



# Stone Church of England Combined School

## Newsletter – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are finally at the end of the first term of the academic year which has certainly not been without its challenges. I am very proud of what we have achieved in that time by working together to welcome the children back to full time education, settling the children back into their new classes, identifying and starting to address gaps in learning, supporting children and families who have found the challenges they have been faced with difficult as well as ensuring a COVID safe environment in which to learn and work. However, I am most proud when I see the smiling faces of the children as they come into school and in some cases 'skip' into school each day – it makes all our hard work so worthwhile.

As you are aware, Public Health England and the DfE have asked schools to continue to track and trace close contacts of members of the school community **if children develop symptoms up to 48 hours after last being in school.**

Therefore, if your child develops symptoms on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December (up to 3:30pm), please ensure your child is tested and let me know if you receive a positive result by emailing [testresults@stone.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:testresults@stone.bucks.sch.uk). When sending the email message, please provide:

- Your child's name
- Your child's class
- When your child's symptoms started
- What your child's symptoms were
- When you received the positive test result
- School related contacts and when your child last had contact with them (other than the class bubble) i.e. Breakfast/after school club, music lessons, shared drop off/collection/childminder)

(It may be necessary for me to contact you to clarify some of the information).

If I am informed of a positive case who developed symptoms up to 48 hours since being in school, I will contact everyone in the bubble and all additional close contacts who will be advised to self-isolate for 10 days.

**If your child develops symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school** and tests positive, the school should not be contacted – NHS Test and Trace should be followed as other members of the school community will not need to isolate.

School will stop Track and Tracing on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace after this date.

I pray that all members of the school community stay safe and well over the Christmas period and I sincerely hope that I do not have to deliver the news that anyone is advised to isolate during this time. I hope you have all had a chance to view our amazing KS1 Nativity, 'A Miracle in Town', which is available on our website. Here is the link: <https://www.stone.bucks.sch.uk/news-events/school-events>. Congratulations once again to everyone involved – the children are amazing.

We have had a very exciting week in school – with Christmas lunch, provided by Innovate, on Tuesday and our Christmas party day on Thursday. Father Christmas even managed to make an appearance to deliver a Christmas gift to each class yesterday. It was lovely for him to see the children in their Christmas jumpers!

Just a reminder that home learning for tomorrow will be available on Google Classroom and on Tapestry for Reception Class.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued and unending support in this very challenging year. May I wish each of you a Christmas blessing and lots of joy and happiness in the coming year.

Stay safe and Happy Christmas.  
Mrs Morrison



## **COMING UP**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Return to school



## **Child of the Week**

EYFS:

All of class R for their wonderful work in the nativity.

Year 1:

Abdul O for making such an effort in school.

Year 2:

William S for a great Christmas poem.

Year 3:

Ariya H for a great Christmas riddle.

Year 4:

Daniel P for always listening and being respectful.

Year 5:

Ava-Mae R for having such a jolly Christmas spirit.



## **Stepping Stones to Success**

Perseverance: to Ethan W (Class 4) for really persevering and producing a lovely piece of writing about the Water Cycle.

Perseverance: to Hayden H (Class R) for perseverance during the filming of the nativity.

Respect: Oliver A (Class 1) for showing respect to adults and classmates.

Community: to Vihan P (Class 2) for being a great friend.

Community: Toby P (Class 5) for sharing the Christmas spirit by helping others.

Respect: to Dillon C (Class 3) for always having good manners.



## **Healthy Eating Lunch Idea**

### **Chocolate drizzled popcorn**

Ingredients

12g unsweetened popcorn

15g dark chocolate, melted

## Method STEP 1

Put the popcorn on a baking tray and drizzle over the melted chocolate. Put in the fridge to set for 5-10 mins or overnight.



### Acts of Kindness

We would like to nominate the following children for their acts of kindness this week.

Jaxon S – class R, Reuben B - class 1, Ryan N – class 2, Jacob C – class 3, Edward S – class 4 and Phoebe B – class 5.



### Skills for Life

This week's skills for life focus is 'black and white thinking':

*Black and white thinking - believing that something or someone can be only good or bad, right or wrong, rather than anything in between or 'shades of grey'. Things aren't either totally white or totally black – there are shades of grey. Where is this on the spectrum?*

Please see the power point attached for your information.

### Recommended Resource

Happiful magazine is full of wellbeing information and tips. You can read January's issue here:

[https://read.happiful.com/9242010f-cffb-4fd3-a0b5-5aafb8b25155/read?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=week\\_20\\_51](https://read.happiful.com/9242010f-cffb-4fd3-a0b5-5aafb8b25155/read?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=week_20_51)



### Road Safety Poster Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the road safety poster competition. We were very impressed by all of your designs and had lots of entries.

The junior road safety officers judged the competition as their first job in their new role. They were so impressed that they decided to choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd rather than just one! These 3 posters will be displayed outside our school to encourage people to drive safely in stone. All children who entered are awarded 10 house points.

Congratulations to the following children:

1st: Phoebe W - class 3

2nd: Jacob T- class 3

3rd: Trent D - class 2

### **CLASS 1**

Class 1 did a special science investigation - they had to find out which material would be best to make a sack for all the toys that Father Christmas has to carry on Christmas Eve. Year 1 also made some beautiful Christmas cards. It was good to get the glitter out!



### CLASS 3

Year 3 had a great time this week at their Christmas lunch.



## CLASS 5

To celebrate the end of our topic on the Mayans year 5 concluded last week with a Mayan WOW day where they explored Mayan maths and Mayan writing, as well as making these formidable Mayan masks. Inspired by Mayan gods, and the animals of Central America, year 5 have come up with some extraordinary creations. Well done year 5.



## VISIT FROM SANTA

Santa visited us yesterday and gave a present to each class. Even class 6 were left one who weren't with us yesterday.





## Church Stars

We are proud to have supported the Saint John the Baptist church in stone in preparation for their Christmas services. The children have made beautiful stars which will be hung in the church on Christmas Eve.



## EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD

### PUPIL PREMIUM

Your child may be entitled to pupil premium funding to support your child's learning and development in school if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (not contribution-based)
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Universal Credit (annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

Please email [office@stone.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stone.bucks.sch.uk) confidentially if you are receiving any of the above benefits and ask Mrs Loxley to check if you qualify. As well as the school receiving money to support your child's learning, your child can benefit from Free School Meals.



### Behaviour and Bullying

We aim to establish and sustain high expectations of behaviour for all pupils, built upon relationships, rules and routines.

**We never tolerate bullying.** Therefore, if you have any concerns that your child is being bullied, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance who will carry out a bullying investigation. If, following the outcome of this, your child is still reporting concerns, please contact Mrs S Hale who manages behaviour and discipline.



### Reporting COVID-19 Test Results

You should immediately let the school know the results of COVID-19 test results. To report the result of a COVID-19 test, please email [testresults@stone.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:testresults@stone.bucks.sch.uk). This email address is for reporting the results of COVID-19 tests only. Please use our usual forms of communication for everything else including reporting that your child is unwell.



### In Case of Whole School Emergency Closure

If we decide to close the whole school in an emergency (e.g snow, COVID-19), a notification will be placed on the BCC (Buckinghamshire Council) School Closures webpage. If the closure happens whilst children are at school, we will text parents/carers and publish on the BCC (Buckinghamshire Council) School Closures webpage. In these instances, please do not phone school to check unless you have alternative collection arrangements of which you need to advise us.

Link to school closures webpage: <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>

### In Case of Partial School Emergency Closure

If we decide to close a class/bubble the parents/carers will be contacted by text message. If the children are in school, please come to collect your children immediately – do not phone the school to check. If your child is not in school – please do not bring them in until further notice.

Please ensure you keep the school updated with any contact detail changes especially mobile phone numbers.



## **Dates for 2020/21**

### **Spring Term 2021:**

Tuesday 5th January to Thursday 1st April

### **Half Term:**

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

### **Summer Term 2021:**

Monday 19th April to Wednesday 21st July

### **Half Term:**

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

### **Inset Days 2020/21**

Monday 4th January 2021

Friday 28th May

Friday 9th July 2021