

# Stone Church of England Combined Primary School

## Newsletter

20/10/23

## Headteachers' Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of a fabulous term at Stone School, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our school's vision and the importance of our partnership in ensuring the success of your child.

At Stone School, our vision of "Love one another as I have loved you...helping each other to reach for the stars" forms the foundation of all our work. It is our aim to create an environment that is safe, happy with all our children achieving.

We believe that this vision extends to our relationship with parents and we value your support in working closely with us to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

You may have received recent communications from us regarding our escalation process and Parent Code of Conduct. These guidelines are essential in maintaining a strong working relationship between our families, staff and students. We kindly ask that you familiarise yourselves with these processes and work with the school when concerns arise, following the outlined procedures.

### Highlights of the Term

Our term ended on a high this afternoon with the final of the Talent Show. I was in awe of the talent we have here at Stone. Well done to everyone who showed courage in auditioning and performing in the talent show.

I would like to express my gratitude to the PTA for organising a fantastic disco for the children last night. A special thank you goes out to all the PTA members and school staff who dedicated their time and effort to run the event as well as cleaning up afterwards. Many of the PTA were back in school today running the hot dog lunch.

On Wednesday, we were thrilled to see over 20 parents attend our Phonics Workshop, where they had the opportunity to learn about our teaching methods for Phonics and Reading.

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 30th October -  
Return to school after half term

Tuesday 31st October - Life Education sessions at school

Wednesday 1st November - Life Education sessions at school

Monday 6th November - Electric Umbrella Music Group performance and workshops

Wednesday 8th November - Mozart Orchestra to perform for whole school

Thursday 9th November - Remembrance service

Friday 10th November - Science day

This term, our Year 6 students had an exciting trip to Windsor Castle, while our Year 3's explored our local village as part of their Geography unit. Year 1 also had a memorable "Autumnal Wow" day, which added to their learning experiences in their Geography and Science units.

Our harvest festival was a resounding success. I would like to express my appreciation to all those who contributed food donations as well as supporting us to and in the church.

Looking ahead to the next term, we ask that you ensure your children come to school prepared for the changing weather. As the temperature drops, please make sure they are equipped with a warm winter coat and suitable wellies.

Unfortunately, our school marketing photos were cancelled due to the rain. We have rescheduled the event for the 8th of November and I hope for clear skies on that day.

### **Enrichment**

We are delighted to be starting enrichment activities on Friday afternoons after half term from 2-2.45pm. The aim of enrichment is to provide children with activities that go beyond the standard curriculum to help them find and develop their interests, as well as learning a range of skills. Each activity will work towards creating something to share with the rest of the school at the end of each half term.

The children in years 1-6 all voted for the activities they would like to be on offer next half term (from a wide selection of ideas provided) and we are in the process of each child putting the finalised options in priority order to confirm their groupings. Children will find out which activity they will be taking part in after half term. The activities will change each half term, taking into account children's ideas and preferences each time they are organised in order to promote the British Value of democracy.

The final options for each group of classes is as follows:

#### **Years 1, 2 and 3**

Art and Design  
Music  
Board games

#### **Years 4, 5 and 6**

Art and Design  
Outdoor learning  
Board games

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and engagement in your child's education. Our partnership with parents is invaluable, and we look forward to working together in the coming term to ensure the success and well-being of every child at Stone School.

Have a wonderful half term.

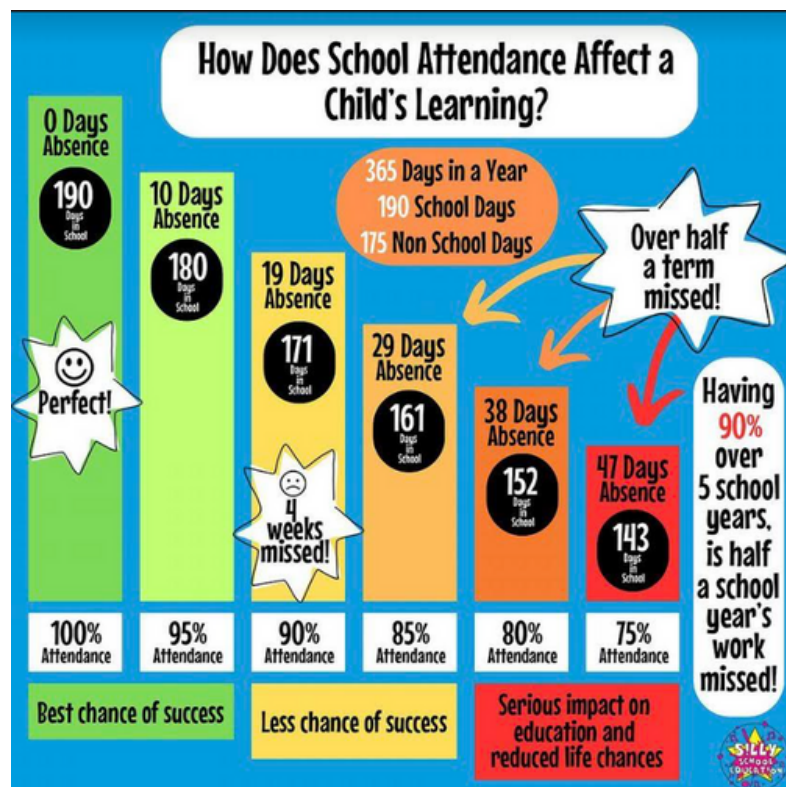
Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Hale and Mrs B Jones

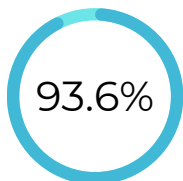


# ATTENDANCE

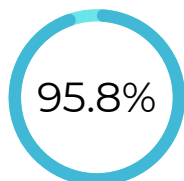
Please remember that attendance each day at school is so important. As a school we are aiming for 95+% for each child and as a whole school.



**Whole School Attendance - this week**



**Whole School Attendance - this half term**



# 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.





# CHILD OF THE WEEK

## Week Beginning: 16th October

Class R: Toby S for excellent focus and knowledge this week.

Class 1: Darcy C for being a superstar class member especially in Maths.

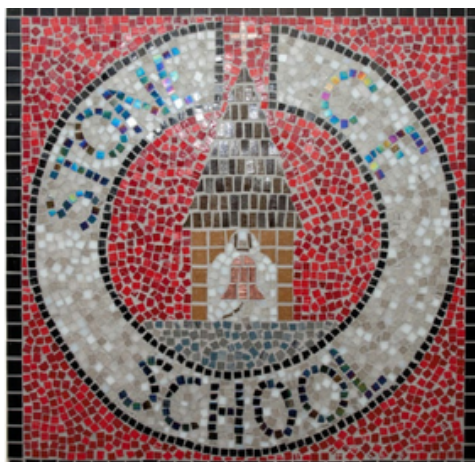
Class 2: Jasmine B for taking care of her friends

Class 3: Thea H for excellent enthusiasm with our Diwali dance.

Class 4: Dhanvin V for working hard at developing his skills in addition and subtraction.

Class 5: Sophia C for participating more in lessons, especially in English.

Class 6: Alfie H for super work on his modernised Victorian waistcoat.



# STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS

## Week beginning: 16th October

Perseverance: to the whole of Class 3, for perseverance and grit using a compass and getting muddy at Forest School.

Lewis N - Class 4, for perseverance even though he was feeling upset after an injury, he kept going through all his assessments.

Oscar C - Class 1, for persevering with his pencil grip.

Grace C-B - Class 5, for showing great perseverance when coming to school.

Responsibility: Theodore - Class R, for completing his writing with good focus this week.

Daniel M - Class 2, for taking pride in his work.

Community: Jacob T - Class 6, for very kindly lending his class community his Fugglers for our fashion 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: 16th October**

Class R: Zimal K for playing so nicely with a friend who was alone.

Class 1: Roman B for helping with class jobs.

Class 2: Eden J for helping a friend with their Maths work.

Class 3: Hattie S for being so supportive during our in class talent show.

Class 4: Lyndette G who noticed another child struggling to keep up during teaching time, so she made sure they were on the right page and supported them.

Class 5: Annabelle W for making someone laugh when they were sad.

Class 6: Kami B for always being kind to a friend.



## BIRTHDAYS

**A very happy birthday to the following children who had a birthday this week:**

Class R:

Class 1:

Class 2: Peyton B and Daniel M.

Class 3:

Class 4: Abdul O.

Class 5:

Class 6:

