



# Stone Church of England Combined School

## Newsletter – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

This week has been very exciting with the class dance competitions. Next week we look forward to the final when the winner from each class will compete against each winner from the other classes. We will have a KS1 winner and a KS2 winner.

I was also delighted to be able to present the new house captains with their House Captain badges. The new house captains are:

St Andrew's House: Emily and Kara  
St David's House: Tochi and Billy  
St Patrick's House: Heidi and Ava-Mae R  
St George's: Toby and Ava- Mai G

A very big congratulations to all the new House Captains, I know they will be great role models to the rest of the House members.

Have a great weekend  
Mrs Morrison



### COMING UP

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October -last day of school before half term  
Half Term Week – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
INSET Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 – School Closed

School Re-opens on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021



### Child of the Week

#### **EYFS:**

Toby D for challenging himself with his counting using 10 frames in Maths this week and listening well in our phonics lessons.

#### **Year 1:**

Jaxon S for always being diligent and writing super sentences about his book.

#### **Year 2:**

Zack C for trying hard with lots of new challenges this week.

#### **Year 3:**

Kyle D for a great Autumn poem.

#### **Year 4:**

Jacob C for his enthusiasm for learning.

#### **Year 5:**

George S for working with his team to create an amazing structure in the DT lesson.

#### **Year 6:**

Eoin C for using his editing time writing efficiently.



## Stepping Stones to Success

### **Responsibility:**

Maximillian B (Class 3) for taking responsibility for tidying up the library books.

### **Respect:**

Madeline S (Class 4) for always showing respect in the classroom.

### **Honesty:**

Zachary D (Class 1) for always telling the truth.

### **Community:**

Ellie-Mae C (Class R) for helping others during learning times and bouncing back and trying again when she finds things a bit tricky.

Reuben B (Class 2) for helping his friends with their activities.

Lucy N (Class 5) for always being willing to help, build a kind and caring school community.

Yolissa A (Class 6) for being a supportive member of our class community in maths to help others.



## Special Acts of Kindness

The following children were nominated for their acts of kindness this week. They all received a special pencil.

Mylah M – class R, Aydin I – class 1, Maxwell S – class 2, Mayson B – class 3, Janelle B -class 4, Isla S – class 5 and Leah T – class 6.



## Healthy Eating Lunch Idea

### Mini Chorizo, Pea and Potato Frittatas

#### Ingredients

4 new potatoes (about 150g)

6 eggs, beaten

60g chorizo diced

75g frozen peas, defrosted

few sprigs of parsley, finely chopped

50g cheddar, grated

#### Method

##### STEP 1

Cook the potatoes in a small pan of boiling water for 10-15 mins until tender. Drain, then leave to steam-dry and cool.

##### STEP 2

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line a six-hole muffin tin with paper or silicone cases. Tip the eggs, chorizo, peas, parsley and some seasoning into a large bowl. Slice the cooled potatoes into rounds that are the thickness of a £1 coin, and add these to the bowl. Mix gently.

##### STEP 3

Spoon the mixture into the cases, ensuring each has some of the potato, chorizo and peas. Sprinkle the cheese on top and bake for 15-20 mins until golden and set in the middle. Check the frittatas are set by shaking the tin gently – there should be no wobble. Leave to cool slightly and eat warm, or cool completely and chill for up to 24 hrs.



## **Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to the following children:

CR - Peyton B  
C2 - Ostyn G  
C4 - Charlie K  
C5 - Lucy N



## **Skills for Life**

Please find this week's collective worship attached, as well as a poster for October's language of the month - Polish. Each month we will be introducing basic greetings in a different language in order to celebrate cultural diversity. Last month, we focused on Spanish.

We shared this short video to start and talked about where Poland is, if the children know anyone from Poland and practised saying the two simple phrases on the poster. We are encouraging the children to answer the register in Polish this month:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-etOiaiZek0>

The Powerpoint for Skills for Life this week focuses on the mental filter, otherwise known as 'gloomy specs', where we can focus more on the negative things than the positive.

To finish, we shared this song (When You Believe by Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey) and talked about what they might take from the lyrics e.g. great things can happen if you believe they can etc.:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knIWef-7slc>

## **Recommended Resource**

Please find attached a great resource from The Big Life Journal to help parents to support children to turn their worries into wonder.



## **Everbrite Cleaning Services**

Everbrite Cleaning Services provide school cleaning at Stone Church of England Combined School. They are looking for staff; please see the attached advert and if interested please contact them directly.



## Discover Bucks Museum

Discover Bucks Museum (formerly Bucks County Museum) in Aylesbury currently has a brilliant recycling exhibition called **Reincarnated Rubbish – Endangered and Extinct 2**. Creative recycling artist Val Hunt has created a fascinating selection of sculptures of animals, exotic birds, fish, dinosaurs and a life-size sculpture of the Queen mainly made from her favourite medium, metal drink cans. The exhibition presents a subtle message about recycling and preservation and hopefully will inspire and encourage your students to experience the fun of creative recycling. This exhibition runs until 30 October.

We are also running creepy Halloween crafts during half term from Monday 25 October to Saturday 30 October, including making your own Mummy, Halloween tote bag and Witch's Potion Bottle. All details can be found on our website [www.discoverbucksmuseum.org](http://www.discoverbucksmuseum.org)



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year, the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional bank holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These days fall in the Summer half term and the DfE would like to ensure all school staff have an extra day of celebration too.

In order to accommodate this the DfE have reduced the number of school days in the academic year of 2021- 22. Buckinghamshire Council have advised all schools that this extra day will be taken on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, ending the Summer term a day early.

A calendar is attached with the revised term dates shown. Please see the link below for further information regarding the extra bank holiday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-bank-holiday-to-mark-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-in-2022>



## Old Ordinance Survey Maps

Class R are seeking any old ordinance survey maps for next week as they are learning about where they live. If you have any that you no longer need please drop them off at the school office. Many thanks.

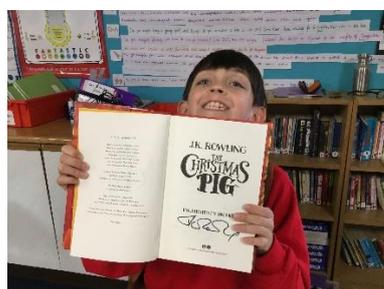


## Attendance/Non-Attendance Relating to COVID

Please find attached the COVID Addendum to our Attendance policy for this academic year. The policy addendum is based on government guidance.

## **CLASS 5**

One of the children in class 5 was lucky enough to have J.K Rowling sign his copy of her new book.



## CLASS 6

Class 6 have been creating party bags for Enterprise week in order to raise funds for their class. They had over 150 orders to make!



### **Message From Innovate (School Caterers)**

We will be running a Super Heroes Theme Day menu on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the attached menu flyer.

## CLASS 2

Class 2 had another exciting afternoon at Forest School. They made stick mobiles of things found around the area and stick picture frames.



### 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.



## **Dates for 2021/2022**

### **Autumn Term 2021**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

### **Half Term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### **Spring Term**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

### **Half Term**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

### **Summer Term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### **Half Term**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### **Inset Days**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022