



Stone
Church of England Combined School

Building stepping stones to success



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Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 30th November 2018

COMING UP

Tuesday 4th December

Choir to sing carols at Bartlett’s nursing home.
(Please wear Christmas jumpers)

Thursday 6th December

SSPTA School Disco:

5.00-6.15pm KS1

6.30-8.00pm KS2

Friday 7th December

Author to talk to KS1

3.15pm Year 5 Enterprise Sale



Children of the Week

EYFS:

Lily S for writing a super Christmas list.

Year 1:

Charlie K for writing some brilliant questions to the pirates.

Year 2:

Maggie F for an outstanding story in English

Year 3:

Freya C for increasing independent learning in Maths

Year 4:

Ollie E for having a positive attitude towards his

learning.

Year 5:

Layla R for writing a very emotional letter from a soldier in WWI!

Year 6:

Lachlan W for creating a fantastic information text about WW1.



Stepping Stone to Success Awards

Respect: to Charles B (Class R) for being respectful to adults and children in class by saying please and thank you.

Respect: to Arthur L (Class 2) for showing respect and kindness to his classmates on the playground.

Community: to Sam H (Class 6) for showing admirable community spirit helping to make sure there were enough volunteers for the cake sale.

Responsibility: to Helen Ludlow (Class 5) for taking care of hers and others belongings.

Community : to Daisy-Mai H (Class3) for tidying up so that they have a lovely classroom.

Community: for Rachel P (Class 4) for always being kind and considerate towards others.

Honesty: to George H (Class1) for being an honest member of the class community.

This weeks Skills for Life is Catastrophising, or in child friendly language thinking the worst.

Catastrophising—Imagining and believing that the worst possible thing will happen.

Ok, thinking that the worst possible thing will definitely happen isn't really helpful right now. What's most likely to happen?

Please find this week's assembly attached for your information. We listened to Dream N by Amy Macdonald.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ7BNDtIMpY>

The children are becoming increasingly confident to discuss their unhelpful thinking habits in assemblies and in day to day life at school. The way the assembly hall lights up when the children (and adults!) realise that everyone thinks in unhelpful ways sometimes is wonderful. Sharing experiences and supporting each other is becoming a way of life for us at Stone, which is so encouraging for the well being of our community as a whole.

In line with the idea of looking after each other, please also find attached a handout from the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust about warning signs of depression. The Trust was set up in 1997 in memory of [Charlie Waller](#), a young man who took his own life whilst suffering from depression. Shortly after his death, his family founded the Trust in order to educate young people on the importance of staying mentally well and how to do so. Every month, they give away a set number of books to help educate young people and we received our first copy this month, entitled 'All Birds Have Anxiety.'



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 today. We would be very grateful if these could be returned to the office as soon as possible.



Christmas Parental Involvement

On Monday 17th December from 9.00am - 10.30am we would like to invite one adult per child to come to their child's class to join in the Christmas craft activities. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate younger siblings. We look forward to seeing you.



Festival of Light at Waddesdon

This Christmas the Waddesdon Estate asked us and 20 other schools to create some artwork for one of their festive light walks.

Year 5 collaboratively created a pantomime cow, which looks amazing when lit up, and can now be seen on display at Waddesdon Manor.



See if you can spot it if you visit the manor.

Pantomime Help

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help with the Pantomime visit on Wednesday 12th December. If you have been selected to help, you have been contacted separately. Many thanks again for the support that we have received.



Head Lice

We recently had a case of head lice reported. 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>



Hot Chocolate

Bethany class R, Jacob class 1, Eloise class 2, Jess class 3, Zack class 4, Jorja class 5 and Jack class 6 all had hot chocolate with Mrs Morrison to celebrate their special acts of kindness this week.



Special Assembly

The children were lucky enough to enjoy a special assembly by a Lieutenant from the British Army called Alex. He shared his experience and inspirations with us and spend a long time answering the many questions the children asked. Some lucky volunteers even got to try on his uniform. A big thank you to Alex and to all the children for making this such an interactive and stimulating event.

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St Andrew 's Day

We are pleased to report that Blue house raised £49.22 for their charity " Children in Need".



After School Clubs

All clubs finish next week .The clubs that take place on a Thursday will still take place before the school disco.



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

We had a great number of Christmas Decorations entered for the competition this year and were astounded by the quality and creativity of the entries. Congratulations to every who entered - each child receives 10 house points. All decorations will be displayed on our Christmas tree in the main entrance.

The winners are:

First Place winning a Christmas selection box:

- Year R: Maximillian for his angel
- Year 1: Freddie for his stacked stars
- Year 2: Priyanshi for her decorated twig tree
- Year 3: Imogen for her candy cane Christmas tree
- Year 4: Finley for his school bell (just like in our school logo)
- Year 5: Summer P for her pine cone Rudolph
- Year 6: Isabelle for her decorated bauble

Second Place winning a large tube of smarties:

- Year R: Bethany for her decorated pine cone
- Year 1: James for Rudolf and sleigh
- Year 2: Ava P for her pine cone tree
- Year 3: Maisie E for her lollipop stick Christmas tree
- Year 4: Ollie T for his double sided Santa/Snowman
- Year 5: Natasha for her lollipop stick and button Christmas tree
- Year 6: No entry

Third Place winning a chocolate Rudolph nose:

- Year R: Isaac for his snowman
- Year 1: Ben for his Christmas tree
- Year 2: Arthur for his reindeer with light up noses
- Year 3: Daisy M for her silver twig star
- Year 4: Arnika for her donkey
- Year 5: Lilia for her Christmas bunny made from an old sock
- Year 6: No entry



SSPTA Events

Saturday 1st December 2018 12.00—3.00pm -
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