



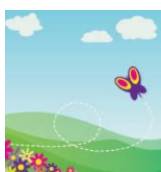
March 2021 Newsletter

Stonebroom Primary School Newsletter

'Together Aspire, Together Achieve'

It is wonderful to have all of our children back in school, especially as spring is definitely in the air, with the lighter mornings and warmer weather.

Read on to see what we have been doing and what we hopefully (fingers crossed) will be doing over the next few weeks until Easter.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to all our pupils—we know that most of you have worked so hard on-line since January (as have your parents) however it is not the same as being in the classroom.

We are not yet quite ready to go back to school as it was pre-COVID, and certain restrictions will stay in place until we feel (or until we are told) that it is safe to change back, therefore....

- Masks must continue to be worn by adults on the courtyard when dropping off or picking up your child. If you are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons, please stay at the back of the courtyard.
- Full uniform to be worn by children—this includes black footwear.
- P.E. kits to be worn to school on P.E. day (Reception—Wednesday, Y1 & Y2—Friday, Y3 & Y4—Tuesday, Y5—Monday & Y6—Thursday.) P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black leggings, shorts or track suit bottoms. Trainers/pumps can be worn on this day. If you have any problems getting a P.E. kit, please contact the office and we can offer your child spare kit to wear.
- Forest School clothes to be worn on Forest School day (Y6)
- Remember—in order to encourage social distancing, at the moment the drop off time and pick up times for pupils are staggered. If you have more than one child in school then they are dropped off at the time of the eldest child, and picked up at the time of the youngest child.

....BACK TO SCHOOL CONTINUED

Times:

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery	9.30am	12noon
	1.00pm	3.30pm
Reception	9.20am	3.30pm
Year 1 & 2	9.10am	3.20pm
Year 3 & 4	9.00am	3.10am
Year 5 & 6	8.50am	3.00pm

- In order to limit social interaction, and therefore keep our staff and pupils as safe as possible, we will still not be allowing parents or carers into school for the remainder of the spring term. We will review the situation after Easter.
- Parent Consultation Evening will not take place this term as we have been carrying out welfare checks every two weeks. If you would like to speak to the class teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment and the member of staff will call you back.

INSET DATES

Please be aware of the following Inset dates—these are staff training days and school will be closed to pupils on these days:

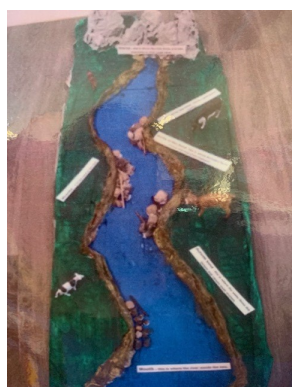
Monday 19th April 2021—Inset Day—school closed to pupils

Friday 28th May 2021—Report Writing Inset Day—school closed to pupils

Monday 7th June 2021—Curriculum Inset Day—school closed to pupils

Y3 RIVERS COMPETITION

As part of their home learning project, children in Y3 were asked to make/draw/create a model of a river and send a photograph of it in to Mrs Marshall. Mrs Marshall then asked the school staff to vote for winning creations. All of the entries were of a high standard, but the top 3 belonged to Brisben, Isobelle & Logan. Congratulations!



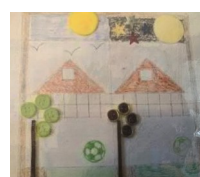
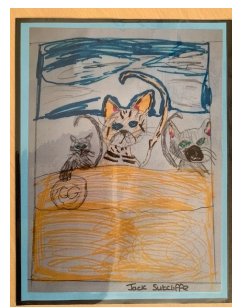
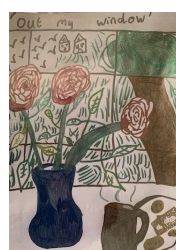
WHOLE SCHOOL ART COMPETITION—'A View From My Window'

During half term we ran a Stonebroom Primary School Lockdown Art Competition—the theme was 'A View From My Window.' Children, parents and staff were all encouraged to enter.

All entries are displayed on the school display board for all to see.

Well done to Macie W, Harry W, Sofia J, Jessica M, Jack S, Esmae P, Holly S & Serenity M who each won their category. They all received an art set so that they can continue to create wonderful pieces of art.

Winning entries include:



Follow the link to see all entries: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/news-and-events/lockdown-art-competition-2021>

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

The egg decorating competition will go ahead again this year. You will already have received a leaflet explaining the details of the competition. All entries must be taken into school by

Wednesday 31st March 2021. We will display all entries on the school website. These are some entries from previous years:



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following pupils who were presented with the Headteacher's Award for the last half term - Evie-May, Reece, Reed, Esme, Cady-Leigh, Ava, Josh & Alfie all received a certificate and a voucher. We are really proud of these pupils—well done!



WELCOME BACK MISS GILL

We would like to welcome back Miss Gill from her maternity leave. Miss Gill is teaching our Reception class (sheep class), supported by Miss Walton and Mrs Gascoyne.



KINGSWOOD

The next payment for Kingswood is £80 which is due on 19th March. Please send a cheque or cash to the office or pay via ParentPay.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS MARSH

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Marsh gave birth to Thomas Marsh on 8th February 2021 at 7.52am.

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Marsh



CHANGE TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY SEPTEMBER 2021

Pre-Covid, our school day started at 8.55am and finished at 3.25pm and we all had lunch together at 12noon. Since we have changed the timing of the school day during lockdown, we have seen many benefits including:

- Better behaviour & fewer accidents at lunchtime due to staggered lunchtimes.
- Longer mornings for KS2 means more quality time spent on core curriculum subjects, allowing time for consolidation.
- Earlier finish time to the school day allows children to get home in daylight, no matter what time of the year. This is also a safer option for those children who walk home from school on their own.
- An earlier end to the school day means that after school clubs finish earlier, which is beneficial to both pupils and staff.

Therefore the Governors have agreed that as from September 2021 our official school day will be:
Nursery—8.45am—11.45am & 12.15pm—3.15pm
Reception Class—8.55am—3.10pm
KS1 & KS2—8.55am—3.15pm

Lunchtime will be:
Reception & KS1—12noon—1pm
KS2—12.35pm—1.25pm

The length of teaching time remains the same for all groups as FS & KS1 will lose 5 minutes from their afternoon break and start lunch 5 minutes later. KS2 will lose 10 minutes from lunchtime. This also helps with corridor congestion & behaviour. Please contact school if you have any queries.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see that all of our pupils are dressed smartly in uniform.

A reminder that our dress code consists of:

- Blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Pale blue or white polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, pinafore dress or skirt
- Low heeled black shoes/boots** (not black and white)
- Blue checked summer dress (in warmer weather)

Trainers are not on this list—footwear should be low heeled **black shoes or boots**. You will be contacted if your child's uniform is not in line with school policy.

P.E. Kits consist of a plain white t-shirt and dark shorts, plimsolls or trainers.



Please contact school if you have any issues or problems purchasing the correct uniform. I am sure that we will be able to help. If your child is unable to wear uniform for any reason, please contact Mrs George.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) will take place on Friday 19th March 2021. This year we will support this excellent charity by asking the children to wear something red (this could range from wearing red clothes from head to foot to wearing a pair of red socks!) Or what about painting red spots on your face? Anything goes.

We will be asking for a contribution of at least £1 per family.

Many thanks for your continued support.



DIARY DATES

March 10th 2021—Adam Pepper Day in Y2

March 11th 2021—Rock Steady Starts

March 19th 2021—Red Nose Day

March 30th & 31st 2021—Road Safety Workshops (whole school)

March 31st 2021—Easter Egg Competition Entries to be in

April 1st 2021—Break Up for Easter

April 19th 2021—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

April 20th 2021—Children Return to School

April 21st 2021—Adam Pepper Day in Reception

May 3rd 2021—May Bank Holiday (school closed)

May 27th 2021—Break Up

May 28th 2021—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

June 7th 2021—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

June 8th 2021—Children Return to School

June 10th 2021—Adam Pepper Day in Y3

June 15th 2021—Adam Pepper Day in Nursery

June 17th 2021—Adam Pepper Day in Y1

June 28th—July 2nd 2021—Y5&6 Residential

July 6th 2021—KS1 Sports Day (TBC)

July 7th 2021—KS2 Sports Day (TBC)

July 12th 2021—Transition Day

July 19th 2021—Y6 Performance (TBC)

July 20th 2021—Y6 Visit to Twin Lakes (TBC)

July 22nd 2021—2pm—Leaver's Assembly (TBC)

July 22nd 2021—Break up for Summer



WEBSITE

Don't forget to look at our website where you will find the latest class newsletter and SEN Information.

www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk