

# Stone Church of England Combined Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 29th  
September 2023

## Headteachers' Message

Dear Parents,

We have had fantastic few weeks here at Stone with our Year 3s starting to learn the violin as a whole class as well as the unveiling of our new signage, which we are very pleased with.

On Tuesday, we celebrated European Languages Day, during which our students had the opportunity to explore the languages spoken within each classroom as well as across Europe. This exciting event allowed our children to learn about different cultures and foster an understanding and appreciation for linguistic diversity.

We have had a suite of mud kitchens made by Simple Finds for our main playground for all the children to utilise during break times. If you have any spare pots and pans or utensils you no longer use and are happy to donate to school - please bring them into the office.

We would like to invite Reception and Year 1 parents to a Phonics workshop. This workshop will provide an opportunity for parents to join their child for breakfast and gain insight into how we teach Phonics and Reading at Stone. We strongly believe that parental involvement is crucial in supporting children's learning, and this workshop aims to equip parents with the necessary tools to support their child's literacy development at home. The workshop will take place on **18th October** at 8.15am. Please see the attachment to the Parentmail for the flyer and link to sign up for this event.

As we do get nearer to the end of term, we encourage you all to look back at the Curriculum forecasts sent out at the start of the term and discuss the learning outcomes with your child to revisit what they have learnt this term.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Kind Regards  
Mrs S Hale and Mrs B Jones

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 2nd October -  
Class R Sponsored  
Scoot

Tuesday 3rd October -  
10.00am EYFS Tour

Wednesday 4th  
October--10.00am  
Harvest Festival Service  
at church

Thursday 5th October -  
EYFS Stay and Play for  
current Class R parents

Thursday 5th October -  
Class 3 Forest school  
around village

Friday 13th October -  
Class 6  
Trip to Windsor Castle

Friday 13th October  
10.00am  
EYFS Tour

Friday 13th October -  
in class Talent Show

# CLASS NEWS

## CLASS R

Reception have been so busy these past few weeks! This week, we discussed and celebrated European Languages Day. It was lovely to hear from the children about the languages they speak at home or have heard from other family members, when on holiday etc. We enjoyed learning a little more about France and we took the opportunity to learn 'Freres Jacques'. The children did so well and appreciated how challenging it can be to learn another language.

Reception have also been playing a range of Fred games as part of their Phonics journey, and this week we have been learning our first key sounds! The children have worked so hard to orally blend and enjoy hearing from F-R-E-D the F-R-O-G.



## CLASS 2

Year 2 have not stopped all week. The children have all worked incredibly hard in maths, we have now moved away from place value and are learning to put numbers on a number line, counting in both 10s and 1s. They have been set a homework task so that they can continue to practice their new skill at home. In history we have continued to study important people of the past including Mary Seacole. The children wowed us with their creative ways of making a fact file all about her. Their English homework this week is now to make a fact file all about themselves. From what we have seen in school, they should all smash this!

In art this week the children were all very creative making stain glass windows, we will continue to be doing lots of crafts so please ensure your child is sent to school with 2 of their own named glue sticks. In PE we have looked at the correct way to hold a hockey stick for the most control over the ball. We plan to continue the development of this skill (and others) for the rest of the term.



## CLASS 3 EXPERIENCE

Year 3 had an experience lesson in English where we found out about fossils. Everyone have the opportunity to excavate and find fossils and we then identified them as a class.

# EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS



## **'The Lights that Dance in the Night' Waddesdon Manor poster competition**

This week, our new school councillors executed their first duties, by sitting in on a conference call with Waddesdon Manor. They found out about our exciting Christmas Lights project which we will be working on with them. They were introduced to the beautiful book, 'The Lights that Dance in the Night' by author Yuval Zommer which will act as our inspiration for the art project.

Please see the attached flyers for further information regarding a poster competition.

If your child would like to enter the competition, please send their completed poster design into school by Friday 13th October.

## **Talent Competition**

It's time once again for our annual talent competition! Children are invited to take part in their class auditions, which will take place in the week commencing October 9th, and one child from each class will be chosen to represent their class at the whole school final on Friday 20th October. There will be an overall winner from the infants (Reception to Year 2) and the juniors (Year 3 to Year 6). All entrants will be given 10 house points for taking part.

Guidance is as follows:

- individuals only (no groups)
- max length of 4 minutes per act
- props welcome (please send in with your child in a clearly labelled bag)
- if wearing a costume, please ensure your child can put this on and take it off with ease
- music can be played via Youtube - please ensure your child brings clear instructions as to the name of the song and artist)

We look forward to celebrating the wide range of talents within our community!







# CHILD OF THE WEEK

## Week Beginning: 18/9/23

Class R: Serenna B for showing great focus in class this week and tackling all tasks confidently.

Class 1: Jackson L for being so proud of himself for coming into school independently.

Class 2: Sufyan B for his determination in his written work this week.

Class 3: Hattie S for her excellent shading in art and taking care with her work.

Class 4: Ostyn G for giving 100% effort in lessons and making his books the best he can.

Class 5: Isaac J for being ready to learn and his fantastic story writing in English.

Class 6: Manini S for settling into Class 6 so well.

## Week Beginning: 25/9/23

Class R: Ruby B for excellent listening and focus in class.

Class 1: Emi B for always showing good listening skills.

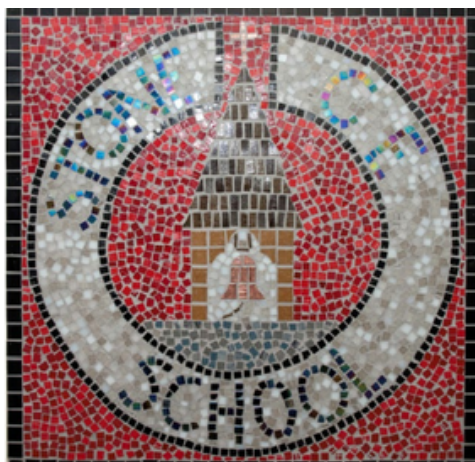
Class 2: Ellie W for always being focused even when poorly.

Class 3: James R for being really resourceful when learning about the atmosphere.

Class 4: Sofiia V for shining with confidence, doing her best and settling in much better.

Class 5: Vihaan P for working hard at swimming and listening to the instructors directions.

Class 6: Kami B for always trying his best in writing to create wonderful sentences.



# STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS

## Week Beginning: 18/9/23

Perseverance: Jack C (Class 6) for his hard work and perseverance this week.

Responsibility: Ivy L (Class 1) for always making the right choices.  
Mannat D (Class 3) for getting resources from the classroom to support her learning.

Connie B (Class R) for coming up with excellent questions during our special items circle time.

Community: Sophia I (Class 4) for being a strong team leader with effective communication during PHSE.,

Annabelle W (Class 5) for being a kind, helpful member of our class community.

Compassion: Ellie - Mae C (Class 2) for showing compassion on the playground.

## Week Beginning: 25/9/23

Responsibility: Olly H (Class 4) for attending his first meeting of the school council and giving feed back.

Zachary T (Class R) for improved sitting and focus when on the carpet.

Gabriel A (Class 4) for attending his first meeting of the school council and giving feed back.

Tara E (Class 3) for always challenging herself more and being enthusiastic.

Community: Tilly H (Class 6) for always helping to create a warm and wonderful community.  
Florence H (Class 1) for always helping her teachers and classmates.

Compassion: Darcey C (Class 5) for showing compassion by welcoming a new class member .  
David P (Class 2) for treating others with compassion.



## KINDNESS AWARD

**The following children were nominated for their acts of kindness this week. They all had hot chocolate with Mrs B Jones. (Or Mrs Hale on Monday)**

### **Week Beginning: 18/9/23**

Jackson R - Class R, for helping a teacher tidy without being asked, Noah M - Class 1, for being so kind to another child when they were ill, Evelynne - Class 2, for sharing her glue stick with a friend, Tianna D - Class 3 for helping a classmate to tie his shoe lace, Mason A - Class 4, for being spotted holding doors open of others without being asked, Jace M - Class 5, for being a good friend And Chloe T - Class 6, for sitting with a classmate when they were alone.

### **Week Beginning: 25/9/23**

Amelia G -Class R, for excellent tidying up of the class, Finley M - Class 1, for cleaning the mud kitchen, Louis D - Class 2, for always being kind to his peers and teachers, Emilie H - Class 3, for helping a friend do their shoe laces up, Christian B - Class 4, for sharing his sticker with a friend and being supportive, Lily S - Class 5, for comforting a classmate when they were upset and Charlie K - Class 6, for letting another child play with the board games at wet play.



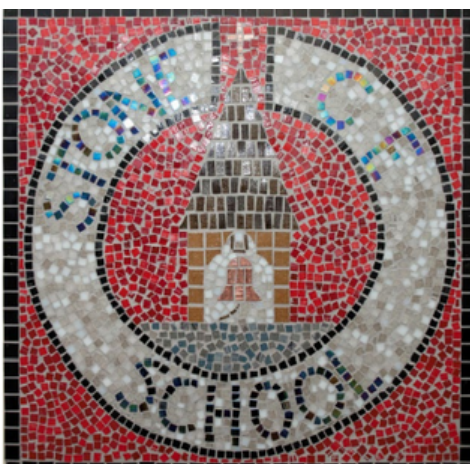
## BIRTHDAYS

**A very happy birthday to the following children who have had a birthday in the last 2 weeks**

Class R: Jesse W, Rosie G, and Jonah E.  
Class 1: Noah M.  
Class 2: Toby D, Louie F, Lily S and Ellie W.  
Class 3: Thea H, Tianna D and Emilie H.  
Class 4: no birthdays this week.  
Class 5: Olivia U, Aiden T and Ataishe M.  
Class 6: Kameron B.



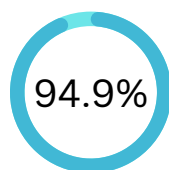




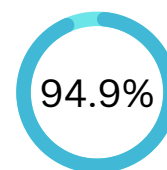
## ATTENDANCE

Going to school regularly is very important. As a school we are aiming for 95+% attendance.

Last Week



This Week



## HOUSEPOINTS

Week Beginning: 18/9/23

1st: Blue House/St Andrews = 278 points  
2nd: Green House/St Patricks = 217 points  
3rd: Yellow House/St Davids = 210 points  
4th: Red House/St Georges = 196 points

Week Beginning: 25/9/23

1st: Yellow House/St Davis = 544 points  
2nd: Green House/St Patricks = 512 points  
3rd: Blue House/St Andrews = 509 points  
4th: Red House/St Georges = 246 points



## SPOTLIGHT ON INCLUSION

Throughout the school we use the Zones of Regulation with all children in all classes to help support them with identifying and managing their emotions. The zones are identified by 4 colours – red, yellow, green and blue – and these are displayed in all classrooms and continuously referred to by the staff in school when speaking to the children about how they are feeling.

Children in the red zone might feel angry, terrified, elated or panicked. Children in the yellow zone might feel worried, frustrated, silly or excited – they may describe themselves as feeling ‘fizzy’. Children in the blue zone might feel sick, tired, sad or bored. The green zone is where we aim for children to be – they would feel happy, focused, calm and ready to learn.

We regularly talk to the children about which zone they are in and help them to learn and develop strategies to move from one zone to another. Some classes have created their own toolkits to help them with strategies they could use to get themselves into the green zone. Please ask your children about the Zones of Regulation – you could ask them which zone they are in at different times of the day and when you see their emotions have changed.

You could watch the following video with your child to help start a discussion with them about the zones:  
<https://vimeo.com/312563733>

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE

## READING RECOMMENDATION

Harvest time is here and our whole school celebration at the church is fast approaching. Classes have been busy learning songs and poems in preparation. There are many signs that Autumn has arrived also, and there are so many wonderful poems to enjoy linked to these seasonal changes. Please follow this link to a selection of poems to enjoy, learn off by heart, add actions to and explore!

<https://www.classroompoems.com/autumn-poems.html>

By engaging in reading and wonderful texts, you could also be in with a chance of receiving a Blue Peter badge designed by Quentin Blake (illustrator of many Roald Dahl books!). Further details on how to apply and share your love of books for this special Book badge can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



## SKILLS FOR LIFE

Over the past few weeks in our Tuesday Skills for Life assemblies, we have been learning about the Circle of Control and the unhelpful thinking habit of the 'Bully Inside', otherwise known as the 'Self-Critic'.

We have been talking about what we can and can't control and the fact we can control our response to things we can't control.

We shared the attached story about Mojo and how he learned to listen to the 'friend' inside his head instead of unhelpful thinking habits.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Leads are:

- Sarah Hale and Bethan Jones- Co- Headteachers - Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Assunta Loxley - Business Manager - Additional Safeguarding Lead
- Rosie Seivwright - Deputy Headteacher -Additional Safeguarding Lead
- Talisha Craib - Pastoral Leader - Additional Safeguarding Lead

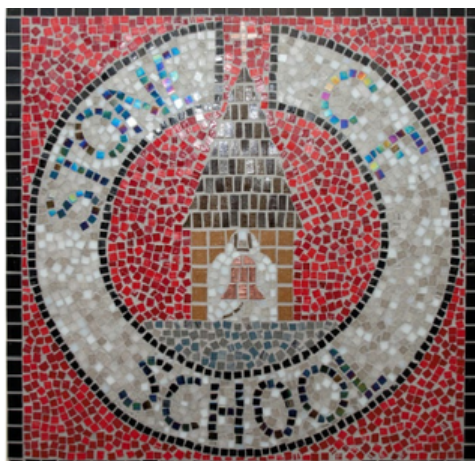




## **BULLYING AND BEHAVIOUR**

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 Seivwright who manages behaviour and discipline.



## **SCHOOL TRIPS/RESIDENTIAL PAYMENTS**

### **School Trips Payments**

Thank you to all those who have submitted their child's school trip payments for the Autumn Term 2023. Please may we remind you that all payments need to be sent via ParentMail Payments by Monday 2nd October 2023 at the latest. Should we not receive sufficient payment we may have to cancel the trip. Thank you for your support.

### **Year 4 Residential Payments**

Thank you to all those who have submitted their child's residential payment for 5th September 2023.

We still have some outstanding payments for September; please can these be paid as soon as possible as the 2nd October 2023 payment is now due and this will soon add up. Thank you for your support.

### **Year 6 Residential Payments**

Thank you to all those who have submitted their child's residential payment for 5th September 2023.

However, we still have some outstanding payments for September; please can these be paid as soon as possible as the 5th October 2023 payment is now due and this will soon add up. Thank you for your support.