



## STONE ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 'Caring Growing Shining Together'

#### Dear Parents

Please ensure you read our latest newsletter - there are so many great activities and events that have happened over the last month or so.

It is lovely to be able to share all of these with you, thank you to everyone in the school community who make these possible.

#### Class Worship

Thank you to all the classes that have led our class worships this term. There has been so much information from class learning being shared and messages left for us to take with us to help our daily lives. Well done to Bumblebess, Meerkats and Ladybirds classes.

Many thanks to all parents for continuing to support your children on these days - it is lovely to see you all sharing in the learning too!

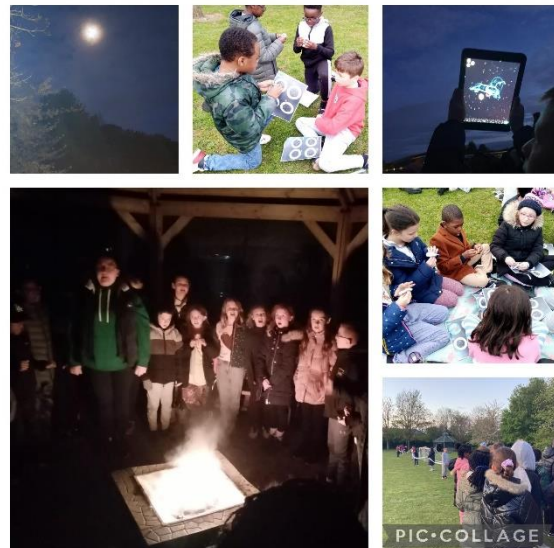
#### Godstone farm - Year R

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Reception children thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Godstone Farm. They took part in many learning opportunities; they fed the animals including pigs and sheep. They held reptiles and even learned facts about animals and their young.



#### Star Gazing - Year 5

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, a fun-night was had by all during the Year 5 stargazing event. We learnt about the Sun and the moon, as well as the position of each planet in our Solar System. We enjoyed a hot dog as well as a hot chocolate and smores which were delicious before finally spotting some stars in the sky.



#### PSHE / RSE Workshops

Many thanks to all those parents that attended the PSHE / RSE workshop on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. It was great to be able to share information with you all either in person or via our online teams meeting which was very well attended.

Thank you also for all the positive feedback received from those parents that attended and we will look at doing more online sessions in the future.

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### St George's day parade - Year 4

On Thursday 23rd April our Year 4 pupils took part in a parade in Dartford Town Centre featuring brass bands, street entertainers, fusion drummers, Morris dancers and stilt walkers.

They started their parade outside the Civic Centre and marched with their flags and St George's hearts to music via the Orchard Shopping Centre and High Street to Central Park, pausing briefly outside the Memorial Gardens for the raising of the flag of Saint George.

The festivities climaxed with speeches and vibrant performances on the bandstand in Central Park. The children had a great time.



### Trust Cross Country event

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, saw 24 children from years 3 to 6 represent the school in a cross-country event. Running on different grounds - grass, playground and woodlands - each representative had to persevere!

Well done to everyone who took part, Stone came 4th out of 7 schools!

A special shout out to Poppy and Giada for coming 1st in their races! 🏆 Jessie for coming 2nd 🥈 and Peter for coming 3rd 🥉 in their races too!



### Confirmation - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Please keep the following in your prayers as they take on the next stage in their spiritual journey by being confirmed by Bishop Simon.

Good luck and best wishes to:

Faithful A	Zion O
Elsie C	Morireoluwa O
Elliot C	Nilah O
David D	Michelle R
Benjamin G	Emily W
Okhare I	Oladeji A
Ire L	Obafemi M
Joshua A	Christopher M
Nathan M	Mykala H
Niamh M	

Many thanks to Rev. Clark for getting the children prepared for this special time.



### KS2 Speaking and Listening competition

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May the winners of the Aletheia Academy Speaking and Listening competition got an amazing opportunity to go on a trip to visit Parliament for a tour, the winner for Stone St Mary's was Oliver in Turtles class, he had a great time attending the trip.

### Church Concert

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May children from the school choir sang at an event for the Mayor at St Mary's Church. The Theme was "Last night at the Proms" so there was lots of singing and flag waving, everyone enjoyed the event.

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### Horton Kirby - Year 3

On Tuesday 30th April 2024, Year 3 had a lovely time studying rivers at Horton Kirby Education Centre.

They investigated how fast the river flows at different parts, tested rocks to see if they are permeable and impermeable and made their own rivers using mud! A good (and muddy) day was had by all!



### Girls Football

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May saw the girl's football team play in the semi-final at Princes Park against St Barts. They showed resilience, teamwork and determination on the pitch and won their match! ⚽

The girls were through to the final and played against Sutton-at-Hone. The team definitely started to feel the nerves at this point. Despite adversity, the girls showed tremendous dedication in the game and gave 100% throughout the 30-minute match. Unfortunately, the game didn't go the way the girls hoped but every single one of them should be extremely proud of themselves.



### Be a Geographer Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May was 'Be a Geographer day' it was embraced by all with every year group making the most of exploring their focussed continent. The children also enjoyed using their geographical skills to unpick orienteering challenges around the school.



### Parking

Please think about how you are driving and parking and remember that parking across neighbours driveways is just not acceptable and think about how you would feel if it was happening to you.

Many thanks to all those parents who are respectful and always think of others when they are driving and parking around the school.

Please do not use the private road (in St James' lane) as a point of turning or parking, using this can also make it dangerous for the children when crossing the road.



### Afterschool Collection supervision

Please remember once you have collected your child from their class room it is your responsibility to watch your child and make sure they're making the right choices.

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### Horton Kirby - Year 4

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Year 4 had a whale of a time on their class trip when they visited the Education Centre at Horton Kirby.

They learnt how to classify plants, animals, birds and insects by carefully considering if they are vascular or non-vascular plants and vertebrates or invertebrates. They then did some pond dipping where we caught some newts, snails and even a dragonfly larvae, used binoculars to spot and identify birds, used microscopes to see the different parts of plants up close and even found time to hunt some insects so we could identify which ones called the woodlands their habitat.



### Year 6 SATS Week

Well done to all Year 6 for their incredible hard work and effort to complete their tests. They were a credit to us all.



### Equality and Diversity workshop

Thank you to the parents that attended either of our workshops, please do try and attend these workshops as they are very informative.

### Absence Requests

Please remember all absence requests must be submitted in advance to the school office in writing by letter or by email.



Please remember family holidays are to be taken in the school holidays, try to look at where we, as a Trust, put our Staff Development Days at the beginning and at the end of the main holiday period to support and help this. Taking your child out of school during term time affects their learning.

### Diary Dates

Please make sure you write all of the dates into your diary for Term 5/6 so that you do not miss anything!

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term 6	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Church / School Fayre	11am - 2.00pm
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Otters Class woship	9.15am
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 - Secondary transfer meeting	7.15pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Be a Scientist Day	
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Elmer Class worship	
W/C 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports week	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports day	AM

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### Agents For Change

This month, The Agents For Change have been busy with classroom monitoring. They have been looking to see whether book corners have a range of diverse books within them so that all pupils can identify with some characters from the stories supplied by the school. They have worked with the English Leadership Team to ensure that the new book spines have a range of different types of books within them.



### School Music Concert - Friday 28th June - 7pm

After a successful event the last few years, we are again holding a School music concert which will be a musical extravaganza.

Children and staff will take part in singing and playing musical instruments. More information to follow - please put the date into your diary!



### School Family event - Cancelled

Unfortunately the school family event due to held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July is Cancelled.

However we will be holding a Fun afternoon with stalls, activities, etc - More details to follow.



Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Gruffalo class worship	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports day	PM 2.45pm school relay
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School Music Concert - More details to follow	7pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset day	
W/C 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Last week of clubs	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Be a Designer for the day	
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Open afternoon	

### Half Term Holiday

The last day in school for Term 5 is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all back for Term 6 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Regards

Mrs Jane Rolfe,  
Headteacher



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