



# Stone Church of England Combined School

## Newsletter – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians

I hope you had a good week. We were delighted to see Pudsey bear on the playground this morning – he even popped into Class R to see all the children. Thank you so much to everyone for your very generous donations; together we raised £201.59 which we will send off to Children in Need.

In order to support parents, we have reviewed our school uniform policy (see attached) to make some small changes that may help. We have changed the rule on black trainers to black or white trainers as some parents have told us that they have had to buy two pairs as their child wears white trainers out of school. Children, must however continue to wear black footwear with their school uniform. White trainers are acceptable when worn with the PE kit.

We are very aware of the cost of living crisis and the pressure this may be putting on some families. You may have seen that we put out a plea for used coats that your child has grown out of so that we can sell them at a small cost at parents evening over the next couple of weeks. If you do have a coat that your child has grown out of, please drop it into the school office.

The PTA keep a range of second-hand uniform and hold sales throughout the year, however, if you require any uniform at another time, please contact us and we will check availability.

It was lovely to see so many parents at our coffee morning this morning, a big thank you to Ms Durham, our pastoral officer, for organising this.

With the weather due to turn colder, please ensure your child is wearing plenty of layers when coming to school. You may also wish to make use of the 'Warm places in Bucks' service or share the following information with any vulnerable people that you know.

Warm Places in Bucks - [https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/find-a-place-to-keep-warm-welcoming-spaces/?dm\\_i=5438](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/find-a-place-to-keep-warm-welcoming-spaces/?dm_i=5438)

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Morrison



### COMING UP

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Extra Provision Parents Evening  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Blue House can wear blue as it is St Andrews Day, to raise money for Children in Need.  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Extra Provision Parents Evening



## Child of the Week

EYFS: Freya D for excellent blending in phonics.

Year 1: Evelyn-May B for her great attention in class.

Year 2: Thisandi W for being brave and contributing during whole class discussions.

Year 3: Ayden K for always being enthusiastic.

Year 4: Katie N for her organized and neat work.

Year 5: Alfie H for his improvement in presentation and self-belief in writing.

Year 6: George S for excellent artwork.



## Stepping Stones to Success

Responsibility: Emilie H (Class 2) for showing a huge improvement in her attitude to learning.

Respect: Gabriel A-D (Class 3) for always being respectful.

Community: Lily S (Class 1) for helping others. Ethan A-D (Class R) for being a kind member of the class community.

Perseverance: Grace C-B (Class 4) for her positive attitude this week. Tilly H (Class 5) for her perseverance in writing.

Compassion: Amy B (Class 6) for showing understanding of other's needs.



## Special Acts of Kindness



The following children were nominated for their acts of kindness this week. They all received a special pencil and had hot chocolate with Mrs Morrison.

Joshua C (Class R) for sharing the scooter, Jacob B (Class 1) for sharing his wellies so a friend could go on the field, Mannat D (Class 2) for being a role model for kindness and manners, Abdul O (Class 3) for helping a friend in football, Sienna C (Class 4) for being a kind friend, Princess E (Class 5) for helping a friend and Kaiden E (Class 6) for being a good table partner.



## Clubs

Just a reminder that there will be **no school led clubs next week** at lunchtime or after school due to parents evening.

This will also be the case for the Week beginning 28th November too.

Game on Football Training - Years 5/6, will not be running on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November as there is a match. Football training will run as usual on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Healthy Eating Lunch Idea**

#### Ingredients

200g bow-shaped pasta, or use your favourite shape  
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
1 tbsp red wine vinegar  
1 tsp dried oregano  
16-20 cherry tomatoes  
75g olives, pitted (you can use green or black)  
½ small cucumber  
1 red onion  
100g feta cheese

#### Method

##### Step 1

Tip the pasta into boiling water with a pinch of salt. Stir the pasta which will prevent it from sticking together every minute. Set a timer for 10 mins. Measure 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, 1 tbsp red wine vinegar and 1 tsp dried oregano into a mixing bowl to make a dressing. Season with some salt and black pepper.

##### Step 2

Once the pasta is cooked tip it into a colander to drain. Leave to cool and then mix with the dressing in the mixing bowl. Cut the cherry tomatoes and olives in half and add to the pasta. Slice the cucumber and onion into small pieces and add to the mixing bowl. Crumble the feta cheese into small pieces over the bowl, then gently mix everything together until well combined. Eat straightaway, or chill for up to a day before eating.



### **NHS Food Scanner App!**

The NHS Food Scanner app brings food labels to life and helps you make healthier choices. Download the app and simply scan the barcode on your next food shop to see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink. The app will then help you to choose some healthier swap suggestions!





## **Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to the following children:

Annabelle W – C4



## **Skills for Life**

This week is anti-bullying week. In our collective worship on Monday, we shared the attached power-point, discussing the definition of bullying, how it might make someone feel and what we can do if we or someone we know might be being bullied.

The theme for this year's anti-bullying week is 'reach out'. We spent time talking about what that means and who they could reach out to if they are concerned that they or someone they know might be being bullied.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has produced guidance for parents surrounding the topic of bullying, which can be found here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Bullying is something that we take very seriously as a school. Consequently, we include information and support for parents in this newsletter every week - please see the anti-bullying section.

## **Recommended Resource**

Please find attached a sensory tracing path to help support your child's attention and focus - this might be particularly helpful prior to a task involving sustained focus, such as homework.



## **Focus on Inclusion**

We are an inclusive school and our aim is for every child to feel positive about themselves and a part of our community. We strive for every child to reach 'their star' - their potential. Each week, we will be including information about different areas of inclusion.

This week, we are including information about eating problems in children:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/eating-problems/>



## **Recommended Read**

Today we have been fundraising for Children in Need, and it has been an opportunity for us to reflect and think of those who are less fortunate or face different day-to-day challenges to us, as well as celebrating our differences and the things that make us all unique. Please find a link below to a Pudsey themed recipe that you may wish to read and follow as a weekend or after-school activity:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/pudsey-biscuits>

If you do manage to read and follow this recipe, please do feel free to send in some pictures of your bakes to the school office and we can include these pictures in next week's newsletter!

Please also find some more information about this Children in Need below:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/resources/all-about-bbc-children-in-need-powerpoint/>

Happy reading (and baking!)



### Odd Socks Day

We enjoyed wearing our odd socks on Monday to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week. We had a great time admiring all the funky socks around school and celebrating the joys of differences.



### Coffee Morning

Please See Below A Message from Ms Durham, Our Pastoral Lead:

*Today we welcomed many of you to join us for another Coffee Morning to celebrate Children in Need. We are so thankful for the amazing turn out this morning and we hope you enjoyed the quiz. Well done to the winning team!*

*It was great to see some of you speaking to our school link worker, Matthew Price from the Family Support Service. We are hoping that he will attend future coffee mornings to offer support and advice where needed.*

*Thank you all again for coming and I hope to see you at the next Coffee Morning!*

## CLASS 1

Year 1 have been proper explorers and scientists this week when they explored different materials and also went to see what their class sycamore tree, and what it looked like in Autumn.





## Children In Need

We are pleased to report that the school has raised £201.59 for Children in Need. Thank you for your support. The children loved seeing Pudsey today!



## Spotlight on Safeguarding

You may have seen in the news recently about the potential dangers of bullying and harmful content on WhatsApp. Fresh concerns have also been raised about the content on social media platforms, following the inquest into the death of schoolgirl Molly Russell.

**Do be vigilant to harassment and inappropriate behaviour taking place online.** Please find attached a WhatsApp factsheet which will help protect children from harm.



## **House points**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** - GREEN HOUSE/ST PATRICKS = 778 POINTS

**2<sup>ND</sup>** -YELLOW HOUSE/ST DAVIDS = 634 POINTS

**3<sup>RD</sup>** - BLUE HOUSE/ST ANDREWS = 616 POINTS

**4<sup>TH</sup>** - RED HOUSE/ST GEORGES = 507 POINTS



## **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.



## **Dates for 2022/2023**

### **Autumn Term**

Tuesday 6th September to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### **Spring Term**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### **Half Term**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## **Summer Term**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## **Half Term**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## **Inset Days**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023