

Stone Church of England Combined Primary School

Newsletter

12th January 2024

Headteachers' Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope you had a wonderful holiday. We were delighted to see the children return to school, all brimming with enthusiasm and eagerly looking forward to their new topics and extra-curricular activities this term. We have an action-packed few weeks ahead of us!

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about our procedures in the event of a whole-school closure due to unforeseen circumstances, such as heavy snowfall. Should such a situation arise, we will post a notification on the Buckinghamshire Council (BCC) School Closures webpage. You can access the page by visiting the following link: [BCC School Closures Webpage](#).

In the event that the closure occurs during school hours, we will inform parents and carers via text message, while also ensuring that the information is published on the BCC School Closures webpage. Kindly note that in such instances, we ask that you refrain from calling the school to inquire about closure updates, unless you have made alternative collection arrangements which you need to inform us about.

We understand that these unforeseen circumstances can cause inconvenience and disruption to daily routines but we assure you that the safety and wellbeing of your children is our top priority.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and cooperation. Let us make this Spring term a fulfilling and successful one for our children!

Kind Regards
Mrs S Hale and Mrs B Jones

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 16th January -
Stay and Play in Class R for
parents 9.00-10.00am

Wednesday 17th January
pm- Year 5 Planetarium
visit in school

Thursday 25th January -
KS1 Movie Night

Friday 26th January -
Speech competition in
classes

CLASS NEWS

CLASS 2

Year 2 has had an incredibly busy first week back full of fun and lots of learning. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Year 5 who helped us in maths about how to calculate change.

On Monday, we enjoyed decorating biscuits as a part of our new English unit with Mrs Adams. They looked delicious!

The children have been working so hard already this term and we are all very proud of them.





CHILD OF THE WEEK

Week Beginning: 8/1/24

Class R: Zachary T for some lovely focus during group work this week.

Class 1: Mireya B for being a superstar independent writer.

Class 2: Isaac M for his focus in our new PE topic.

Class 3: Lydia G for her excellent recall in topic and her wonderful enthusiasm.

Class 4: Mason A for making active choices to be ready in lessons and prepared for success.

Class 5: Kai D for being an excellent role model for the year 2 children this week.

Class 6: Ollie N for fantastic contributions to all lessons and showing excellent learning behaviour.



STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS

Week Beginning: 8/1/24

Perseverance: Charley D -Class R, for being “on fire” answering questions on the carpet this week.

Aurelia S - Class 3, for persevering with her colour was for her Egyptian art work.

Responsibility: Jacob C -Class 6, for showing patience and resilience when in tricky situations.

James D - Class 1, for excellent pink target work in history.

Jasmine B - Class 2, for taking pride in all she does.

Rian S - Class 4, for ensuring his work and effort in class is the best it can be for success.

Community: Kanak A - Class 5, for settling into our class community this week and showing respect to others.





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: 8/1/24

Class R: William D for tucking in friends without being asked.

Class 1: Owen W for being a superstar helper and sorting another child's work.

Class 2: Ava D for saying her thank you's.

Class 3: Karen B for making a classmate laugh.

Class 4: Sitaara P for being a supportive table mate and showing kindness to the adults in the classroom.

Class 5: Amber S for helping a friend with their Maths.

Class 6: Mitchell M for being helpful when setting up in the hall this week.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Class R: no birthdays

Class 1: no birthdays

Class 2: no birthdays

Class 3: no birthdays

Class 4: no birthdays

Class 5: no birthdays

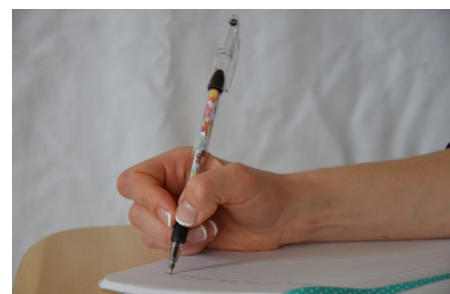
Class 6: no birthdays



PARENTS' EVENING REPORT FEEDBACK

We introduced a new report format for the most recent parents' evenings. We would appreciate your feedback on this. If you have a couple of minutes to do so, please complete the following Google Form by Friday 19th January. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnNQOJbOWNI9UEp2-M16W-n1bYY95fILGkppM2iRZG_3TITg/viewform?usp=sf_link



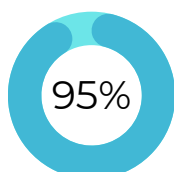
WRITE TO US

To promote Writing across the school, we encourage all children to find time this year to write to Mrs Jones, Mrs Hale and Mrs Seivwright (this can be more than once). The children can write about anything they like.

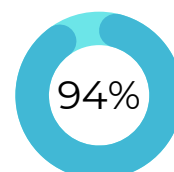
We will write back!

Every Day Counts - Children should be here everyday they can be.
We are aiming for 95+%.

Last week in
December



This week



HOUSEPOINTS

We are planning to change the way that we record house points.

Mrs Seivwright will be sending an email to parents to explain the changes shortly.



LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS CONSULTATION

Lord Williams's School is starting a consultation on its admissions arrangements from September 2025, as one of the primary schools from whom students have transferred to us we would like you and your parents to be aware.

Please see the attachments for further details.



CHILDREN'S SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel De Souza is undertaking a survey called "The Big Ambition" which provides children with an opportunity to share their views. She wishes to make sure that the children and young people of Aylesbury are fairly represented in the results.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition





IROCK CONCERT

We are so proud of our rockstars who performed in another fantastic IRock concert before the Christmas holidays.

We had children from all year groups rocking out with their bands to a range of hits on vocals, guitar, drums and keys. It's great to see the children making fantastic progress and having so much fun in the process.

The audience enjoyed singing and dancing along and there were a number of children keen to explore the option of joining.

If your child would like to take part in IRock music lessons, you can find out more here:

<https://www.irockschool.com/parents-info>





READING RECOMMENDATION

This week's recommendation is 'Super Space Weekend: Adventures in Astronomy' by Gaelle Almeras. This non-fiction graphic novel for kids 7+ takes readers on a thrilling voyage through our universe.

It has fascinating information about astronomy and space reviewed by scientists, including an astrophysicist and planetary scientist. Get ready for the ultimate astronomy adventure!

Happy Reading!



SKILLS FOR LIFE

This week we have been focusing on the unhelpful thinking habit of 'compare and despair' - seeing only the good and positive aspects in others, and getting upset when comparing ourselves negatively against them.

The following questions can help challenge these thoughts: *Am I doing that 'compare and despair' thing? What would be a more balanced and helpful way of looking at it?*

Please see the Powerpoint attached for the story we used with the children.

Growth Mindset Song

We have been listening to Never Ever Give Up by Matthew West:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MaKsMH6KVam&list=PLuX9hUNrJc-CGom-KGd0VC64onLsXlyiz&index=2>



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Help to Keep Your Child Safe Online

As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe. The UK Safer Internet Centre provide advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

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.

