



**Stone**  
Church of England Combined School

**Building stepping stones to success**



## Weekly Newsletter – Thursday, 19th December 2019

### COMING UP

**Tuesday 7th January 2020**

Return to school

Year 4 Enterprise week

**Wednesday 8th January**

Forest School starts for Year 2

**Friday 10th January**

Year 4 Enterprise sale



### Child of the Week

EYFS:

Lewis for his fantastic attitude to learning. He has made great progress with his phonics.

Year 1:

Charles B for beautiful handwriting in his Christmas card.

Year 2:

Princess E for lovely vocabulary in her Christmas story.

Year 3:

Arthur L for making a real effort with his English work.

Year 4:

Eoin C for being an absolute star all term.

Year 5:

Oliver R for being a great team player when doing an RE project.

Year 6:

Charlie S for being a considerate and helpful member of the class.



### Stepping Stone to Success Award

Perseverance: to Aizah A (Class R) for a fantastic letter to Tinker the elf.

Community : All of year 2 for great singing in church.

Community: Ben Bai (Class 6) for being a thoughtful member of the community as a mental health hero.

Community: to Ava W (Class 3) for being a wonderful member of the class and school community.

Responsibility: to Cate P (Class 1) for being really helpful in her class community.

Community : to Maisie E (Class 4) for always brightening up our day with her positive, selfless attitude.

Respect: Zak F (Class 5) for being an incredibly respectful and polite member of the class.



### Planting Trees

Today we learnt all about Johannes, a professional dancer on BBC Strictly Come Dancing:

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

We learnt how Johannes overcame challenges to live his dream of becoming a dancer. Upon reflection, we learnt that with practice, effort and belief you can achieve your dreams and that it's a positive thing to be different.

We also spoke about Christmas being a challenging time for some people - not everyone will be getting lots of presents; some people find the lack of structure of the holiday season challenging; some people do not have homes or are missing loved ones and it's important to show kindness and gratitude, particularly at this time of year.

We listened to Show Yourself from Frozen 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zUh9DxOzgQ>

Recommended resource:

Tips on looking after your mental health at Christmas:

<https://www.headstogether.org.uk/tips-on-looking-after-your-mental-health-this-christmas/>



### Christmas Message

As we come to the end of the first term of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community for all your support. I would particularly like to thank our dedicated staff for making learning so much fun for the children, the SSPTA for their hard work and commitment in raising extra funds for the school and all the volunteers who support us, enhancing the children's experiences in school.

I would like to wish each of you and all your families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May the great joy of Christmas be with you all over the festive period. Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you all in the new year.

Happy Christmas

Mrs Morrison

In order to look after our planet, SCHECO and Class 5, who have been learning about the role of trees in helping our environment, enjoyed planting 21 additional trees around our grounds on Monday. Dorothy, from the Ernest Cook Trust, kindly arranged for the trees to be donated to our school and supported the children to plant them, along with Miss Morris, one of our fantastic TAs. The team did a fantastic job and learnt a lot along the way. A huge thank you to Dorothy for arranging for this to happen and teaching the children how we can help to look after our planet.



We would like to thank Mrs Cheeseman and a team of Bucks County volunteers who, on Monday, spent the day painting the Year 6 classroom. They did a fantastic job and we are so grateful. The children are so excited with the new colour scheme; it has made their learning environment so much nicer.



### Flood Update and Future Projects

Following the flood, the insurance company have finally given the go ahead for us to replace the carpets in class R, 1, 3 and 6. It would be lovely to have the remaining classrooms freshened up with new paint before the new carpets go down. However, as you are probably aware, we do not have the finances to carry out such projects ourselves. We have budgeted to cover the cost of the paint but are unable to afford the manpower.

As Mrs Cheeseman and her team did such a wonderful job, we are wondering if there are any other volunteers who would be able to help do some painting. This could be as part of a team of parent volunteers or perhaps the company you work for is looking for the opportunity to do some community work. If you are able to help us in any way, please contact Mrs Loxley in the school office as soon as possible.



## Netball Reports

*In the past few weeks of the netball matches we have sadly lost to Buckingham Park 9-4. Toby led the way as captain at the end of the game and Helen got awarded with star of the match. We all had drinks and biscuits at the end of the match.*

Written by Lauren M and Rhys C, Class 5

*On our last netball match we won 10-3 after playing against Aylesbury Vale Academy Primary School. Helen L scored 2 goals, Lauren M scored 4 goals and Ollie T scored 4. Everyone played as a team and that is what made us win.*

*Aylesbury Vale Primary may have not won but it is the taking part that counts. After the match everyone got a biscuit of their choice.*

Written by Helen L, Class 6



## Inset Days 2019/20

Monday 6th January 2020, Friday 22nd May 2020,  
Friday 10th July 2020



## Elves!

For the past week, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been receiving letters from a cheeky elf called Tinker! Tinker encouraged the children to write to him in exchange for clues as to where he was hiding. On Monday, we received CCTV footage of Tinker in our neighbours' house, which included Tinker climbing on the Christmas tree and doing snow angels in the shower!

Yesterday, a message was left using silly string and today two letters were received. In a strange turn of events, Tinker was called back to the North Pole to do toy-packing duties because he had been too mischievous and had knocked over next door's Christmas tree! In his place, an elf called Cobbler was sent. After cracking a poem and spotting the snow on the playground, the children successfully found Cobbler in one of our new chests for play equipment. Each child received a sticker/bookmark and a sweet treat for their fantastic writing and detective skills!

## 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