



Stonelow Junior School

Autumn term 2

1st December 2017

Newsletter

Christmas Break

We break up for Christmas on Tuesday 19th December and return to School on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 (Tuesday 2nd January is an INSET day at Stonelow).

Thank you for all of your support during the first term of the school year and we look forward to continuing our work together. Wishing you a happy and restful Christmas break and we will see you in the new year.

What an exciting half term!

We have all been so busy with the preparations and run up to Christmas and we still have so much to look forward to and do! We had a great evening of parent and teacher meetings where so much good news was shared. Our rehearsals for the Y3/4 pantomime continue and the finishing touches are being put on the WW1 performance in Y6. The Y5 children are singing their little hearts out to impress parents and carers in their carol concert morning. Year 3 and 4 have also enjoyed a full term of fantastic SUFC coaching...It's Y5s turn from January!

Class Dojo

Congratulations to **AMETHYST** house for their first half term win. We are still awaiting the results of the second totals. The children from this house enjoyed a non uniform day as their reward. Children continue to collect Dojos and each class will have their scores ranked in December. If you fall in the top half of the class ranked list...a treat will be coming their way, organised by School Council.

Reading Challenge

In the lead up to Christmas, the children are taking part in a reading challenge. Each child has received a reading challenge card, asking each child to read 3 times each week. The reward is a Christmas film morning, Christmas outfits can be worn and snacks can be brought in. We would like every child to be able to take part in the film morning so please support and encourage your child/children to complete the card. It is really hard to catch up if you get too far behind so please keep going!



It's getting cold outside!

Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat each day. We try to get children out for playtimes whenever possible but the weather is changing and getting much colder so extra layers are needed.

Sporting achievements October - December...

We are delighted with our sporting success in table tennis this half term.

The boys and the girls have done so well and we are delighted that 4 of the girls made it through to the district finals!!!! They played again on Tuesday 28th November and came third over all. We are SO PROUD.

Nut free healthy snacks

Please encourage and provide healthy snacks for playtime. We are working towards renewing our healthy schools award and this is part of it. Can we also remind all parents again that we are a nut free school. There are children with serious allergies to nuts and their health and safety needs to be of up-most importance. Thank you.

NO NUTS



PLEASE

Times Tables

In all year groups a key skill is learning quick responses to all times tables and the aim is for them all to be learned by the end of Year 4. This practise is needed right up into Y6 and there are APPS which can be used at home to support.

A great APP is 'Hit the Button'.

Clubs

Clubs for the Spring term (starting in January) will be announced before the Christmas holiday. Clubs commence on the week beginning 8th January. There will be no RuggerEds for this next term and it will start again after Easter.

Keep Safe Online

Staff received training recently and would like to share an important message which came through strongly. Parents often talk to their children about the danger of strangers but do those conversations bridge into strangers online. Have a conversation at home and see what your children understand.

Being mindful

Thank you to the parents who came to the Growth Mindset Talk on Monday 27th November. It was great to be able to share what we are doing in school and for you to then work with your child on an activity in the classroom.

As we only had a couple of responses to an afternoon talk, we will put our parent notes on the website before we break for the Christmas holiday.



Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair will be on
_December 15th at 3.30pm-
4.30pm.

Raffle prizes have been provided
by Stone the Crows, Ferndale
Garden Centre and Sainsbury's.
We thank them for their
generosity.

We would also like to thank par-
ents for their donations to the
class hamper. Every bit helps.
Don't forget to bring some money
to purchase your child's Christ-
mas craft. Item and have a go on
the games and stalls. They are
amazing!

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



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



**Merry Christmas and a
happy 2018!**

Dates For Your Diary

4/12 Non-uniform day [please donate items for Christmas hampers]	15/12 Christmas jumper day and Christmas fair 3.30-4.30
6/12 Year 3 and 4 dress rehearsal for infants	19/12 break for Christmas
11/12 Year 3 and 4 play 2pm	2/1 INSET day
12/12 Year 3 and 4 play 6pm	3/1 back for the start of term
13/12 Year 5 carols and mince pies 9.15am	11/1 Super hero day—dress up (dress as a known hero or make up your own)
14/12 Year 6 WW1 rehearsal and per- formance evening (time to be con- firmed)	