



Stone
Church of England Combined School

Building stepping stones to success



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Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 23rd November 2018

COMING UP

Wednesday 28th November

Cake sale after school in aid of Max Ledgers charity.

Thursday 29th November

Year 2 Enterprise Day

Away football match v Stoke Mandeville

Saturday 1st December

12.30 to 3.30pm SSPTA Christmas Fayre



Children of the Week

EYFS:

Amber S for trying really hard to share her ideas during whole class discussion.

Year 1:

Neariah-Mae A for fantastic singing and actions in our Christmas performance rehearsal.

Year 2:

Shaya H for learning all of her lines for the play and showing confidence.

Year 3:

Jack R for becoming more confident with speaking in class discussion

Year 4:

Nathan H for challenging himself in Maths.

Year 5:

Natasha W for making a real effort across all areas of learning.

Year 6:

Krystain N for recognizing how he can change his behavior at times to be more positive.



Stepping Stones to Success Awards

Community: to Lucy N (Class 2) for helping to keep our classroom and cloakroom environment tidy.

Respect: to Tilly H (Class 1) for showing lovely manners.

Perseverance: to Class 6 for showing brilliant perseverance during the daily mile and everyone aiming to get even better.

Community: to Jace M (Class R) for leading your friends during the performance in the dance competition.

Community : to Ben C (Class 5) for taking part in the dance competition and doing such an amazing job.

Respect: to Hannah S (Class 4) for always listening to other people and following instructions.

Compassion: to Antonyo A (Class 3) for helping an injured classmate).



Hot Chocolate

Lilly Class R; Nerian-Mae Class 1; Toby Class 2; Daisy Class 3; Joy Class 4; Sebastian Class 5 and Ana Class 6 all had hot chocolate with Mrs Morrison to celebrate their acts of kindness this week. Well done children.

Life Skills Skills for Life Update

This week's skills for life focus is the unhelpful thinking habit of 'Compare and Despair'.

Compare and Despair

Seeing only the good and positive aspects in others, and getting upset when comparing ourselves negatively against them.

Am I doing that 'compare and despair thing'? What would be a more balanced and helpful way of looking at it?

Please find attached this week's assembly for your information. Please support your child to reframe their thinking if they start comparing and despairing! We listened to Jess Glyne 'Don't Be So Hard On Yourself':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yW6ReyRW4LM>

Please also find attached a useful Well Being Weekly Check Up poster to support you to review your own personal well being. We hope it helps

Thank you for your continued support with well being for all our community.



Parent Group

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting this morning; we are very grateful for your positive contributions and great ideas.

The following items were discussed:

Residential trips

As a result of our discussions an electronic survey will be sent to you in early January. We would like all parents/carers to complete this. Please look out for this.

ParentMail

It came to light that some people may not be receiving communications and may not be aware that there is a ParentMail app. We will be sending out a flyer in the near future which will provide you with all the necessary information. Should you have any issues with ParentMail please speak to or email the school office office@stone.bucks.sch.uk

Healthy Eating

As you are aware we encourage children to eat healthily and to be aware of what is healthy and what is not. As a result of today's meeting we will be working on our Health Eating Policy which, when complete, you will receive.



Children in Need

We are delighted to report that the final figure raised was £255.72! Thank you all for your support.



Green Data Forms

We have sent out green Data Collection forms plus forms regarding photos and food activities to Classes 1-5. Class 6 will receive theirs shortly. We would be very grateful if these could be returned to the office by next Friday 30th November.



Badminton Festival

Eight children from years 3/4 took part in a Bisi Badminton Festival last Wednesday. They all did brilliantly and their perseverance and sportsmanship made us all very proud. They received their certificates in celebration assembly today.



Netball report

For the past few weeks our netball team has played in 2 matches. We played extremely well in both matches, doing especially well in our match against Turnfurlong. We came very close with a score of 8-7 to them. We are now working on defending and quick passes. We can't wait to play another match.

By Bridie L and Maya F, Class 6



Thank You

We have had a card from Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse thanking us for the donations from our Harvest Festival. They were very much appreciated.



Maths Workshop

Last night a number of parents/carers came to a 'Maths Mastery' workshop, led by Mrs S Hale. Our approach to maths was explained, with the help of parent support videos, which can be found by following this link:

<https://mathsnoproblem.com/en/parent-videos/>

Parents/carers enjoyed having a go at our mental maths flashcards (and realising the challenges of the Primary National Curriculum!) and taking part in a demo lesson, involving hands on experiences with practical equipment, visual resources and the opportunity to select a mild, spicy, hot or inferno task. The inferno task certainly got their brains buzzing! The evening ended with the chance to explore practical resources as well as example mastery and mastery with greater depth questions for each year group.

Feedback from parents includes:

I have appreciated:

'the lesson style practical approach to give a clear idea of how it is used in school', 'your time and enthusiasm', 'the insight into my child's learning.'

I have been challenged by :

'changing my own way of thinking', 'my existing knowledge of maths– I need to really break it down to help my child learn'

I am going to:

'think of creative ways to incorporate maths in play, research and watch more parent videos,' 'do more problem solving and explanations at home', 'help my child by counting, practice adding and subtracting to and from 10 with my reception child'

Thank you to all parents who attended for your enthusiasm. Resources will be available to parents on the website next week.

RAF Talk

We were delighted to welcome Wing Commander Peter York OBE who came to talk to the children this week about his career and experiences in the RAF. It was fascinating to hear all about his uniform, badges and medals and his stories were riveting. His

grandchildren, Ben and Emily, were very proud.



SSPTA Events

23rd November 2018 - Chocolate Mufti/1st December 2018 - Christmas Fayre/6th December 2018 - School Christmas Disco/19th December 2018 - Hot Dog Lunch

Inset Days 2018/19

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