



Stone

Church of England Combined School

Building stepping stones to success



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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2017

This half term's assembly theme is Respect.

COMING UP

Tuesday 3rd May

Drama Workshops for CR, C1 and C2.

Assessment Week commences

Friday 5th May

Class and Sports Team photos

Children of the Week

EYFS:

All of Class R for always trying their best and being kind to everyone.

Year 1:

Phoebe B for trying really hard with her writing.

Year 2:

Lucy C for contributing positively in class discussions.

Year 3:

Alice G for being a positive role model to others and for always putting her hand up.

Year 4:

Ana P for always contributing in lessons.

Year 5:

Nathan W for being such a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the football team.

Year 6:

Quin M for really challenging himself in Maths this week

Stepping Stones to Success Awards

Compassion: to Sena A for being kind and helpful.

Responsibility: to the whole of Class R for becoming such responsible members of Stone School and making Miss Smith very proud.

Responsibility: to Samuel H for being very helpful in art club.

Respect: to Toby M for always listening carefully to others.

Respect: to Riley R for always being polite and respectful around school.

Respect: to Layla R for respecting adults and her peers by listening carefully and following instructions.

Respect: to William B for always showing respect to all members of our school community.

Class photos

Please can all the children wear full school uniform for the class photos next Friday.

Football Report

On Tuesday 27th April Stone School played a football match against Stoke Mandeville School. It was a very tight competitive match but unfortunately we lost 2-1 but all of us played very well. Stoke Mandeville went 1-0 up but after that Quin scored to make it 1-1 but then Stoke Mandeville scored the last goal to win 2-1.

Written by Quin M and Sam H, Class 6.



Head Lice

We recently had a case of head lice reported in Class 2. Can we please ask that all parents check their child's hair and if they have long hair for this to be tied back.

If you require any further information on head lice and how to treat them please go to the site below:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages>

Movie Night

Please note this has now moved to Friday 9th June. As a result there will be no Dance club that afternoon.

Football Team

If you have a football shirt at home can this be brought in for Friday 5TH May as they are needed for the photos. Many thanks.

SSPTA Events

09/6/17 – Movie Night- change of date
26/5/17 – Bottle Mufti
26/5/17 – Hot Dog Day

Goodbye

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Smith in Class R today. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

Thank You

Miss Smith would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and gifts.

Link with Evergreen Africa



We are delighted to announce that we have established links with Evergreen Africa, a charity which delivers development projects in sub-Saharan Africa in the areas of health, education and income generation.

Kirsty Voltzenlogel visited us yesterday in order to lead an assembly to explain about the charity to the children, who were shocked at the differences between their lives and those of the children in Uganda.

We are particularly supporting Evergreen Africa with raising funds for education. We have already started supporting a new pre-school which they have set up in Uganda - before Easter we sent a range of educational resources. We will continue to support the pre-school by sending further materials - if you have any educational resources, such as puzzles or games, suitable for pre-school age children (not books on this occasion please as they are costly to send due to their weight!), please send them into school for the attention of Mrs Hale by Friday 12th May.



During a recent visit to Uganda, Paul Voltzenlogel (Executive Officer of Evergreen Africa) also took a letter written by pupils in year 5 to a local primary school, in order to try and foster links with them. Bukingala Primary School were pleased to accept our request to link with them.

The school currently has 660 children across the 7 years of primary education. The largest class is the youngest (P1) which has 120 children - the others range from 60 to 110. Buildings comprise of a permanent building featuring the head teacher's office and 3 classrooms, 2 separate temporary buildings each with 2 classrooms, 5 toilets for the children and 2 for the staff (holes in the ground), and a teachers' accommodation building, housing 4 of the 12 teaching staff. By UK standards the accommodation is dire and is poor even by Ugandan standards.

The permanent building is of brick construction with concrete floors and corrugated iron roofs. The temporary buildings are wooden with no flooring and, again, corrugated iron roofs, which prove a huge distraction if it is raining. These temporary buildings have wooden 'lattice' walls; some attempt has been made to keep out the weather (which can be cold by Ugandan standards on the Ridge) by blocking up the latticework with clay and, in some areas, cow dung. No buildings have anything more than holes for windows. There is no electric power. There are insufficient desks/benches for the children – in the youngest two classes the children sit on the floor. There are almost no scholastic/teaching materials.

As our first support to the school, we have decided to fundraise for raincoats for the whole school, as the school is in an area where it frequently rains and the pupils do not have suitable clothing for this. We are awaiting the cost of these and will let you know our target as soon as we can.

We will be introducing '10p Tuesdays' from Tuesday 2nd May, where we ask that those that can bring in 10p on a Tuesday whenever possible

(it will run every week), which will be collected on the gate at the start of the school day.

The children have also been asked to come up with additional ideas for fundraising and these ideas will be passed to members of SCHECO, who will represent their class in a meeting in order to decide different approaches.

Please read the information leaflet which will come home with your child today or go to Evergreen Africa's website for further information:

<http://www.evergreenafrica.org/>

Please talk to your child about the charity and support them to come up with ideas as to how they could help support them. We are looking forward to working to support the two schools as well as educating the children about the world and how our lives are very different to some other people's.

Mrs S Hale, Deputy Headteacher

Term Date Reminders

Summer Term 2017: Wednesday 19th April to Friday 21st July

Half Term; 29th May to 5th June

Autumn Term 2017: Wednesday 6th September to Tuesday 19th December

Half Term: 23rd to 27th October