



Stone St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to our April newsletter.

I cannot believe it is nearly Easter, time is flying by! It has been a really busy term with lots of fantastic events and lots of sporting events the children have participated in.

Well done to all our pupils and staff for all their hard work this term.

We hope you all have a very Happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rolfe ☺

Easter Celebrations

Thank you to all our parents / carers who attended our Easter worships on Wednesday ,the children had a lovely time and their singing was amazing.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our cake sale!

We hope everyone enjoyed our Easter Celebrations.



Playtime snacks

Please can we remember to include healthy snacks for children's playtime, this could include fruit, cereal bars, rice cakes etc. We are seeing a lot of children with whole packs of biscuits, sharing bags of crisps and sweets. Please also remember to provide your child with a named bottle of water.



Recent events

- ▶ Class Worship - Congratulations to Meerkats & Sharks classes who have performed their class worship. It is a wonderful time for the children to be able to reflect on our school values and visions and use different class messages to help them in life. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents/ carers who attended and supported worships – the children love to see you watching them and seeing how proud you are of them!

Trust Concert

- ▶ Participants from our Year 5 & 6 choir attended the Aletheia Academy Trust concert, the singing was amazing, and all the children really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended.



- ▶ Thank you to all the parents who came to their Parent consultations during W/C 17th March, we really appreciate Parents coming into school to see all of their child's learning and to have a chat with the Class Teacher.



- ▶ On Friday 21st March we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Comic relief with Children coming into school in non-uniform. The school raised over £300 for a great cause! Thank you to everyone for your kind donations



Recent Events

World Book Day

- ▶ On Thursday 6th March the children celebrated World Book Day, the children had a great day and there were lots of wonderful costumes.



International Women's day

- ▶ At lunchtime on Friday 7th March our House Captains ran a football session to mark International Women's Day. They came up with a few activities to encourage children to dribble, pass and shoot. Smiles could be seen on the faces of the KS1 children, who were full of enjoyment. KS2 girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to improve their football skills. A huge thank you to our House Captains for running this event!



Star gazing

- ▶ On Friday 28th March during the evening saw many of our Year 5's take part in a stargazing event at school. From creating star finders to discovering how vast the solar system is (from using loo roll!) to finding Mars, Jupiter and other star constellations. ✨ ✨ ✨

Lots of facts were learnt while having lots of fun with friends.



Sporting events

- ▶ On Wednesday 5th March 8 of our Year 5 & 6's went to Princes Park for the Premier League Shield Competition. Everyone involved played with such passion and commitment to do their best in the matches. The team played 5 matches (they won 1, drew 2 and lost 2) Unfortunately, they didn't finish in the top 2 to progress on into the semi-finals but everyone played amazingly and should be very proud of themselves. A special shout out to Kayan, who was spotted by all the referees and coaches on our pitches, and was awarded player of the tournament for his amazing saves in goal!
- ▶ On Friday 7th March a few of our Year 3 and 4 girls represented the school in the Girl's Biggest Football Session at Legends Sport Centre. This was to mark International Women's Day. The girls absolutely loved the experience and showed great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the afternoon. They took part in a range of drills - passing, shooting and defending - to then implementing this into some friendly matches after. Well done to the girls who took part!
- ▶ On Thursday 27th February & Thursday 13th March some of our staff were trained to use balance bikes! This is an exciting new venture we will be implementing into the PE curriculum for EYFS and KS1 as well as having the opportunity to be used for cross-curricular lessons. Gruffalo Class had a wheely great time and are looking forward to using the balance bikes!



Sporting Events - Continued

- ▶ On Monday 17th March 8 of our Year 5 & 6's took part in another round of league games at Dartford Football Club. They played as a team using effective communication and teamwork within the games. They played 2 games - winning 1 (2-1) and unfortunately losing one (3-0). Well done to everyone!
- ▶ On Monday 25th March our Year 5 & 6 children played in the quarter-final of the FA Cup take place against Joydens Wood. The boys were full of positivity and determination before the match took place. Once on the pitch, the boys persevered after 2 goals were scored by Joydens Wood. However, Stone pulled it back and levelled the playing field. The second half saw Stone score another goal! Unfortunately, by the end of the match Stone lost 7-4. Every boy that took part in the FA Cup should be extremely proud of themselves as this is the furthest the boys football team have got in the last 7 years!
- ▶ On Tuesday 1st April several of our Year 5 and 6 tag rugby players represented the school in a festival at Dartford Valley Rugby Club. Lots of resilience, determination and teamwork were on display throughout the event. From coaching one another to demonstrating great sportsmanship to team talks with Mark Finnis (from England Rugby). A huge well done to all those that took part!



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 e.g evidence of texts, appointment cards, etc.
- ▶ 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

Parking

Emergency Exit area for Bluewater.

► **NO VEHICLES** should be parked Bluewater emergency exit at any time. This exit needs to be clear should there be an emergency in Bluewater shopping Centre this area would allow access for emergency vehicles. It is in the interest of our community safety should there be the need to use it. We have been advised by the Bluewater shopping Centre they will be issuing penalty notices to anyone parking in this Emergency exit area (pictured). The penalty notices will be issued automatically and will be sent to your home address (No yellow notice will be issued).

Other reminders about parking and driving protocols that we like all of our parents to adopt when dropping off and collecting your children in order to keep all of the children safe!

- 1) Please park in a legal bay and not where you should not park – particularly across a crossing place!
- 2) Try to park further away from the school and walk in to reduce the traffic around school – there are plenty of safe places to park a little walk from school.
- 3) Try to observe the unwritten rule of a one-way system in that we drive from St. James Road end and keep going that way up into Louvain Road so that cars are not needing to pass each other as much – this helps the flow of traffic and is much safer.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
04/04/2025	Easter Bonnet competition		Whole school
04/04/2025	Easter Cake sale - Please bring donations to the school office	2.30pm	KS1 playground
04/04/2025	Last day of term - Normal finish time		
22/04/2025	First day back		
28/04/2025	After School clubs start		
29/04/2025	Parent Diversity meeting	2pm	School hall
30/04/2025	Dragonflies class worship	9.15am	
05/05/2025	Bank holiday - Children do not attend		
07/05/2025	Tigers Class worship	9.15am	
12/05/2025	SATS Week	AM	Year 6