

# Stone Church of England Combined Primary School

## Newsletter

1st March 2024

## Headteachers' Message

Dear Parents,

It's lovely to notice the lighter mornings and evenings as we transition into Spring. As we welcome back our students after the half-term break, I wanted to update you on some of the exciting events and activities we have planned for the upcoming weeks.

Last week, we had a wonderful R.E day where classes in 1 - 6 came together to engage in various activities. It was truly heartening to witness how well the children collaborated and delved into our school vision and values, contemplating what these mean to them. The discussions were insightful and it was great to see our students actively participating and sharing their thoughts.

We have a special event planned for March 8th, where we will be inviting male role models to visit the school. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with their positive male figures in school.

We are also excited to welcome all parents into school for Parent's evening. This will be a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. We encourage all parents to attend, as these conversations play a crucial role in supporting your child's development and educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a fantastic term ahead.

Warm Regards,

Mrs S Hale and Mrs B Jones

## Upcoming Dates

Thursday 7th March -  
World Book Day. Children  
to dress up as a character  
from a favourite book.

Friday 8th March -FUDGE  
morning for Dads,  
Grandads and male role  
models to come into  
classes. 8.15am for a  
breakfast pastry and then  
into the classrooms from  
9.00am -10.00am,

Monday 11th March -  
Science week starts

Tuesday 12th March - 3.30-  
6.00pm -Parents evening

Wednesday 13th March -  
Class R trip to Aylesbury  
library

Thursday 14th March -  
Class R and Class 6 height  
and weight check.

4.30-7.00pm-Parents  
evening

Tuesday 19th March -3.30-  
5.00pm Extra Provision  
Parents Evening

Thursday 21st March -3.30-  
5.00pm Extra Provision  
Parents Evening

# CLASS NEWS

## CLASS R

Class R enjoyed our RE Spirituality Day, creating artwork in the style of Kandinsky's Concentric Circles. We listened to 4 different pieces of music and used coloured crayons to represent how the music made us feel, in different circular shapes.

The results were fantastic!





## CHILD OF THE WEEK

Week Beginning: 19/2/24

Class R: Evie R for improved participation and focus on the carpet.  
Class 1: James D for excellent remembering of facts for our biography.  
Class 2: Ellsie B for her wonderful pirate work in English.  
Class 3: Josh J for his wonderful atlas work.  
Class 4: Lewis N for doing his best to up level his sentences and include all punctuation needed.  
Class 5: Zach V for trying his best to finish his story writing to share with KS1.  
Class 6: Charlie K for awesome writing in scene description

Week Beginning: 26/2/24

Class R: Theodore MS for excellent focus and results during our spiritual day on Kandinsky's Concentric Circles.  
Class 1: Charlie E for always being a star learner.  
Class 2: Anuki for being a constant joy! Anuki has applied herself in everything.  
Class 3: Aydin I for his wonderful work on Italy.  
Class 4: Oliver AJ for engaging in whole class discussions and showing great points of view.  
Class 5: Grace - Class 5, always listening to feedback and advice, making wonderful improvements in all subjects.  
Class 6: Chloe Jones - Class 6, for participating in lessons even when its hard.

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## STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS

Week Beginning: 19/2/24

Perseverance: Oliver N - Class 6, for perseverance across all his subjects and showing great improvement.  
Darcy C - Class 1, for great perseverance in all her work this year.  
Louis D - Class 2, for working hard on his handwriting.

Responsibility: Darcey C - Class 5, for being very responsible and making good choices  
Sophia V - Class 4, for showing independence and doing her best to be successful.

Community: Jonah E - Class R, for being a mature member of our class community and volunteering to sit out of a game when there were too many.

Compassion: Harry R - Class 3, for comforting a friend who wasn't feeling well

Week Beginning: 26/2/24

Perseverance: Indie S - Class R, for perseverance during DT, making a pirate ship that would float.  
Rudraksh K - Class 3, for perseverance with his work on fractions.  
Kash O - Class 6, for perseverance and always trying his best in Maths.

Responsibility: Leo- Class 5, taking on jobs around our class and being responsible.  
Ostyn GB - Class 4, for taking charge of his learning and recognising what he needs to do to succeed.

Community: Owen W-D - Class 1, for sharing his knowledge about animals.

Compassion: Jacob B - Class 2, for trying to play with everyone.





## 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: 19/2/24

Class R: Oliver N for always being a kind and helpful member of the class.

Class 1: Ethan A for always taking such good care of the classroom.

Class 2: Benjamin F for using his beautiful manners.

Class 3: Connor B for making excellent choices.

Class 4: Sidharth P for showing dedication towards helping another friend many times, without being asked.

Class 5: Charles B for complimenting a fellow pupil.

Class 6: Jacob C for always being nice to his friend and lifting their spirits up.

Week Beginning: 26/2/24

Class R: Gunnar G for welcoming a visitor to class by chatting so well to them.

Class 1: Jackson L for being so kind to a fellow classmate.

Class 2: Louie F for being inclusive at playtime.

Class 3: James R for helping another child in class.

Class 4: Abdul for having so many kindness nominations this week. All for being helpful and approachable.

Class 5: Sophia C for playing with Grace and her friends and being kind.

Class 6: Princess E - for always being there for Tallulah no matter what.



## BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to the following children who have had a birthday in the last three weeks which includes half term:

Class R: Oliver N.

Class 1: Joshua C and Zara T.

Class 2: Elsie B, Rayan K, Alice G and Hope J.

Class 3: no birthdays.

Class 4: Teddy C, Sandrine H and Dhiya R.

Class 5: Bethany G and Sophia C.

Class 6: Jack C.



## HEALTHY LIVING

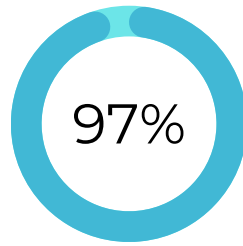
It is recommended that children eat 5 portions of fruit and veg a day. It is sometimes tricky to figure out how much that really means. As a rough guide, 1 portion of fruit or veg for a child is the amount they can fit in the palm of their hand.

Fruit and Veg can also be hidden, for example the chickpeas in hummus and falafel, the fruit in yoghurts, the lentils in dahl and the vegetables in guacamole and salsa all count. Adding foods with a variety of colours can be fun. Why not try creating a fruit and veg rainbow, we would love to see how they look so feel free to take a picture and share it with us.

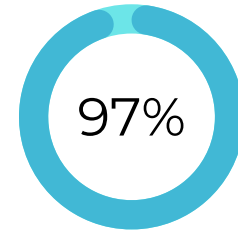
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Last week



This week

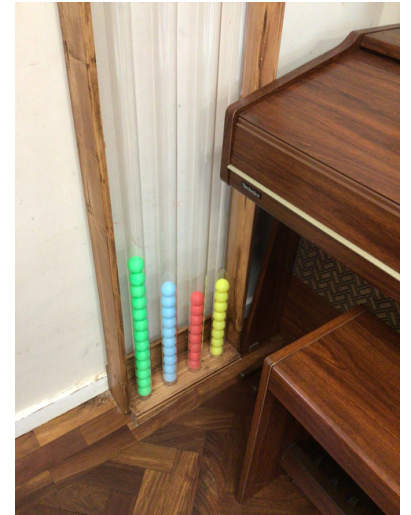


## HOUSEPOINTS at 29/2/24

1st: Green house/St Patricks

2nd: Blue House/St Andrews

Joint 3rd: Red and Yellow Houses/St Georges and St Davids.



## FOOTBALL MATCH

Well done to all those involved in the 2 matches on Tuesday 20th February against St Edwards School. Both teams played very well.

Here are the results : Stone won 2-0 and drew the other match 3-3.

Players of the match for each game were: Kameron B and Charlie K.

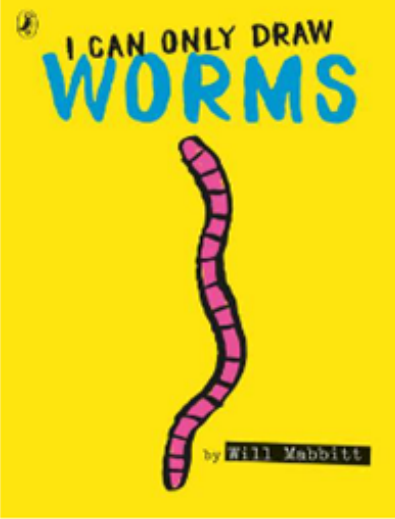
## St David's Day

St David's Day - 1st March 2024

Wear Yellow to school to raise money for Cancer Research

A total of £157.26 was raised, so thank you and well done to everyone who took part and wore Yellow as best as they could.





## READING RECOMMENDATION

This week's recommendation is 'I Can Only Draw Worms' by Will Mabbitt. It is a funny book about worms and their adventures! The writer invites the reader to use their imagination, and it is a good text to use to develop inference skills. A clever tale that can be read again and again!

Happy Reading!



## SKILLS FOR LIFE

Over the past fortnight, we have enjoyed learning all about growth mindset from Mojo, the growth mindset monster! We have learned that mistakes and challenges help us to grow our brains and keep learning.

We have watched the following videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zrtHt3bBmQ>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rg\\_MeWhJW7I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rg_MeWhJW7I)

**Growth mindset music** - we have been listening to Everything's Gonna be Alright by Beverley Knight

**Mindfulness activity** - we have been practising visualisation using the attached activity.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Please can we remind parents and carers that we must be made aware of any planned leave of absence as part of our safeguarding procedures. Requests for a leave of absence must be submitted at least four weeks in advance using a request form, which can be found in our Attendance policy on our school website. Details about what constitutes authorised and unauthorised absences can also be found in this policy.

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.



## INCLUSION

World Hearing Day is an annual global advocacy event for raising awareness regarding hearing loss and promoting ear and hearing care, and calling for action to address hearing loss and related issues.

Each year, this event is celebrated on 3 March, covering a specific theme on which the World Health Organization and its partners carry out activities based on this theme.

Globally, over 80% of ear and hearing care needs remain unmet. Changing mindsets related to ear and hearing care is crucial to improving access and mitigating the cost of unaddressed hearing loss.

World Hearing Day 2024 will focus on overcoming the challenges posed by societal misperceptions and stigmatizing mindsets through awareness-raising and information-sharing.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's hearing please make an appointment to see your GP and get their hearing tested.

If your child has a hearing issue, please ensure your child's class teacher is aware so that we can ensure they are fully supported in the classroom.

For more information on World Hearing Day please visit the following website:  
<https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-hearing-day/2024>

## GOLDEN TABLE

Before half term, a group of children who have particularly demonstrated our school values at lunch times had lunch with Mrs S Hale on the golden table in the school hall. It was great to hear about how they have been positive role models to others. The golden table takes place once a half term. We look forward to seeing who will join us for the next one!



A huge well done to the following children who were selected for showing kindness and respect at lunch times:

- Class R - William and Connie
- Class 1 - Joshua
- Class 2 - Louis
- Class 5 - Bethany and Olivia

**Skills for Life  
Recommended Resource**

**Please find attached Action for Happiness' 'Mindful March' calendar to support wellbeing during this month.**