



STONE ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Caring Growing Shining Together'

Dear Parents/Carers

Can you believe we are moving towards the end of Term 1 – time is flying but it has been great to have the good weather during September meaning the children have been able to use the school field for longer.



Our Autumn break this year runs from Friday 21st October until Monday 30th October 2023 inclusive. Tuesday 31st October is a Staff Training Day so all staff will attend but no children are to attend.

Our last day this term will therefore be Thursday 19th October and children will return to school on Wednesday 1st November 2023.

Please ensure you all have a lovely break and try to enjoy some family time together.

#HELLO YELLOW DAY

Tuesday 10th October is Mental Health Awareness day, the children are to wear yellow #Hello Yellow Day. Donations will be collected on the playground. The money raised will be donated to YoungMinds.

Individual Photographs

Individual photographs will take place on Friday 13th October 2023.



Be a Historian day

Monday 16th October is "Be a historian day". There will be workshops held for each year group and children are welcome to dress up as a historian, this is optional. If your child is not dressing up please bring your child in their normal school clothing.

Harvest Festival



We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 18th October 2023 :

KS2 – 9.15am – Thanksgiving Worship
KS1 – 2.00pm – Thanksgiving Worship

Please bring donations of food, toiletries, etc that can be used at the St Mary's food bank.

All parents are welcome to join us in our celebrations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Stone St. Mary's is special because.....

On Friday 22nd September we had a day in school to think about our vision and values. The children all worked together in their year groups and classes to consider our vision and values and how we use these to support our time in school and beyond. We revisited the bible stories linked to our vision and thought about how the message in them link to the words. We created some lovely displays to support us to remember the importance of our vision and values around school.



New Year R intake – September 2024

OPEN MORNINGS FOR YEAR R INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2024

(birth date 01.09.2019 – 31.08.2020)

We will again be holding our very sought after Open Mornings so that families are able to look around our lovely school and be able to see how much we have to offer our pupils.

Thursday 2nd November

9.15am Tour & 9.45am Headteacher Talk

1.45pm Tour & 2.15pm Headteacher Talk

Wednesday 22nd November

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1.45pm Tour & 2.15pm Headteacher Talk

Please telephone the school office on 01322 382292 to ensure that you have booked a slot at one of our open events.

Please pass on this information to any families that you know who may have new Reception children.

Year 6 Remembrance Worship – Thursday 10th November 2023



Year 6 will be leading our Remembrance Worship in school. This will take place at 9.15am. We invite all year 6 parents to join the whole school in sharing in with this remembrance time.

Poppies and other products will be sold daily between now and Remembrance Day. Please ensure you have some money to donate for these purchases.

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Attendance

Please ensure that attendance at school is a high priority for your children. There is clear research that shows that children who attend regularly every year in school achieve much more highly than those where attendance is low.

The school will be monitoring the attendance of all pupils and will in a variety of ways liaise with parents when attendance falls below the required thresholds.

If your child is absent from school, please telephone and speak with the office before 9.00am. If we do not receive a reason for absence on the morning, then this will be recorded as unauthorised even if there is a good reason for the absence.

Where there are a number of unauthorised absences that build up then Penalty Notices could be triggered and reported to Kent County Council. Thank you for your support with this.

Any holiday requests cannot be authorised unless there are very specific circumstances in line with our policy. Please note again that having good attendance is not a criteria for authorising a holiday request and unauthorised absence through holiday may also lead to the issuing of a penalty notice.

Morning drop off / Lateness

Morning drop off, the gates will close promptly at 8.55am, once this happens you will need to press the buzzer at the main gate. From 8.55am - 9am your child must go through the office to their classrooms to ensure they are not late, no parents are able to walk their child to their classroom.

Parent Consultations – by appointment

These will take place on the following afternoon/evenings –

Tues 14th November 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 16th November 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Notifications will come to you after the break to let you know how you can book a time slot with your child's teacher through Arbor – watch this space.

Parent Workshops

Many thanks for all those parents who came to the Phonics Workshop. It was great to hear all of the positive feedback and how much you thought it had helped to understand the different strategies used in Stone classrooms.

The next parent workshop is to be held on Tuesday 28th November at either 9.00am until 10am or 6.00pm – 7.00pm. The topic for this workshop is New Foundation Curriculum . It would be really great to see lots of parents at this event as we have lots to share with you around how we are now teaching the foundation subjects. More information will be sent out in due course to sign up for this workshop.

The School Chickens – Laid an egg

The school chickens are thriving and have recently laid 3 eggs, the children are extremely eggcited by this!!



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If your child arrives after 9am they are late, persistent lateness also contributes to a loss in a child's education.

If in a school year, your child is late every day by	Your child would have lost approximately off school	Or they would approximately
5 Mins	3.5 days	18 Lessons
10 Mins	7 days	35 lessons
15 Mins	10 days	50 lessons
20 Mins	14.5 days	73 lessons
30 Mins	22 days	110 lessons

YEAR 6 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Congratulations to our newly appointed Junior Leadership team- Billy Coward, Danny Coward, Emma Haden, Dominic Mounger, Destiny Ajayi and Grace Pearce.

By the end of this term each of our Year 6 pupils will have a responsibility.

House Captains

St. George's – James Allen & Jeremiah Aning

St. Patrick's – Mykala Henry - Williams & Harry Towers

St. David's – Frankie Stapleton & Elayna Cheyne

St. Andrew's – Paige Horton & Archie Roper

We look forward to all of the above supporting our school community in lots of different ways throughout the year and being excellent role-models for all the pupils across the school. We especially, hope that the House Captains will be able to lead their teams in an excellent Sports Day next year – fingers crossed!!

Football Teams

Both our boys and girls' football teams took part in a tournament at Dartford Football Club against other Dartford schools. They all played really well and exhibited excellent sportsmanship.



The girls' team went on to play on finals day and played really well but did not bring a trophy home this time.



Netball Team

The school netball team competed at the Trust Netball competition and showed great determination, team work and perseverance. For some of these children, it was their first time competing for the school.

They all had lots of fun and can't wait for their next match.



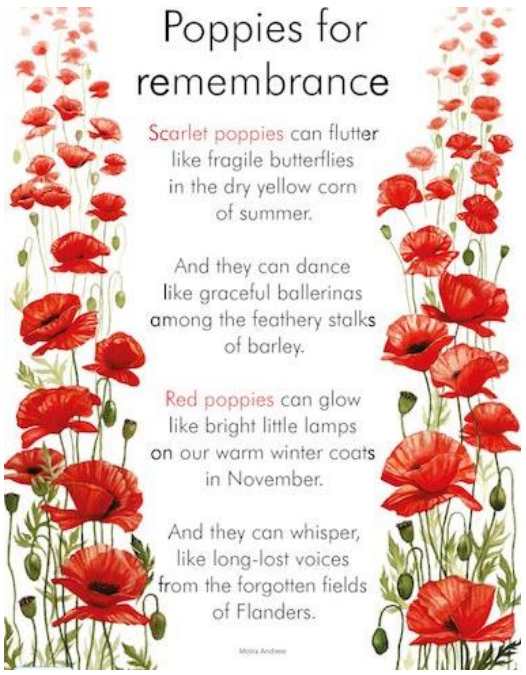

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Diary Dates

Please make sure you write all of the dates into your diary for Term 2 so that you do not miss anything!

Mon 9 th & Tues 10 th Oct	NHS - Child Measurement Programme Year R & Year 6	9.00am – 3.00pm
Tues 10 th Oct	#Hello Yellow day – Children to Wear yellow – doantions welcome on the playground	
Fri 13 th Oct	Individual School photographs	
Mon 16 th Oct	Be a historian – Dressing up optional	
Weds 18 th Oct	Harvest Festival – Parents welcome	KS2 – 9.15am KS1 – 2.00pm
Fri 20 th Oct	Mid Term Holiday Begins	
Mon 31 st Oct	Staff Training Day – children not to attend	
Wed 1 st Nov	Start of Term 2	
Thur 2 nd Nov	Open Morning/Afternoon- Prospective Parents	9.15am or 1.45pm
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Be an Artist day – Dressing up optional	
Fri 10 th Nov	Year 6 Remembrance Worship – Year 6 parents welcome	9.15am
Mon 13 th Nov	Anti bullying odd sock day – Wear odd socks to school	
Tues 14 th Nov	Parent Consultations	3.30 – 6.00pm
Wed 15 th Nov	Turtles Class Worship – parents welcome	9.15am
Thu 16 th Nov	Parent Consultations	4.30 – 7.00pm
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need – Non uniform day – Donations on the playground	
Wed 22 nd Nov	Open Morning/Afternoon- Prospective Parents	9.15am or 1.45pm
Fri 24 th Nov	Non uniform day – Donations of chocolate	
Tues 28 th Nov	Parents Workshop – New foundation curriculum	9.00 – 10.00am or 6.00 -7.00pm
Weds 29 th Nov	Cricket Class worship – Parents Welcome	9.15am
Turs 30 th Nov	Christmas Tree dressing worship – whole School	2.15pm
Fri 1 st Dec	Non Uniform Day – Doantions of alcoholic / non alcoholic bottle	
Fri 1 st Dec	Christmas Market	3.00 – 6.00pm
W/C 4 th Dec	Last week of After School Clubs	
Weds 6 th Dec	Year 1 - Christmas Show Performance	2.00pm
Thurs 7 th Dec	9.15am 1.45pm	9.30am
Fri 8 th Dec	Flu imminations	All Day
Fri 8 th Dec	Christmas jumper day - £1.00 donation	
Fri 8 th Dec	Christmas Lunch	Mid-day
Mon 11 th Dec	Year 2 - Christmas Show Performance	2.00pm
Thurs 14 th Dec	Year R – Christmas Nativity performance	2.00pm
Fri 15 th Dec	Year R – Christmas Nativity performance	9.30am

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Tues 19th Dec	Year 3 & 4 – Christmas Church Service	10.30am	The Poppy Appeal  <p>Poppies for remembrance</p> <p>Scarlet poppies can flutter like fragile butterflies in the dry yellow corn of summer.</p> <p>And they can dance like graceful ballerinas among the feathery stalks of barley.</p> <p>Red poppies can glow like bright little lamps on our warm winter coats in November.</p> <p>And they can whisper, like long-lost voices from the forgotten fields of Flanders.</p> <p><small>Michael Andrews</small></p>
Tues 19th Dec	Year 5 & 6 – Christmas Church Service	1.45pm	
Wes 20th Dec	Christmas Carols around the Tree	9.30am	
Weds 20th dec	Christmas Class Parties	PM	
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas holidays begin		
			<p>Many thanks to everyone for their continued support – please have a great break and we look forward to a fun-packed Term 2!</p> <p>Mrs Jane Rolfe – Headteacher</p> <div data-bbox="1061 1187 1385 1489">  </div>

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