



Stone
Church of England Combined School

Building stepping stones to success



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11th October 2019

COMING UP

Monday 14th October

9.00-10.30am EYFS Stay and Play for parents

Tuesday 15th October

4.00-7.00pm Re-arranged Parents evening

Wednesday 16th October

10.00am Prospective EYFS parents tour

2.15pm EYFS Phonic workshop for parents

3.30-5.00pm Class R Parents evening



Child of the Week

EYFS:

Oscar K for trying so hard during the song practice this week and remembering the actions.

Year 1:

Vihan P for his thoughtful contribution during the music lesson.

Year 2:

Emeka A for putting his hand up during class discussion.

Year 3:

Abigail H for a really positive attitude to learning this week.

Year 4:

Kara S for having such a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

Year 5:

Mitchell B who has had a fantastic attitude to learning this week.

Year 6:

Lilia F for having a kind and forgiving nature that makes everyone feel valued.



Stepping Stone to Success Award

Perseverance: to Aiden T (Class 1) for persevering with throwing and catching in PE.

Respect: to Amelia C (Class R) for being very polite in class by remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'.

Community : to Toby M (Class 5) for being a team player and going the extra mile for the whole class.

Perseverance : to Freya C (Class 4) for incredible perseverance in maths this week.

Community: to Simina A (Class 6) for helping others to understand their maths.

Perseverance: to Ollie N (Class 2) for persevering with his handwriting.

Perseverance: to Ava E (Class 3) for persevering with learning in all subjects this week.



Brexit: A Christian Response

As we move into uncertain times around Brexit, the Bishop of Oxford has written to me with some ideas to support our community, some of which I would like to share with you.

What can we do?

National and local government have done a great deal to plan for a smooth and orderly Brexit (with or without a deal). However, there is an important role at this time for practical expressions of love and hope by communities and individuals.

1. Give extra support to the food banks in your area. There may be temporary shortages of some foods. Prices may rise. Foodbank usage may also rise.

2. Watch out for the lonely, the anxious and the vulnerable. Levels of fear are rising and may rise further. Knock on your neighbours doors and check if they are OK. Speak to people on the bus and at work, and build networks and friendships.

3. Reach out to EU nationals in your neighbourhood and workplace. This is a moment for friendship and hospitality and love for the stranger. As we leave the European Union, or as the uncertainty continues, people are likely to feel less welcome.

4. Pray for the healing of our political life, for wisdom for those who lead us, for reconciliation between communities and for stability in our government.

Together we are called to be a contemplative, compassionate and courageous church, to love our neighbours as ourselves in the months ahead and to pray and work for the wellbeing of our communities.



National Adoption Competition

National Adoption Week is coming up on the w/c 14th October. To celebrate the Bucks County Council Fostering Team have created a competition for Buckinghamshire's school children to colour in and name their adoption bear mascot. Please find attached the bear template and instructions on how to enter.



If your child would like to enter all entries must please be received by Friday 18th October.

Green Data Collection Forms

We still have a few parents/carers who have not yet returned their Green Data Forms. These are very important as they confirm your up to date contact details in case we need to get hold of you. We would be grateful if these could be returned by Monday. If you have mislaid your form please contact the office for a copy.



Hot Chocolate

Life Skills Sophia –Yr 1, Jack-Yr 2, Melissa-Yr 3, Charlotte-Yr 4, Hayley –Yr 5 and Ian – Yr 6 all had hot chocolate with Mrs Morrison to celebrate their special acts of kindness this week

Skills for Life

Thursday 10th October was World Mental Health Day. We spoke about mental health in our assembly and focused on listening to 'The friend inside our head'. Please see the resources attached.

We listened to Shine by Emili Sande

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

Mental Health Campaign

A new mental health campaign has been launched to help people who are living with mental health problems.

Public Health England, in partnership with the NHS, have launched #EveryMindMatters to help people take simple steps to look after their mental health, improve their mental wellbeing and support others.

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have supported this campaign by helping to voice this special film, made to raise awareness of the campaign.

As part of the campaign the "One You" website and a series of apps have been launched as a platform to help people create a personalised action plan and a set of self care actions to deal with stress, improve sleep and feel in control.

Find out more about #EveryMindMatters

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou>



PTA Profile: Kelly Duffin

I have helped the PTA since my eldest son joined Stone School six years ago. I enjoy being involved in the planning and running of PTA events . Help is always so gratefully received no matter how big or small.

I decided to become a member of the PTA after I joined the school as a Teaching Assistant in 2017, when I became even more aware of the importance of the PTA. The money raised is vital to improve, update and gain new school resources ; and not only that , the events themselves are so much fun for everyone. My favourite moment so far is seeing all



the Teachers braving the stocks at this years Summer Fayre!

Car Parking

We have received a number of complaints from the Co-op and our Local Petrol Station regarding

parking at the Co-op when dropping off or picking up your child and dangerous parking at the Petrol Station.

Please be considerate when parking in the local neighbourhood and always follow the highway code.

Just to inform you that due to some parking issues we have been advised by the police that parents and local businesses should photograph and e-mail them a picture of any car that is parked inappropriately or causing an obstruction.

The e-mail address is:

waddesdonnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



SSPTA Events

Friday, 25th October - Bottle Mufti & Hot Dog Lunch

Inset Days 2019/20

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Friday 10th July 2020

Dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019: Wednesday 4th September to Thursday 19th December 2019

Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

Spring Term 2020: Tuesday 7th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020: Monday April 20th to Tuesday 21st July 2020

Half Term: Friday 22nd May to Friday 29th May 2020