



Stone Church of England Combined School

Newsletter – Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

It is now 4 weeks since the full reopening of school on 8th March. I would like to thank you, the staff and pupils for all your efforts in following government guidance and the rules to keep Stone Community safe. I am pleased to announce that we have had no positive cases since our full return on 8th March and that, during this time, no bubbles at Stone School have had to be closed.

As the country is beginning to open up as rules are relaxed, I have a feeling of hope for the future. The sunshine that we have had this week has enabled me to sit with my husband, son and daughter in my garden – and although we were still socially distanced it gave us great joy. Who would ever have thought that such small things would mean so much.

I am sure that you will also be making plans to see friends and family which will be amazing for the children. Please still continue to take care and to encourage your child to continue to maintain social distancing and to follow the rules. This will help us to continue to keep the school open to all.

In a meeting on Wednesday morning, our Buckinghamshire representative from Public Health England informed Headteachers that the COVID figures in Buckinghamshire are now 38 per 100,000. This is in comparison to 700 per 100,000 at the peak in January. This is very positive. As you can imagine, I am eagerly awaiting government guidance which I hope will start to relax some of the COVID related guidance for schools. As yet, this has not been received but I will keep you informed if and when we are making any changes to our risk assessment.

Looking forward, I pray that we will have more certainty and hope for the future as the season of spring takes root and flowers and that we will have some beautiful weather in which to see friends and family during the Easter break.

I would like to leave you with this verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: **The old has gone, the new is here!**"

Take care and have a very happy Easter

Mrs Morrison



COMING UP

School restarts – Monday 19th April



Child of the Week

EYFS:

Thea H for helping others during carpet time and with remembering the school prayers.

Year 1:

Dexter H for a great picture of spring in science

Year 2:

Thomas P for writing a wonderful story about a lost animal from Antarctica.

Year 3:

Jacob C for putting in so much effort during our fractions lessons.

Year 4:

Zachary L for concentrating on his handwriting and making huge improvements.

Year 5:

Mia B for being helpful to all adults this week.

Year 6:

Ollie E for working really hard in maths lessons to find the area of triangles.



Stepping Stones to Success

Perseverance: to Annabelle W (Class 2) for persevering when finding fractions of numbers.

Perseverance: to Lilly V (Class 4) for really persevering with her times tables.

Responsibility: Luke S (Class 5) for his responsibility at taking on board and applying feedback.

Perseverance: to Aydin I (Class 1) for keeping on trying with his writing and listening skills in phonics lessons.

Responsibility: to Elena G (Class 3) for taking responsibility for our classroom belongings and tidying away efficiently.

Perseverance: to Ostyn G (Class R) for persevering with his reading and blending the sounds

Perseverance: to Fatima A (Class 6) for persevering in our PE lessons to understand the rules of new games.

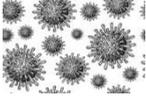


Covid Questions

Dear Parents/Carers

One of our parents, Mrs Bahra, is an infectious diseases specialist doctor in Oxford. She has treated many patients with COVID-19 over the last year and is regularly responding to questions regarding the vaccine in her daily practice and knows first-hand some of the clinicians involved in vaccine development. Mrs Bahra has kindly offered to answer any questions that you have concerning the vaccine.

If you do have any questions, please email them to office@stone.bucks.sch.uk by Monday 19th April. Your questions will be collated and sent to Mrs Bahra. Her responses will be shared with the whole community (unless they are just specific to you). Thank you.



Contact Tracing over the Easter Holidays

We have been asked to support the NHS Test and Trace process during the first few days of the Easter holidays.

If your child develops symptoms **within two days** of having been at school, i.e. if symptoms develop on Thursday evening 1st April, Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April, then you must book a PCR test immediately. If the test is positive, you must immediately report the result to us by emailing testresults@stone.bucks.sch.uk.

This is the email that will be monitored so please do not email any other school email addresses with test results. We will then contact parents/carers of the affected bubble and any other close contacts to inform them their child must self-isolate for 10 days. This will be done by Parent Mail.

If your child develops symptoms **after two days** of having been in school, you will still need to book a PCR test. In these cases, please follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

We will be available for contact tracing purposes up to and including Wednesday 7 April but only for children who developed symptoms within 2 days of last being in school and have tested positive.

May I remind you that a Lateral Flow Test (home test kit) cannot be used to test someone who has symptoms of coronavirus. These tests are only for people who do not have any symptoms.

If you need to report a positive test result please email your child's test result to testresults@stone.bucks.sch.uk and include the following details:

Child's name:

Child's class:

Date they were last in school:

Date they first developed one (or more) coronavirus symptom:

Which symptom/s:

Any close contacts from school they have had (e.g. contacts due to car sharing, childminder, breakfast/after school club):

If they have had a music lesson (please include instrument or teacher and date they last had the lesson).



Healthy Eating Lunch Idea

Cinnamon custard plums

Ingredients

1 tbsp honey
1 tbsp butter
2 quartered plums
Vanilla extract
Cinnamon
Custard

Method

Put 1 tbsp honey, 1 tsp butter, 2 quartered plums, few drops vanilla extract, pinch ground cinnamon and 2 tsp water in a dish. Cover with cling film, pierce, microwave for 3 mins on High. Once cooled, put fruit in a container and spoon 2-3 tbsp custard on top. Seal and refrigerate



**Life
Skills**

Skills for Life

This week, we introduced tapping to the children. Tapping has been recommended as a positive tool to help people manage anxiety and trauma, and is suggested by leading children's psychologists as a way of supporting children during, and after, the challenges of Covid-19.

The children watched the following video:

Tapping <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0NUNNhosPU>

We discussed how they felt before and after, whether they felt that it helped them and when they might use this in their daily lives - in school and at home.

We listened to Try Everything by Shakira and discussed how it made them feel and what they might take from the lyrics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6rP-YP4c5I>

Recommended Resource

Please find attached 5 tips to living a fully charged life, by the Big Life Journal.

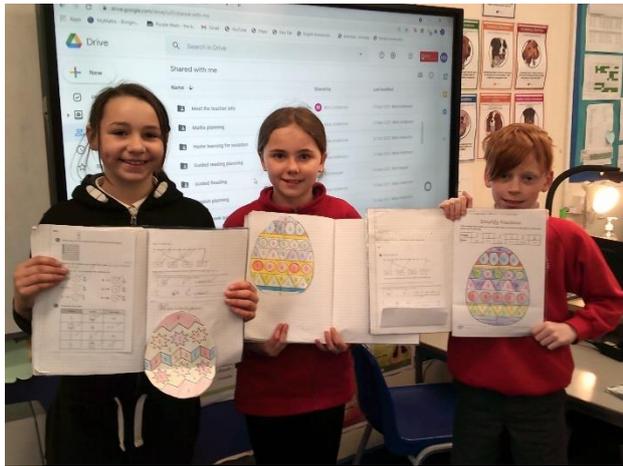
Year 3

Year 3 have been making Easter rag wreaths and learning about the different parts of the Easter story.



Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 have had a Maths Easter egg hunt and the second photo shows Easter craft work that Year 6 have been doing.



Class R

Class R really enjoyed wearing their bunny ears!



House Points

Blue House - St Andrews	93 points
Green House - St Patrick	88 points
Red House - St George	64 points
Yellow House - St David	58 points

Congratulations to Blue House and a well done to everyone.



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 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.



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

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



Dates for 2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September to Friday 17th December 2021

Half term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Inset Day: Wednesday 1st September 2021