



Stonelow Junior School

Autumn term

17 October 2017

Newsletter



October half term

Wishing you a restful October half term—we break up for half term at

3.30pm on Thursday this week (Friday 20th October is an INSET day) and we return to school on Monday 30th October.

The children will be bringing their PE kits home for a wash, but please ensure they are returned on the first day back.

What a successful half term!

We have had a great start to the school year...our new children have settled in really well and are part of the Stonelow team, the Y6 children have had a super residential trip to Lea Green, we raised £85.50 for Young Minds when we wore yellow to support mental health, school council are working hard to monitor our school reward systems, there is a trip for Y3/4 planned to the Derby Open Centre, Y6 have the ongoing WW1 project, Y5 are swimming each week and parents evening this week...we're all so busy!

Class Dojo

You will have heard your child talking about Class Dojos. Each child has their own character and can collect 'Dojos' for aspects of school life. This is our reward system in school and ties in with rewards in school and House team progress. Although there is a feature for parent accounts, (we have had a few parent requests), as this is our first time use, we are keeping this in school for now.

Reading Challenge

In the lead up to Christmas, the children will be taking part in a reading challenge. After half term they will receive 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 also like everyone to take part in some of the additional challenges e.g. read a Christmas story, draw a Christmas picture, write a letter to Santa (which will earn you extra dojos).



Crossing safely outside school

Please continue to use the crossing patrol outside school. We are very lucky to have Mrs Steele outside and her help to keep our children safe is invaluable.

Sporting achievements so far...

So far this year there have been 8 children in Year 6 who have trained as Mini Leaders and are running playground activities for your children to enjoy.

Miss Elliott's Y5 class supported the Y11 multi skills festival for the infants, which was held on our playground.

5 children qualified for Shooting Stars—this is a talent programme for young athletes. Congratulations.

A group of 16 girls went to a girls football festival at DHFS - this was a great experience to learn the foundations of the sport.

Nut free school

Please can we remind all children and parents, we are a nut free school. There are children with serious allergies to nuts and their health and safety needs to be of upmost importance as a serious reaction can make someone very poorly. Therefore snacks and lunch boxes must not have nuts. Thank you.

NO NUTS



PLEASE

Reading

Many thanks to all the parents who are reading regularly with their children and supporting their progress in all subjects...reading is the key!



Badminton Club

Starting again after half term—Monday after school 3.30-4.20pm.

Please contact Mrs Dilly as this is first come, first serve and is limited to 16 places.

Get Safe Online

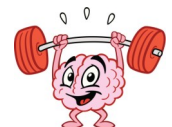
The Derbyshire Childrens Safeguarding Board have signed up to get safe online, for free expert professional advice and resources.

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

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

Being mindful

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. There will be a parent talk about this after half term with details of the date and time to follow. We look forward to as many of you coming as possible.



Christmas Fair

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

Please start to think about contributions to the stalls. We will be having a raffle, items your child has made for sale, games, cakes and more. Funds raised will go towards a new trim trail for the playground as our old one needs updating and replacing.

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 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
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 (more details to follow)
14/12 Year 6 WW1 rehearsal and performance evening (time to be confirmed)	