

Stone Church of England Combined Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th October 23

Headteachers' Message

Dear Parents,

We have had yet another fantastic fortnight here at Stone, with numerous exciting events taking place including 30 prospective families visiting our school today. We are delighted to see such enthusiasm and interest in our school community.

With just one more week remaining until the half-term break, we would like to emphasise the importance of maintaining high expectations for learning and behaviour. At Stone, we have high expectations for behaviour, as we understand its direct impact on learning. As we approach the end of term, we ask that you revisit the following three questions with your children:

1. What are the three school rules? (Hint: Be....., Be....., Be.....)
2. What does sitting like a STAR mean and look like?
3. What is our school vision? What are the school values? (Hint: 2Rs, 2Cs, and HP Sauce)

By revisiting these questions together, we can reinforce key aspects of our school's ethos and ensure that our children are well-prepared for the term ahead.

Recycling Bank:

We would also like to draw your attention to our new recycling bank, conveniently located in the Staff Car Park. This eye-catching, big, green container allows us to raise funds for the school based on the weight of recyclable materials deposited. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by clearing out your cupboards before winter sets in. Please do spread the word among your friends and family who reside in or near Stone, as their contributions will be most appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. By working together, we will ensure your child reaches for their star.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S Hale and Mrs B Jones

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 18th October:

- Diwali WOW Day Yr 5 and Yr 6
- 8.15am - 9.15am Phonics Workshop for parents in Yr R and 1
- 3.30pm Football Match - at home

Thursday 19th October

- KS1 Disco - 5.00pm - 6.15pm
- KS2 Disco - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Friday 20th October

- School Talent Show Final
- Wear Red for show Racism the Red Card Day
- PTA Hot Dog Lunch
- Last Day of School

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October -
School restarts



CLASS NEWS

CLASS 3

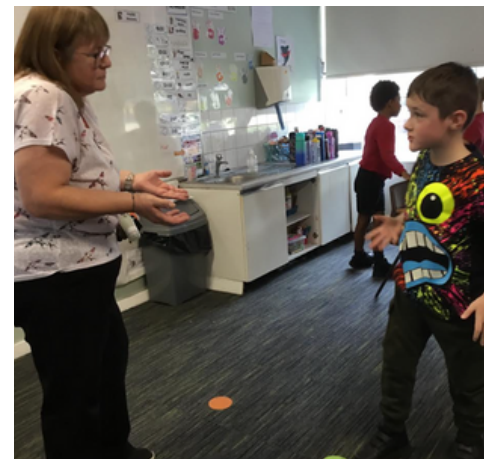
Class 3 have started Forest school this half term. They have been learning map skills, learning how to make a key and doing observational drawings.

They have also been discussing the differences between an urban and rural environment.



CLASS 3 DRAMA

Friday 6th October – Year 3 used drama during our PSHE lessons to work our resolutions to problems. They were given different scenarios to act out and help to resolve.





CHILD OF THE WEEK

Week Beginning: 2nd October

Class R: Charley D for excellent maths work on repeating patterns this week.
Class 1: Mollie T for being a superstar independent writer.
Class 2: Daniel M for making the right choices and being kind.
Class 3: Munesuishe M for settling into class so well.
Class 4: Dhiya R for writing a wonderful "part 2" to our journey story independently.
Class 5: Trent D for demonstrating his knowledge of our geography sticky facts this week.
Class 6: Chloe J for always giving her best across all subjects.

Week Beginning: 9th October

Class R: Oliver N for always sitting and focusing so beautifully on the carpet.
Class 1: Joshua C for being the best role model.
Class 2: Chaz H for his brilliant work in DT.
Class 3: Emilia W for her wonderful aerial map at forest school.
Class 4: Rian S for presenting his "types of teeth" poster in a clear and neat way.
Class 5: Haroon A for his exceptional effort in our learning, especially English.
Class 6: Ben S for great work in writing his persuasive letter.



STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS

Week Beginning: 2nd October

Perseverance: Evie M (Class 1) for perseverance in coming to school.

Reina P (Class 2) for perseverance in the independent write.
Alex F (Class 6) for perseverance in his writing.

Responsibility: Shelton M (Class R) for beautiful, responsible sitting in church during our school Harvest performance.

Haadhiya M (Class 3) for fantastic orienteering skills - using a map and making a key.

Georgia B (Class 5) for being responsible and keeping our classroom tidy and organised.

Community: Abdu O (Class 4) for being a fantastic role model and teaching others about his religion and culture.

Week Beginning: 9th October

Perseverance: Adam H (Class R) for persevering with using his voice in class this week.
Charlie B (Class 6) for perseverance in writing and improving his presentation
Nathaniel W (Class 4) for demonstrating his ability to add two 4 digit numbers using the column method. Cameron (Class 1) for perseverance in all he does.

Honesty: Olivia U (Class 5) for showing the value of honesty when reflecting on choices she has made.

Community: Luke D (Class 3) for being supportive of others on our forest school trip.
Amelia C (Class 2) for listening beautifully to her friends in the talent show.



KINDNESS AWARD

The following children were nominated for their acts of kindness this week. They all had hot chocolate with Mrs B Jones

Week Beginning: 2/10/23

Indie S - Class R, for always having a kind smile for everyone, Roman B - Class 1, for listening and helping a friend tidy up, Jacob B - Class 2, for being kind and taking care of a friend, Tara E - Class 3, for her wonderful enthusiasm in Maths, making her teacher smile, Madilyn W - Class 4, for showing so much kindness at playtimes to all, Georgia B- Class 5, for playing with her friend and making her laugh and Ben S - Class 6, for helping his friend in Maths.

Week Beginning: 9/10/23

Sophia - Class R, for helping a teacher to stick in a piece of paper to a book instead of playing, Joshua C - Class 1, for helping clean paint off Miss Dolans clothes and being so polite to Mrs Dawe, Aria P - Class 2, for taking a friend to see Pebbles the teddy bear, Noah R - Class 3, for checking on an adult to see if they were ok, Theodore T - Class 4, for being an all round kind person to everyone he meets and Sophia H - Class 5, for including everyone in a game.



BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to the following children who have had a birthday in the last two weeks:

Birthdays

Class R: no birthdays

Class 1: Owen W, Jemima S and Evelynne B.

Class 2: no birthdays

Class 3: Connor B and Karen B.

Class 4: Ostyn G.

Class 5: no birthdays

Class 6: Chloe J, Freddie H, Charlie K and Haider H.





READING RECOMMENDATION

As it is beginning to get dark earlier in the evenings now, I thought I would share a comprehensive list of books featuring the famously nocturnal creatures - owls!

<https://bookriot.com/awesome-owl-books/>

There are many lovely and engaging texts featuring owls, and one story loved by many is 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. You can find an online interactive copy to enjoy using the following link:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/owl-babies/>

If you are a fan of non-fiction and keen fact finder, please also find some interesting facts to learn about them here:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/birds/owls/>

Happy Reading!



THANK YOU

The Vinehouse has sent the school this message:

"Just wanted to say a huge thank you to your students, families and staff for the amazing harvest collection this year. It is very much appreciated and will go a long way to helping us feed the families that we are supporting."

The school collected over 40kg of food! Please see the certificate attached



MUSIC CENTRE OPEN DAY

On Saturday 4th November Aylesbury Music Centre is having an Open Day. Please see flyer attached for further details.

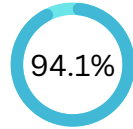


ATTENDANCE

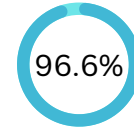
Having between 95-100% attendance is going to give your child the best chance to succeed at school.

Being late can also impact your child's education. E.g. 5 Mins late every day adds up to 3.4 days of learning lost every year. **Please ensure your child attends school everyday when they are well and ensure they are at school on time.**

Last Week



This Week



HOUSEPOINTS

Week Beginning: 2/10/23

- 1st: Blue House/St Andrews = 413 points
- 2nd: Red House/St Georges = 352 points
- 3rd: Green House/St Patricks = 312 points
- 4th: Yellow House/St Davids = 309 points

Week Beginning: 9/10/23

- 1st: Green House/ St Patricks = 544 points
- 2nd: Blue House/St Andrews = 524 points
- 3rd: Yellow House/St Davids = 411 points
- 4th: Red House/St Georges = 366 points



THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country.

This is an opportunity to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. The survey will be used to encourage policymakers to think about children and young people's needs, to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

Education settings play a critical role in enabling us to hear from as many children and young people as possible. That is why we are encouraging all settings in England to take part and let their pupils have their say on what is important to them!

To find out more head to The Big Ambition page. To take part in The Big Ambition survey visit: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.



FACEBOOK

Are you friends of our Facebook page?

If not, please do add us as we will be posting about activities and events going on at Stone. Our page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/stone.combined.7>

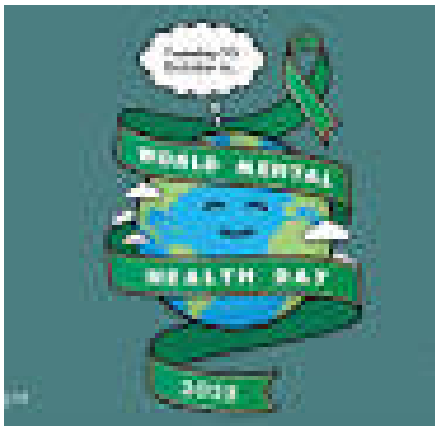
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On Friday 20th October, we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card with a non uniform day. Children are invited to come to school wearing red and bring a suggestion donation of £1. All money raised will go to supporting this excellent charity:

<https://www.theredcard.org/>

We will be learning more about the work that they do in an assembly next week.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

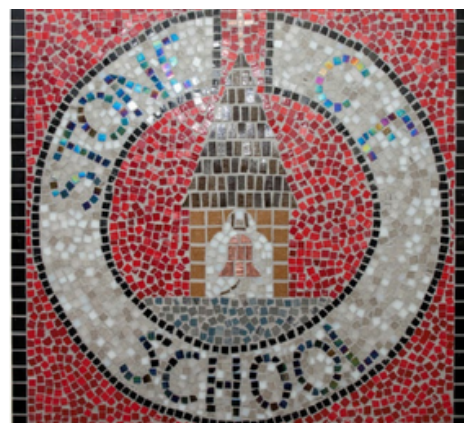
Please find attached a Powerpoint presentation regarding World Mental Health Day



DROPPING OFF CHILDREN

It has been brought to our attention that some children are being dropped off in the petrol station forecourt. This is extremely dangerous for the children and the users of the petrol station.

Please use the car park behind the Indian restaurant or the car park near the recreation ground.



SKILLS FOR LIFE

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been learning about the unhelpful thinking habit of the 'Mental Filter', or as we like to call it, 'Gloomy Specs'. This is when we notice only what the filter allows or wants us to notice, and we dismiss anything that doesn't 'fit', only catching the negative stuff in our 'kitchen strainers', whilst anything more positive or realistic is dismissed. We learned about this through the attached story about Mojo the monster and considered how we might challenge these thoughts.

We have been listening to Underdog by The Script:
https://youtu.be/VikJMi_Q6bI?si=qfPKZzF6xT5XYK0X



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.



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