



Stone St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter number 6 -
February 2025



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the February's newsletter.

Welcome to the first week of Term 4, there is lots of exciting learning going on and class worships so please keep an eye on the diary dates, so you do not miss anything.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rolfe 😊

LPP Award

We are pleased to confirm that at the end of last year, the school was successful in gaining the AwardPlace qualification of 'Leading parent partnership'. We would like to thank all our parents for their support and feedback to provide evidence to enable us to achieve the award. We are very proud to have gained this award, our relationship with our families is very important to us and we will continue to look for ways that we can support our school community. If you do any suggestions for the school, please speak to a member of staff or use our suggestion box, which is situated at the school reception desk. Further information on the award and how we work with our parents is also available on our website.



Recent events

- ▶ Collective Worship - Congratulations to Ladybirds & Lions day classes who have all performed their class worship. Congratulations to them all!

It is a great time for the children to be able to reflect on school values and visions and use different class messages to help them in life.

Also, a big thank you to all the Parents/ carers who attended and supported worship – the children love to see you watching them and seeing how proud you are of them!

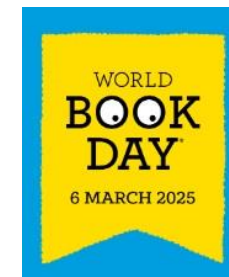


- ▶ W/C 17th March - Please book your Parent consultation appointment/s on the Arbor app or via the Arbor website using the link in the letter. In the email there are also some questions for you to consider before your appointment so that the discussion around your child's progress and outcomes is more collaborative and effective. Please ensure you look at and consider these questions before your appointment. Many thanks for your support with this. **Please note there are no teacher led after school clubs during this week.**

- ▶ Thank you to all the parents / Carers who attended our School improvement session held on Tuesday 11th February, it is always helpful to hear your opinions and enable you to ask any questions you have.



- ▶ On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World book day, please send your child in dressed as a book character. Prizes will be awarded to the most imaginative characters. We look forward to seeing all the children in their wonderful costume.



Sporting events

- ▶ On Tuesday 4th February some of our year 3 and 4's represented the school in a handball competition. Lots of teamwork was shown throughout the event as well as plenty of resilience. Well done to those that took part!
- ▶ On Tuesday 4th February, some of our year 5 and 6's represented the school in a cheerleading event. Lots of resilience, determination and teamwork was seen from our pupils as well as passion! Well done to those that took part!
- ▶ On Monday 10th February, several year 5 and 6's represented the school in the Dartford District Schools League. They played three matches - showing great resilience, determination and most importantly teamwork! They lost their first match against Cherry Orchard. Then in their second match, which was against Horton Kirby, Their final match against Sutton ended 0 - 0. A huge well done to those that represented the school!



Sporting events



- ▶ On Wednesday 12th February, saw some of our year 5 and 6 footballers represent the school in the next round of the FA Cup (organised by Dartford District Schools). Every single boy shone in their own way on the pitch, from defending to attacking. They showed determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the match. The boys won by an incredible 11 - 1.



- ▶ On Tuesday 25th February our year 5's and 6's take part in a netball tournament at Northfleet School for Girls. Everyone who took part in the tournament showed great teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship whilst playing their games. Although they were unfortunate not to make it through to the semi-finals, they managed to come 3rd in their group. A huge well done to Nella and Emily for scoring during the matches.



- ▶ On Thursday 27th February some of our year 5 and 6 footballers have the chance to visit Tottenham Hotspur Training Ground. They were certainly set through their paces from the warm-up to a variety of drills to then friendly matches against the other schools. Each child had a huge smile on their face throughout the entire event. The coaches from Tottenham were amazed at their skills and attitude towards the sport.

Attendance and Lates.

- ▶ If you need to report your child absent or your child needs to attend a medical appointment, please inform the office and provide proof of appointments.
- ▶ If your child is absent from school, **please make sure you 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. **We are unable to accept emails for absence.**
- ▶ The gate closes at 8.55am, after this time you must press the buzzer at the main gate and your child needs to come through the school office, once your child is in the office you will not be able to take them any further.
- ▶ If your child arrives at **9am or after they are late**, Persistent lateness contributes to a loss in your child's education. So please ensure you are getting your children to school on time.
- ▶ Holiday's during term time will not be authorised, first time penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised absence with £160 per parent, per child paid with 28 days. Reduced to £80 per child, per child if paid within 21 days, per parent, per child. Penalty notices are issued per parent for each child that was absent.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
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5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
03/03/2025	Book week		
03/03/2025	Stay and Read	3 - 4pm	Studio
06/03/2025	World book day - Dress up as your favourite book character		Whole school
12/03/2025	Meerkats - Class worship	9.15am	School hall
14/03/2025	Staff development day - Children do not attend school		
W/C 17/03/2025	No after school clubs		
17/03/2025 - 20/03/2025	Parent consultations - Please see email		
19/03/2025	Messy Church - please email to register your child.	3.15 - 5.15pm	
21/03/2025	Red Nose Day - Non uniform Day		Donation buckets on the playground
26/03/2025	Sharks Class worship		
26/03/2025	Reception parent's drop-in	2.00 - 3.00pm	Reception classrooms