



Stone
Church of England Combined School

Building stepping stones to success



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15th November 2019

COMING UP

Monday 18th November

Road Safety Week

Last day for Christmas card competition entries

Thursday 21st November

Home netball match v Buckingham Park

Friday 22nd November

Chocolate Mufti Day

Home football match v Haddenham

Child of the Week



EYFS:

Olly H for thinking of some super ways that we can be good friends.

Year 1:

Zac C for fantastic singing during rehearsals for the Christmas play.

Year 2:

Alfie H for his lovely dragon riddle.

Year 3:

Isla S for improving her handwriting and presentation

Year 4:

Jessica P for supporting her classmates in their learning.

Year 5:

Rachel P for a really positive attitude to assessments this week.

Year 6:

Jorja B for a brilliant presentation about inventions for homework.



Stepping Stone to Success Award

Perseverance: to Brooke W (Class 5) for really persevering with spellings this week.

Perseverance: to Isaac J (Class 1) for practicing his dance and doing something which challenged him.

Community: to Lucy N (Class 3) for being really helpful in class.

Responsibility: to Elena G (Class 2) for responsibility in the classroom and her role as book monitor.

Community: to Toby P (Class 4) for making sure everybody at school feels supported (even the adults!)

Responsibility: to Ian T (Class 6) for taking responsibility for his learning this week and focusing well on his work.

Responsibility: to Zac C (Class R) for taking responsibility by keeping our classroom tidy.



Netball Club

There will be no netball club on Thursday 21st November as a home match is taking place.



Stone School Christmas Card Competition

Our Christmas Card competition is now open. The winning design will be made into the official Christmas card for Stone School which will be sent to people who have helped and supported us this year.

The children can draw, colour or paint in any way they wish and only need to design the front of the card.

On the back please ensure your child includes their full name and class.

On the card we would like to include the winner's name or initials. Please identify by writing on the back of the entry how you would like your child to be named if theirs is the winning design. The options, for example, are:

This card was designed by:

John Smith -a pupil at Stone School

J Smith -a pupil at Stone School

JS -a pupil at Stone School

Please sign and date it.

The closing date is Monday 18th November at 9am.



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

We are holding our annual Christmas Tree Decoration competition again this year. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to show their creative skills. The decoration can be on any theme (reindeer, Santa, stars, stockings, candy canes, presents, baby Jesus etc...).

It would be lovely to see a range of materials and techniques used by the children. Some possible materials that your child might like to use are card, felt, material, salt dough or air drying clay. Your child might like to explore the following techniques: collage, sewing, painting and printing. And don't forget the glitter!

Don't forget that the decoration will need to be able to be hung on a tree.

Please bring Christmas decorations into school on the morning of Monday 25th November at the latest ensuring that the decoration is clearly labelled with your child's full name, class and house.

Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 7th December the SSPTA are running the annual Christmas Fayre from 12-3pm.



Main Gates Opening

Thank you to all parents for supporting us in our trial opening of the school gates at 8.35pm; this seems to have worked well and will continue until further notice. Please may we remind you that the doors to the school do not open until 8.40am and children must be supervised until this time. Thank you for your continued support.



Quiz Night

Many thanks to all who attended the quiz night last Friday evening. It was a fun evening and we raised some much needed funds for the school.

Special thanks to our quiz master Richard York – the  live music round was a particular hit.



Congratulations to the worthy winners Quizzers of 'Askerban'.

It was lovely to see some new faces and we have received some great feedback, with everyone asking when the next one will be.



Hot Chocolate

Ayden—Yr R, Maisie—Yr 1, Freddie—Yr 2, Max—Yr 3, Toby—Yr 4, Joy—Yr 5 and Jorja—Yr 6 all had hot chocolate with Mrs Hale to celebrate their special acts of kindness this week

Life Skills Skills for Life

Anti-Bullying Week/Skills for Life

This week is anti-bullying week, during which we have focused on the theme of 'Change starts with us.'

During collective worship on Monday, we thought about how we could be kind to others. We watched the video made by the Anti-bullying Alliance:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/school-tools/primary-school-pack>

We used their Primary assembly Powerpoint to discuss alternative actions in different scenarios. In class, children thought of ideas to promote kindness even further in our school and wellbeing council reps from each class will be feeding back ideas to Mrs S Hale next week.

We celebrated 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday by wearing our odd socks to promote the wonders of being unique.

Mental Health Heroes have been working with Mrs Hale to plan 'Kindness Angels' for next week. Each child will be given the name of someone in their class, who they will be the Kindness Angel for. All week, they will be particularly kind to that child (as well as other people too!) and at the end of the week, each child will guess who their angel was. Staff will also be taking part.

In our Skills for Life collective worship yesterday, we watched the new John Lewis advert:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9D-uvKih_k

We spoke about how Edgar the dragon might feel and what he might be thinking, focusing on the unhelpful thinking habit of mind reading - assuming he knew what someone else was thinking. It turned out that he was wrong and people really did care about him. He used his unique gifts to add magic to other people's day and his friend helped him to feel good about himself. We discussed why it's so important to challenge unhelpful thinking, to include everyone and believe in ourselves, as well as each other.

We listened to The Script - Underdog

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlkJMi_Q6bl

Recommended Resource

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has fantastic resources to support parents and children:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information>



Thank You

Thank you to all the families who donated Christmas boxes. These have now been delivered to the collection point and are very much appreciated.



Newsletter

Copies of our newsletter can now be viewed via the school website.



Bags2school

Thank you to each and every one of you that donated your unwanted clothes and shoes as part of our Bags2School fundraiser. We had a great response and we are delighted to have raised £152 for our school. Based on the positive feedback received, we hope to run this again in the future.

Thank you from SSPTFA.



Staff Update

We would like to welcome Mrs Kanyawasam who has recently joined our wonderful team of Midday Supervisors.



SSPTA Events

Friday 22nd November—Chocolate Mufti

Thursday 5th December—Christmas Disco

Thursday 19th December -Hot Dog lunch



Lip Balm

We have had an influx of lip balm being brought into school. Children are trying to share this, which is unhygienic, can transmit infections and may cause children to react if they have particular allergies. Please can we ask that your child only has lip balm in school if it is absolutely necessary.

Any lip balm will need to be handed into the school office, with a supporting letter as to why the child needs lip balm during the school day. This will then be passed to the class teacher. Following this process will also avoid unnecessary disruption to teaching and learning when a number of children are asking the class teacher to regularly use lip balm.

We would advise that your child's lip balm is applied before school and when they finish at 3.15pm unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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



Children in Need

We are delighted to report that you have raised £216.73 for Children in Need. Many thanks for your donations.