



Stone Church of England Combined School

Newsletter – Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

This week, I have finally received the long-awaited updated guidance from the Government regarding school restrictions during the pandemic. It was very disappointing to see that very few changes have been made to the guidance. The guidance still asks schools to keep all procedures in place except the wearing of face masks by children in schools which does not affect primary schools anyway. This is very frustrating as the school 'Roadmap' to normality is very different to the National Roadmap of changes.

The guidance is very clear that the Government wants schools to maintain the smallest bubbles possible so that if there is a case in schools the minimum number of children will need to be sent home and receive remote education. All other guidance remains in place too which makes it very difficult to plan for change. Yesterday, I, along with a few other headteachers, met with a Buckinghamshire County representative and a representative from Public Health England to discuss the ramifications of the latest updated guidance. The county representative assured us that he had spoken to government representatives to confirm that this is the 'long awaited' updated guidance and that no further guidance will be forthcoming in the near future.

With this mind, the decision has been taken to keep all aspects of our risk assessment in place until at least September. This removes all the uncertainty for everyone and gives us a clear way forward for the rest of this term. You will remember that I sent you an updated calendar last term with some proposed dates for some of our end of term events. We would still like to plan for these events but they will not take their usual form.

Sports Day

We will not be able to have a whole school sports day. However, we do not want the children to miss out on this experience. We will therefore have a sports event for one class at a time over the course of the week beginning 28th June. If restriction and weather allow, we would like to invite parents of the children to come along to watch if they wish. However, we will not be able to confirm if this is possible until nearer the time.

I will let you know which classes will be on which days and which times next week. Please remember that the restrictions may not allow us to invite you. However, I want you to have the dates in case you want to book time off work in the hope that you will be allowed to come. Also keep in mind that the event may have to be cancelled/rescheduled at the last minute due to bad weather.

As there are so many siblings throughout the school, it will not be possible to ensure that all your children will have their sports event on the same day – I apologise for this inconvenience in advance.

Transition Day

Transition Day will go ahead on Tuesday 6th July. This is where the children will meet their new teacher. This year the children will remain in their own classroom and the teacher will come to them. Our Year 6 children will also go to visit their new schools too, which is great.

New EYFS Pupils Transition

The New EYFS Parents evening will not be able to go ahead as usual so the information will be sent to the parents like last year. We will contact each parent individually to discuss their child in detail. We will also contact each child's nursery or pre-school to speak to each child's key worker to ensure we have a full picture of the child before they start with us in September. As part of the children's transition into Stone School, we will be inviting all the children to an induction session at school in July.

Leavers Events

Year 6 will do a **leavers production**. Depending on restrictions and the weather, it may be possible for us to invite the year 6 parents only to watch a live outdoor performance of this. If this is not possible we will record the production and share this with parents.

We are still hoping to be able to provide a **leavers day out** on 16th July – depending on restrictions at the time.

On the last day of term, Wednesday 21st July, there will be a **leavers awards ceremony** and **party** for the children. We are hoping that we may be able to do the awards ceremony outside with parents present – restrictions and weather depending. If not, this will be recorded and shared with parents.

Nest Steps

Our next step will be to survey staff parents and pupils to find out each group's views on the changes that were made due to coronavirus to identify anything that would like to be kept going forward. This will be done after parents evening as we would like to gather your views on this too.

Based on the feedback, I will plan two scenarios for September – one where there may be restrictions still in place and one where there are not.

I will continue to review guidance and inform you of any updates as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs D Morrison
Headteacher



COMING UP

Thursday 20th May – Vision Screening for Class 1



Child of the Week

EYFS:

Samuel I for getting involved and having a say in our class voting board.

Year 1:

Hugo B for producing a great diagram of the parts of a plant.

Year 2:

William S for fantastic work in Maths, learning about measurements.

Year 3:

Ollie N for working hard in English and using great vocabulary.

Year 4:

Tiffany M for amazing vocabulary in her English writing.

Year 5:

Tochi A for being a great friend to others

Year 6:

Thomas F for creating some fantastic sentences using a range of writing techniques.



Stepping Stones to Success

Perseverance: to Noah R (Class R) for persisting with learning his sounds and blending them in phonics.

Perseverance: to Elsie G (Class 1) for perseverance with her handwriting, even when she finds it hard.

Perseverance: to Chloe T (Class 2) for never giving up with new and challenging activities.

Perseverance: to Freya P (Class 3) for perseverance with her fractions work.

Perseverance: to Lilly V (Class 4) for making huge improvements in her handwriting.

Perseverance: to Emily S (Class 5) for showing determination with her work.

Perseverance: to Brooke W (Class 6) for persevering in PE and developing her batting skills in rounders.



Healthy Eating Lunch Idea

Very Easy Pasta Salad

Ingredients

- 85g pasta shapes
- 3 tbsp frozen peas
- 3 tbsp frozen sweetcorn
- 1 tbsp natural yoghurt
- 1 tbsp balsamic dressing
- 1 tsp mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp chopped basil
- 3 halved cherry tomatoes

Method

Cook 85g pasta shapes, adding 3 tbsp each frozen peas and frozen sweetcorn for the final min. Drain; rinse in cold water. Mix 1 tbsp each natural yogurt and shop-bought balsamic dressing, with 1 tsp mayo. Pour onto the pasta, then stir in 1 tbsp chopped basil and 3 halved cherry tomatoes (serves 1).



Skills for Life

This week is mental health awareness week and it's fitting that we are focusing on the resilient tortoise as one of the five Rs to being a great learner.

Our story this week was Perfect Ninja by Mary Nhin:

<https://youtu.be/1U2KijK7NL4>

We also listened to Reach for the Stars by S Club 7 discussed what the children thought of the song and what they might learn from it:

<https://youtu.be/7SxSnjL3nZ0>

Recommended Resource

Please find attached a resource to support parents to turn negative labels into positive affirmations to support children's mental health.

Recommended Resources

In order to raise awareness of looking after our mental health, the creators of our PSHE scheme have come up with a number of ideas for the 5 ways to wellbeing, based around the theme of nature (the theme of this week's Mental Health Awareness Week).

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/mental-health-week-ideas-for-all-schools>



Mental Health Heroes

Hi Everyone

It's Palwasha and Fatima. I hope you're having a great week! As Mrs Hale said in her assembly, it's Mental Health Awareness Week. What have you been doing to care for your mental health? If you want to improve your mental health here's some ideas:

- Go on a walk
- Give yourself some self-time
- Stay hydrated
- Think of the bright side
- Do some drawing or colouring
- Gardening
- Do some creative writing
- Start a diary

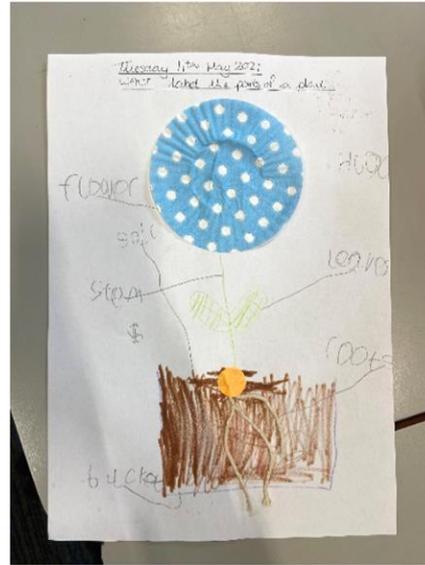
CLASS 4

For mental health awareness week Class 4 took some time out on the field to watch the clouds and find shapes. We also laid down, closed our eyes and had a mindful 5 minutes. It was lovely lying there with the sun on our faces!



CLASS 1

Class 1 made a diagram of a flower and then labelled the parts.



CLASS 6

Class 6 have been looking at how to use different tools in writing for English this week and creating some wonderful pieces of art in the style of Henri Rousseau.





House points

1st - St David/Yellow house

Joint 2nd - St Patrick and St Andrews/Green house and Blue house

4th - St George/Red house



Test and Trace Support Payments

We have been advised that test and trace support payments are available to eligible parents who are asked to isolate as a result of their child's need to isolate.

More information can be found here: [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#)



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.



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.

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.



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

Friday 28th May 2021

Friday 9th July 2021



Dates for 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021 to Friday 17th December

Half Term

Monday 25th October to Monday 1st November

Spring Term

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 8th April

Half Term

Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th February

Summer Term

Monday 25th April to Wednesday 20th July

Half Term

Friday 27th May to Friday 3rd June

Inset Days

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Thursday 21 July 2022