that sharing these resources each week is helping your child and you to be more aware of thinking habits and how they can be reframed.

### Recommended Resource

Place2Be is an excellent children's wellbeing charity. Following this link will provide you with information about how you can support your child's mental health:





## Year 6 Science Day

On Monday 15 October, a few children from Class 6 participated in science day. A group of children from Bierton School also came. We were learning about wildlife, their habitats, how they survive and how they've evolved. We were lucky enough to see some animals including, reptiles, amphibians, insects and arachnids.

First we examined cockroaches, they were around 6cm. They had an exoskeleton. Then we saw a millipede. It was around 20cm long and it had 250 legs! It had a very bumpy back. Next we saw beetles. We looked at the different sizes of the beetles and their cocoon. We even looked at their grubs.

Next we looked at arachnids. We first looked at a tarantula, a live one. We even looked at a tarantula skin which was a perfect replica. After the arachnids, we saw a scorpion. It wasn't huge; it was around 8cm long. We found out that scorpions were able to glow under a UV light. Next we looked at amphibians. We looked at a poison dart frog around an inch! We weren't allowed to touch it otherwise we would get poisoned. Then we saw a tree frog. It had legs that extended so it could jump from one tree to another.

After amphibians, we looked at reptiles, our favourite part. The first reptiles were geckos. We saw a gecko with a fat tail, where he stores his food, and a gecko which lives in the forest. The one with the fat tail lives in a sandy habitat while the other one lives in the forest. Next we looked at a real live snake! It was a corn snake around 45cm!

After these, we looked at a leaf and stick insect. They looked exactly like a leaf and a stick. After them we saw a dead leaf praying mantis. Like the stick and leaf, it looked exactly like a dead leaf.

After all the animals we looked at some videos of the wildlife creatures. There were also videos of rainforests.

Written by Thomas P and Sophia S Class 6.

## Class 3 Trip

This week Year 3 visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum as part of our topic work about the Stone Age. We were thrilled to meet a hunter-gatherer from the Mesolithic period, who taught us various skills that would have been useful during the Stone Age. Everybody had a go at making fire using cotton and flint – this was surprisingly hard work! We made paint from ground up charcoal, and covered our shelters with animal skins to keep the rain off. Our guide David even brought a real wild boar skin to show us: we were extremely glad we didn't have to hunt the boar ourselves!

We would like to thank the Chiltern Open Air Museum for hosting such a fantastic workshop, and our staff members and parent volunteer who accompanied us. What a brilliant WOW day!





## Parent Consultation group

A reminder that we are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to meet on an ad hoc basis to listen to our ideas on improvement and to share their views on the topic.

This would not be a forum to discuss other issues or concerns, as parents/carers have the opportunity to do this with class teachers or senior leaders on a daily basis.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm. If you would like to join this group – please email the school office for the attention or Mrs Morrison.

## Alice in Wonderland

On Thursday 18th October, Year 4 had an Alice in Wonderland WOW Day. We began by making cheese and fruit scones for our tea party. We had to measure out the ingredients and follow the recipe to make sure they tasted really good.

After break, we decorated cupcakes for the party, using icing, sprinkles and chocolate hearts. We then secretly chose an object in the room to write a riddle about. We stuck them up around the classroom and walked round solving them.

After lunch we worked on an 'Alice in Numberland' investigation which involved a variety of mathematical techniques.

Finally, it was time for our tea party! We laid out the tables and chairs, handed out the plates and cups and put out decorations. Some of the adults came to join us and we all ate our scones and cakes. It was a very exciting day!



## House Captains and Council members

The following children have been elected as House Captains. Congratulations

St George's House: Bridie L and Jack D

St Patrick's House: Isabelle A and Elijah B

St David's House: Ana P and Oliver F

St Andrew's House: Lachlan W and Jorja B

Ana P and Sophia S are to become the school librarians.

The Well Being Council members will be:

Year 6: Fanen A and Isabelle A

Year 5: Jorja B and Ian T

Year 4: Ollie T and Isabella P

Year 3: Tate W and Ava-Mai G

Year 2: Emily Y and Daniel P

Year 1: Dillon C and Ariya H

The SCECO (School and Eco Council) members will be:

Year 6 - Samuel H and Ella P



Year 5-Helen L and Sebastian W

Year 4-Toby D and Hayley F

Year 3-Billy G and Jess P

Year 2-Melissa N and Toby K

Year 1-Ben S and Phoebe W

The Collective Worship representatives are, Zuzanna M, Lara B, Fanen A, Matthew R, Krystain N and Emma N.

### Dogs on Site

Many we respectfully remind you that Bucks County Council do not allow dogs on any of their school sites. Please ensure that dogs are not brought past either of the school gates eg the gate to the main entrance or the gate to the playground. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Head Lice

We recently had a case of head lice reported in Class 4. Can we please ask that all parents check their child's hair and if they have long hair for this to be tied back.

If you require any further information on head lice and how to treat them please go to the site below:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages>

### SSPTA Events

09/11/18 Quiz Night 7.30pm

23/11/18 Chocolate Mufti

01/12/18 Christmas Fayre

07/12/18 Christmas Disco

19/12/18 Hot Dog Lunch

### Inset Days 2018/19

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Term Date Reminders

Autumn Term 2018: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 26<sup>th</sup> October

Inset Day: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Spring Term 2019: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Half Term; 18<sup>th</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Summer Term 2019: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Half Term: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019