



**Stone**  
Church of England Combined School

**Building stepping stones to success**



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## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11th January 2019

### COMING UP

#### Monday 14th January

Year 1 Enterprise Week

#### Friday 18th January

KS1 Author visit

3.15pm Year 1 Enterprise sale

#### Thursday 17th January

10.00am Reception to have multi-skills session



### Children of the Week

EYFS:

Zac C for being able to copy straight lines in the sand.

Year 1:

James R for an amazing diary entry about a trip to the moon.

Year 2:

Jonathan M for settling into Class 2 and working hard.

Year 3:

Billy G for managing his 'chimp' during Maths even though it was hard.

Year 4:

Isabella P for being such a kind and caring member of the class.

Year 5:

Harry D for excellent throwing and catching skills together with great enthusiasm

Year 6:

Zuzanna M for contributing more in class discussions.



### Stepping Stone to Success Awards

Perseverance : to Antonyo A for perseverance with learning English.

Perseverance: to James B (Class R) who has tried really hard to follow instructions.

Responsibility: to Sammie S (Class 4) for taking responsibility over her learning by putting her hand up more to contribute in class.

Community: to Rita B (Class 1) for being a very helpful member of the class community.

Perseverance: to Daniel P (Class 2) for persevering with his joined up writing.

Compassion: to Samuel P (Class 5) for showing empathy and caring for his friends.

Compassion: to Sam H for showing compassion to Mrs Hopper by telling her to take medicine and rest so her voice would be better.



### Hot Chocolate

Amber yr R, Tilly yr 1, Isla yr 2, Heidi yr 3, Brooke yr 4, Isabelle H.yr 5 and Zack yr 6 all had hot chocolate with Mrs Morrison to celebrate their special acts of kindness this week. Well done children.

For the next few weeks, we will be focusing on growth mindset, or the resilient tortoise as per our 5 Rs to great learning last week (please see attached).

As a school we are becoming increasingly confident when talking about growth mindset and it is starting to become apparent in day to day interactions, which is fantastic. We now need to ensure we are practising it all the time and it is embedded into everything we do, to ensure it isn't just a 'surface mindset' approach, as described by Carol Dweck (founder of growth mindset), but one that becomes engrained.

For this to happen, we need to ensure our whole community is on board and contributing to it - using mistakes as learning opportunities, knowing that challenge means you're learning, that it's good to find things hard and that all pupils can achieve their potential.

Growth mindset means you're not either born good or not good at something, avoiding labelling children or adults using unhelpful vocabulary, which includes 'naughty', 'annoying', 'well-behaved', 'clever', 'shy', 'loud' etc. and realising that everyone is learning and growing all the time and as long as progress is being made, no matter how small, that's progress. It means focusing on what you can do as wins, and other things you can't yet do with the terminology of 'I can't do it yet.' Practice is the key to growth mindset - realising that with practice and effort, you can get better at things.

Please find below the Mojo clip that was shown in assembly this week:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IOaFwwLyTRo>

We listened to Pack Up by Eliza Doolittle:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=y9b0pRJU3zc>

#### Recommended Resource

This week's recommended resource is a New Year Goals printable from Big Life Journal - please see attached.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

#### Class 2 Well Being Day

On our Wellbeing Days Class 2 learned all about the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' and the '5R's'. The five R's are: responsibility, reflectiveness, resourcefulness, resilience and readiness.

During our day learning about the 5R's we all designed a dream catcher out of natural materials in a way to practise all of the skills that we had talked about in our assembly with Mrs Hale. We had to

work together in teams to choose and prepare our resources and any tools that we needed to help us. We had so much fun and then we all went outside to hang our beautiful creations on the tree in the Peace Garden!



#### Class 2 Forest School

It was our first week at Forest School this week and we were learning all about the compass points: North, South, East and West.

We were using compasses to navigate our way around the forest to different points of interest. We had to calibrate our compasses to North every time we arrived at our next location – it was quite tricky but we persevered and learned how to do it accurately by the end of the session!



#### Absence from school

If your child is ill please let us know as early as possible via e-mail or by leaving a message on the answerphone. We would appreciate it if you could let us know every day the reason for their absence.

## Class 4 Cooking

This week, Year 4 made chocolate chip cookies and decorated biscuits to sell. We made some beautiful posters to advertise our biscuits.



## SSPTA Beetle Drive -Saturday 26th

January

Following the success of last years first ever Beetle Drive we are pleased to be running it again this year. Please find attached the booking form to reserve your place. It's a family friendly event with children of all ages welcome as well as friends and extended family.

Please return your form to the office asap. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kindest Regards

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## Residential Payments

We would like to remind parents in Class 4 and 6 that the January payment for their child's residential trip is now overdue. This can be paid via Parentmail or by cash/cheque.

## Questionnaire regarding future residentials

Thank you very much to the 96 parents who have responded to the online questionnaire. We have found this information very useful and would appreciate it if as many parents as possible could respond. The closing date is the 18th January and the information was sent by Parentmail.



## Cross Country Event

Unfortunately the school has had to withdraw from the Cross Country event that is taking place on Saturday 19th January due to lack of interest. We hope that for any future events more children will be prepared to put their names forward.



## SSPTA Events

- 26/01/19 Beetle Drive
- 15/02/19 Hot Dog Lunch
- 01/03/19 Movie Night
- 22/03/19 FUDGE (Fathers, Uncles etc Day)
- 15/03/19 Disco
- 30/03/19 Chocolate Bingo
- 05/04/19 Hot Dog Lunch
- 05/04/19 Bottle Mufti

## Inset Days 2018/19

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