



Stonelow Junior School

Spring term 1

8th January 2018

Newsletter

2018!

We would all like to wish you a very happy new year and wish your families good health and happiness for 2018.

Starting a new year is always exciting and we have already had both House assemblies and whole school assemblies around fresh starts, positivity and new years resolutions.

Christmas success

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the children on their very successful performances in the run up to Christmas. What amazing performances we had. Peter Pan was enjoyed by parents and carers and the Y2 children from Holmesdale and Lenthall. It was a fantastic pantomime and got us all in the Christmas mood. Thank you to Year 3 and 4. The Year 5 children represented Stonelow with such enthusiasm in their community performances of a collection of carols. We were so proud of you.

Class Dojo

Congratulations to **EMERALD** house for their second half term win. Ready for the new year, Dojos have been reset to 0 for a fresh start and a new term. There are many points to be earned each week for reading at home and many of the successful children for the ranked prize are regular readers at home. So remember, if you fall into the top half of the class ranked list a treat [organised by the School Council] will be coming your way!

WW I project has come to an end

WOW! After a full year of research, trips and discovery, the Year 6 children have completed their National Heritage Lottery Fund project. The finale was a superb play which was seen by parents and carers, the school and residents from Stonelow Court. Also in attendance on the evening was the Town Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and many VIPs who were part of the project. It was also publicised in the Derbyshire Times. The work the children have done has been made into a wonderful book which you have all received a copy of. Congratulations to you all.

Supervision on the playground

Please can we remind you that supervision is provided from 8.45am on the playground, or on wet days in the hall. We have had some children recently on the playground from 8.15am. We do not have a member of staff available at this time.

Sports Update

We are delighted to tell you that we have purchased new sporting equipment for the children to use. These include new football goals for the field. Upcoming events for the Spring Term include:

- Basketball
- Sport hall athletics

Healthy Schools Award

As part of the healthy schools award, parents were asked if they would like a school bank for saving. Unfortunately we have only had 3 statements of interest so we are unable to run this at Stonelow. Other initiatives are handwashing sessions which will be led by all school council members for their classes after some training. Some Year 6 children are also taking part in a school project called the Feel Good Factor.

Homework

In all year groups, homework is set for the children to complete and return to school. This is an extension or consolidation of the work done in class and is a highly valuable part of school life, preparing them for future learning and the routines of secondary school and scholarship. Please support your child/children with home reading and tasks.

Clubs

Clubs for the Spring term commence on the week beginning 8th January. Reminder: There will be no RuggerEds for this next term and it will start again after Easter when the weather is hopefully better.

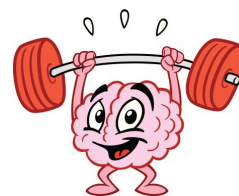
Keep Safe Online

There is an annual **Online Safety Evening** for parents of children in Dronfield primary schools held at **DHFS on 5th Feb**. Please put this event in your diary as online safety & parent information is vital for the safety of the children at all ages. **Mrs Collins will be attending and would love to see you there.**

Being mindful

New Year is always a good time to make changes to old habits and start anew. During the next term we will be working on two focus areas in assemblies and in class.

These are: **self regulation** (guided thinking about learning) and **resilience** (the capacity to recover from challenges or difficulty).



Uniform reminders

Please support school by ensuring your child is wearing the correct school uniform in line with our policy. The uniform policy can be viewed on our school website under the following

link <http://www.dronfieldstonelow.derbyschire.sch.uk/school-uniform.php>

Fund Raising 2017/18

We would like to give you an update about the fundraising so far, as we are half way to the total!

£1600 Crystal Maze

£2500 Sports Premium from School

£500 Christmas Fair

£700 Sci Fi evening and carol singing

TOTAL £5300

Thank you so much!



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!



Dates For Your Diary so far

11/1 Super hero day—dress up (dress as a known hero or make your own)

15/1 Emerald House non-uniform day (letters to be sent out)

18/1 Year 3 library trip

5/2 Online safety meeting for parents

6/2 Safer Internet Day—activities planned in school

16/2 Break for half term

26/2 Return to school

1/3 World Book Day—dress up as a book character

23/3 Break for half term

9/4 Return to school Summer term