

# Stone Church of England Combined Primary School

## Newsletter

24th November 2023

## Headteachers' Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

We wanted to start by expressing our delight at seeing so many parents attend our Parent's Evening this week. There was a lovely buzz in the hall as teachers, parents and children shared in the progress and growth made by your children. We look forward to welcoming more parents next week as we continue these valuable discussions.

We were pleased to hear that many of you appreciated the inclusion of more quantitative data in our Parent's Evening reports. This adjustment was made in response to the feedback we received from the parent view data last year, which highlighted your wishes to have a better understanding of your children's performance and how we make our teacher assessments. As always, your opinions are of great importance to us and we genuinely strive to act upon the feedback received.

If you were unable to complete the parent form at Parent's Evening, we ask that you take a few moments to fill it out at your earliest convenience. Your input allows us to gain an understanding of your thoughts and feelings and aids us in continuously improving the educational experience for your children.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

If you have not yet signed the parent code of conduct, we ask that you do so. This agreement ensures that we maintain clear and consistent expectations within our school community for all parents and visitors.

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In response to another valuable piece of feedback, we have ensured that all children now have the opportunity to access extra-curricular activities. Classes 1 – 6 are participating in these activities every Friday afternoon. Last week, we witnessed exciting events such as chess battles, drumming in the playground and the creation of unique dragon eyes. The children are so engaged in these activities and are eagerly working towards showcasing their achievements during our final assembly of the term.

Mrs S Hale and Mrs B Jones

## Upcoming Dates

**Thursday 30th November**  
- St Andrews Day.  
Children may wear blue for a donation to Children in Need.

**Friday 1st December** -  
Christmas Crazy Hair Day.  
Deadline for Christmas decorations  
Festive Fridays start.

**Monday 4th December**  
-10.00am iRock Concert.

**Tuesday 5th December**  
-9.00am KS1 Nativity .

**Wednesday 6th  
December** - 2.00pm KS1  
Nativity.

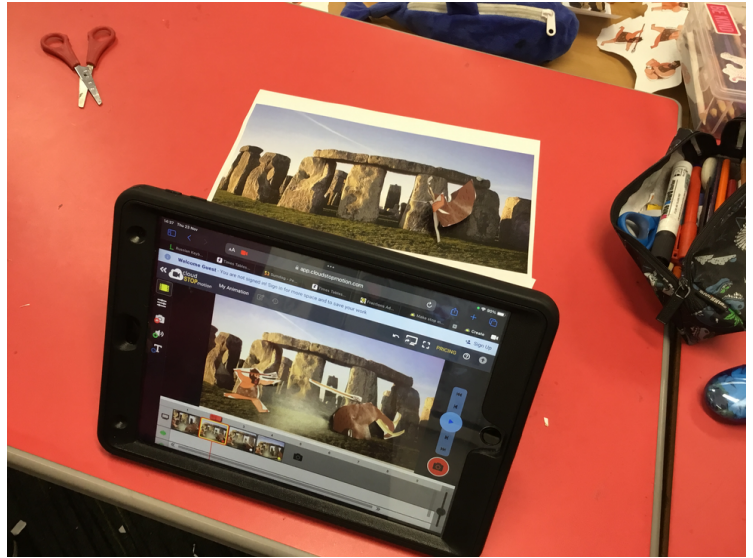
**Thursday 7th December** -  
Class 3 sponsored Dance

**Friday 8th December** -  
Class 3 to Aylesbury  
pantomime.

# CLASS NEWS

## CLASS 3

Year 3 have had a great time making a stone age animation this week using a stop motion app.



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# CLASS NEWS

## CLASS 1

Below is a picture of Year 1 standing by their class tree in Autumn. They will be observing the changes to the tree throughout the year.

In Maths, they have been completing many practical activities with adding and subtracting.



## CLASS 2

Class 2 had a wonderful trip to Waddesdon Manor on Wednesday.

The class were delighted to meet the author and illustrator of the book "The Lights that Dance in the Night", Yuval Zommer. He also signed several copies of the story. Afterwards the children decorated Christmas baubles which was great fun.





# CHILD OF THE WEEK

**Week Beginning: 13/11/23**

Class R: Theo W for using some great short sentences in his play this week.

Class 1: Zachary L for always being our star.

Class 2: Aria P for always being a delightful member of our community.

Class 3: Sam W for his excellent work on his 3D card sculpture.

Class 4: Sitaara P for showing her fantastic mathematical thinking during carpet discussion.

Class 5: Ellie A for sharing lots of wonderful ideas in English.

Class 6: Alex F for producing excellent writing this week using his great ideas.

**Week Beginning: 20/11/23**

Class R: Olly Y for independently exploring all work areas in class this week.

Class 1: Nathan O for being amazing in a new class.

Class 2: Eden J for representing Stone perfectly at Waddesdon.

Class 3: Lillie-Grace B for her wonderful presentation in all her books.

Class 4: Darcie P for talking through problems with an adult and working out solutions.

Class 5: Olivia U for challenging herself to take on “harder” tasks in Maths this week.

Class 6: Ben S for always working hard and trying to stretch himself.

## STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS

**Week Beginning: 13/11/23**

Perseverance: Sophia P - Class R, for excellent identifying of her phonic sounds.

Yakub C - Class 1, for using perseverance to use his voice.

Ava B - Class 4, for really trying hard with her times tables and accepting the challenge.

Jace M - Class 5, for always persevering when faced with a challenge.

Mylah M - Class 2, for working hard to be a “neat ninja” in English.

Responsibility: Kyra K - Class 3, for always putting her things away and deepening the moment in her learning.

Community: Michelle M - Class 6, for joining in and settling well in our community.

**Week Beginning: 20/11/23**

Perseverance: William D - Class R, for challenging himself to try new activities.

David P - Class 5, for persevering in swimming lessons.

Roman B - Class 1, for super perseverance in his Geography work.

Responsibility: Rory Y - Class 3, for taking responsibility for deepening his learning and presenting his work beautifully.

Community: Freddie H - Class 5, for being incredibly supportive and kind.

Kimberley O - Class 4, for settling quickly into class 4.

Lily S - Class 2, for being helpful in school council.





## 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: 13/11/23**

Class R: Aleena B for being very helpful in class this week.

Class 1: Lucas M for sharing his love of reading and inspiring everyone.

Class 2: Aria P for being helpful with her snack pot.

Class 3: Jessica G for being kind.

Class 4: Maxwell S for being an extremely reliable companion and trusted friend to his classmates.

Class 5: Trent D for being supportive to his friend in football.

Class 6: Alfie H for putting away a classmate's book without being asked.

**Week Beginning: 20/11/23**

Class R: Lacie V for always helping the adults with jobs

Class 1: Evie M for giving a spare pair of her own gloves to a friend as their hands were cold.

Class 2: Alice G for playing with some of her class.

Class 3: Jessica G for playing with a class mate.

Class 4: Oscar K for helping a friend do their colouring.

Class 5: Thomas for making Mrs Masters a thoughtful card.

Class 6: Kash O for picking up a friend's equipment.



## BIRTHDAYS

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

Class R: Serenna B.

Class 1: no birthdays

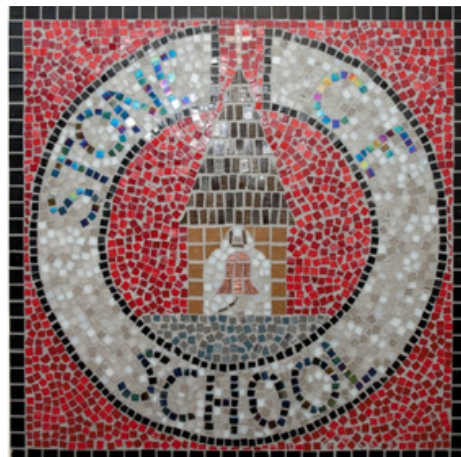
Class 2: no birthdays

Class 3: no birthdays

Class 4: no birthdays

Class 5: Annabelle W, Trent D and Bobby E.

Class 6: Gabriel N.



## ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

If we decide to close the whole school in an emergency (e.g snow), a notification will be placed on the BCC (Buckinghamshire Council) School Closures webpage. If the closure happens whilst children are at school, we will text parents/carers and publish on the BCC (Buckinghamshire Council) School Closures webpage.

In these instances, please do not phone school to check unless you have alternative collection arrangements of which you need to advise us.

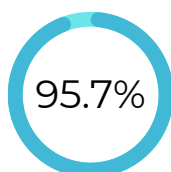
Link to school closures webpage: <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>



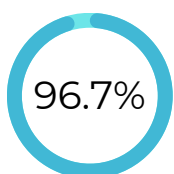
## ATTENDANCE

Please remember that our school gates close at 8.45am. We mark the registers straight away so your child is considered late if they arrive after 8.45am and this does impact on their learning.

Last week



This week



## HOUSEPOINTS

Week Beginning: 13/11/23

1st: Blue House/St Andrews - 416 points  
2nd: Yellow House/St Davids - 380 points  
3rd: Green House/St Patricks - 309 points  
4th: Red House/St Georges - 290 points

Week Beginning: 13/11/23

1st: Blue House/St Andrews - 435 points  
2nd: Green House/St Patricks - 390 points  
3rd: Yellow House/St Davids - 340 points  
4th: Red House/St Georges - 316 points



## CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION

With Christmas just around the corner, we are excited to launch our annual Christmas tree decoration competition!

The competition is a fantastic opportunity for the children to show their creative skills. They are invited to enter one decoration each, which can be based on any theme (reindeer, Santa, stars, stockings, candy canes, presents, baby Jesus etc...).

All entries will hang on our school Christmas tree and every child that enters will receive 10 house points. There will also be prizes for first, second and third place in each class.

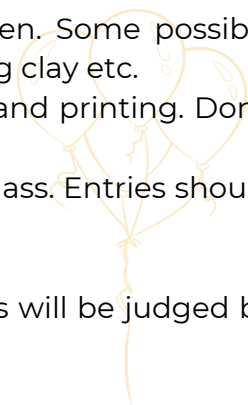
It would be lovely to see a range of materials and techniques used by the children. Some possible materials that your child might like to use are card, felt, material, salt dough, air-drying clay etc.

Your child might like to explore the following techniques: collage, sewing, painting and printing. Don't forget the glitter and a ribbon or string to hang it from the tree!

Please ensure that the decoration is clearly labelled with your child's full name and class. Entries should be given to your child's class teacher.

The deadline for entries is the start of the school day on Friday 1st December. Entries will be judged by our staff team and winners will be announced in next Friday's celebration assembly.

We can't wait to see the children's creativity shine!







## READING RECOMMENDATION

Christmas is fast approaching and what better way to feel festive than reading a 'Christmassy' text! Below is an article that has selected some brilliant books which can be enjoyed by children (and adults!) during this special time:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/extras/indybest/christmasgifts/best-christmas-books-kids-children-b1769835.html>

Happy reading!



## SKILLS FOR LIFE

This week in our Skills for Life collective worship, we learned about the unhelpful thinking habit of mind reading - assuming we know what others are thinking (usually about us).

Questions to challenge this habit include: *Am I assuming I know what others are thinking? What's the evidence? Those are my own thoughts, not theirs. Is there another, more balanced way of looking at it?*

Please see the Powerpoint attached to find the story we used to explore this with the children.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Leads are:

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