



Stonelow Junior School

Autumn term

26 February 2018

Newsletter



Spring Term 2

We hope you had a lovely half term — the second part of the Spring Term is just 4 weeks long and we break up for Easter on Friday 23rd March and return on Monday 9th April.

Parents evening appointments will be sent out this week for Wednesday 21st March and can be booked in the usual way. If you need any help with this, please call Mrs Dilly in the school office.

Spring 1 was fantastic!

With a mixture of snow, frost and lots of rain we still managed to fit in so much this half term. The Dojo winners have all received their non uniform tickets and had playtime at the park and a games hour with drinks and biscuits. Year 5 are enjoying the SUFC sessions on Tuesdays and Y4 are learning to play samba instruments and improving their swimming skills. We now also have an Arts Council who are working with Miss Elliott. Online Safety Day was celebrated and work across school about safe behaviours online was successful in every class.

Class Dojo

As we are already half way through the half term, dojo scores are well on the way. A reminder that dojos are earned for excellent effort, resilience, good behaviour, contributions to school life, sporting events, homework and home reading, progress, good learning behaviours, being kind and helpful etc. So many opportunities and rewards to be announced by School Council soon.

Keep working hard. Dojos reset to 0 after Easter for the final term.

World Book Day

Last half term you will have received a letter about World Book Day on 1st March. We will be dressing up as book characters this year and would like you to share the book your character has come from / inspired your outfit. The Year 5 children will also be reading books with the Y2 children from Holmesdale Infant School that week. All children will be taking part in activities. Look out for your £1 World Book Day Token which can be redeemed against the price of a book or in exchange for one of the special books in certain shops.



Crossing safely

Please continue to use the crossing patrol outside school. Mrs Steele would like to remind you to wait until she tells you it is safe to cross—some children are very eager and occasionally set off before the road is checked.

Sporting achievements ...

Bronze Young Ambassadors have completed their training at the English Institute of Sport. So we now have 10 Year 5 children who are on a mission to make our school even more active. They will be delivering a series of events across the next few terms and will even be presenting a weeks worth of assemblies to the whole school.

The Dance Festival for the Y4 children is coming up at the Winding Wheel - we hope they have lots of fun.

There will be a limited number of tickets for parents to watch; ticket information will be on the letter.

Safeguarding

Our school takes the safety of our pupils very seriously and recent policies and documents are all on the website. These include our Lockdown Policy in case of incidents which mean in order to keep everyone safe, we stay inside school and not evacuate. This could be anything from environmental (e.g. gas leak nearby), local risk, intruder on school grounds (e.g. dog on the field or unknown person on school grounds).

There is also a visitors leaflet and equality statement outlining our ethos.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. If you have any concerns, all school staff are safeguarding trained and the Leads are Mrs Robinson, Mrs Collins and Mrs Kent.

Talking about Reading

One of the most important parts about higher level reading is to be able to **talk** about what you have read, **ask questions** and **predict**. Try these 3 elements at home during the next 4 weeks to see what your child understands when they read to you.



Clubs

Can we please remind you that clubs are often different between terms. Mrs Dilly will send out the clubs list for after Easter and you need to ensure you sign up for these, even if you have been a regular attendee before.

Get Safe Online

The Derbyshire Children's Safeguarding Board have signed up to get safe online, for free expert professional advice and resources.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>.

Now available as an excellent resource for schools, parents and carers.

Being mindful

As you know, this year our school has a focus area of mindfulness and growth mind-set. The important messages are around resilience, perseverance and positive mental attitude. 'I can't do it YET' and the supportive messages around hard work, challenge and embracing them both has been shown to have a hugely positive impact on learning. We hope this is a good guide to supporting conversations around challenge and homework.



Decorated Egg Competition

Last year saw the first of our decorated egg competitions. Please bring all decorated eggs into school on Thursday 22nd March. There will be tables set out in the hall from 8.30am. All parents are welcome to come and view entries. Children can come and see the collection during the school day and a secret judge will award a winner in each class. All eggs must be taken home at the end of the day.

Fund Raising 2017/18

As part of school improvement, we are raising funds for a new trim trail for the playground. The new design will be bought through a combination of fundraising events and some of the money pledged from the School Sports Premium budget as part of the keeping children active agenda. Designs are currently being looked at and more details of the exact cost will be shared asap. We appreciate any contributions made.



We hope that many of you are enjoying using our school APP. We will send out reminders and information using this. Please make sure that you have chosen the 'Stonelow' channel AS WELL as your class channel. If you are having any problems please contact school and we will try and help.

Thanks!



May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter.

Dates For Your Diary

26/2 Return to school

1/3 World Book Day and dress up as a character

5/3 Year 6 revision mornings start at 8.30am (Mon-Thur)

9/3 Fair Trade Breakfast in school hall

9/3 Year 6 SATS talk 3.40 for parents

15/3 Year 3/4 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

19/3 Book Fair in the school hall at 8.30 and 3.30 (here until Thursday 22)

21/3 Parents Evening (appointments to be arranged shortly)

22/3 Decorated Egg Competition

23/3 Break for Easter

9/4 Return to School