



December 2023 Newsletter

## Stonebroom Primary School Newsletter

*'Together Aspire, Together Achieve'*

Christmas is almost upon us.

Decorations are being made, trees are up and the children are practising hard for the Nativity play. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great 2024.



### NEW HEADTEACHER

In November we held interviews to find a new Headteacher, who will take over the role in April when Mrs George retires.



The successful candidate was Mrs Sweeney, who is currently a Deputy Headteacher in Sheffield. She will be starting in the role of Headteacher at Stonebroom Primary & Nursery School at the start of the summer term (15th April 2023.)

### PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PARK

The police and local council have received complaints about some of our parents parking on the kerb on the corner of the road, resulting in a near accident.



**PLEASE PARK SAFELY OR YOU MAY RECEIVE A PARKING FINE**

### BOOK FAIR

In November we hosted a Scholastic book fair. We raised over £530 in commission and this has been spent on buying books for the school library.

Thank you for all your support at this busy time of year.



### ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

The week commencing 13th November 2023 was anti-bullying week at Stonebroom. It is very important to teach children exactly what bullying is and how to deal with it. This year the theme was 'Make A Noise About Bullying.' What we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying were all investigated. Together, we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying.



During anti-bullying week, we teach the children that **Bullying is the use of force, threat, or coercion to abuse, intimidate, or aggressively dominate others. The behaviour is often repeated and habitual.** It can happen anywhere (including on-line.) The children are taught what to do if they believe that they are being bullied and also that they have a duty to help others should they see bullying taking place.

We have a **Learning Mentor (Mrs Attenborough)** who is always available to listen, and an **Anti-Bullying Governor (Mrs Nash)** who keeps up to date with the latest anti-bullying procedures. Leaflets are available on the leaflet stand.

The winners of the anti-bullying poster campaign each won a certificate and a book, which were presented by a Governor. These posters are now displayed around school to remind our pupils that we are a 'Telling' school and that bullying is not acceptable anywhere or at any time. Links to extra photographs: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/news-and-events/anti-bullying-campaign-2023-24>

## ART EXHIBITION

In early October, the whole school experienced a couple of art days, planned and delivered by Miss Walton. The artist studied was Jean-Michel Basquiat and every child produced a Basquiat reproduction. In November, we displayed the artwork in an exhibition, inviting all stakeholders, including parents, carers, staff, Governors etc. We also invited local media.



The exhibition was a great success. Many thanks to FoS (who helped display the paintings) and David Nieper Academy (for supplying the boards.)

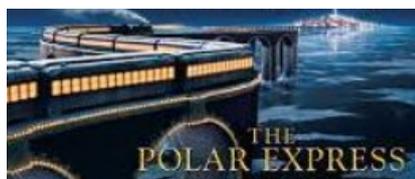
A very special thank you to Miss Walton, for all her hard work. Congratulations to Arlo, Lyla, Seth & Mia, who won the art raffle.

Follow the link for more photographs: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/news-and-events/art-exhibition-november-2023>

## FoS POLAR EXPRESS FILM

On Thursday 7th December, our wonderful FoS organised an evening's entertainment in the school hall. They watched 'Polar Express' and also enjoyed pop corn and hot chocolate.

A great time was had by all. Many thanks to FoS for organising the event.



## PHONICS WORKSHOP

In November, Y1 parents were invited into the school hall to take part in phonics workshops. The parents worked alongside their child and were shown how we teach phonics at Stonebroom and what they



can do to support their child at home. The feedback following the sessions was really positive. Many thanks to all who attended.

## BRONZE BEHAVIOUR AWARD

The majority of our pupils have now received their bronze behaviour award badges and are working towards their silver award.

Every week that a child does not lose any golden time, they move up the chart. After 10 weeks, they receive their bronze badge and the bronze reward.



After 20 weeks, they swap the bronze badge for a silver badge and also receive the silver reward and after 30 weeks they swap the silver badge for the gold badge and are able to access the 'Golden Room.'

## CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Don't forget—**Wednesday 20th December is Christmas Dinner Day**—children can also wear their Christmas Jumper with their uniform on this day (Christmas Jumper replaces your school jumper.)



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to all who contributed to the poppy merchandise sale. All proceeds go towards The Royal British Legion. A special thank you to Ashton, Lola & Alana who came to school early every day to stand in the freezing cold and sell the merchandise.



We raised an amazing £255.36. This is a fantastic amount—all proceeds go to the Royal British Legion. Thank You!

## GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to ...Neave R, Harriet P, Mia G, Grace S, Lilly W, Seth K, Joseph F, Ayda M, Lottie M, Sienna B, Kealan P, Logan S-S, William-Mark B, Elissia W, Vincent S, Isla M, Mikah K, Layla S, Alveena F, Harry D, Neveah K, Chloe L, Alana H, William B, Ashton H, Olivia B, Joseph F & Christian D, who have all appeared in our Golden Book.





## SPORTING ACTIVITIES

**Inclusion Festival:** In November some of our children took part in an inclusion festival against another school. We had a great time and discovered that we are very good at Boccia!



**Y3&4 Sports Hall Athletics:** Mrs Marshall took some of our Y3&4 athletes to an indoor athletics competition in November. We had a great time and won quite a few individual races! Well done Elissia and Oliver, who won the Spirit of the Games Award.

**Y5&6 District Football:** In November our Y5&6 pupils qualified for the football district finals. They played superbly, winning 3 matches, drew 1 and lost 3 matches, coming a very creditable 5th overall. Well done!



**Dodgeball:** In November, our Y3&4 pupils had a very enjoyable afternoon playing dodgeball against Westhouses. They played lots of games, with Westhouses being the eventual winners.

## JEWELLERY

Reminder—the only jewellery that children are allowed to wear are stud earrings and watches. This is for health and safety reasons.

## YEAR 5 ART DAY AT DAVID NIEPER

On 17th November 2023, some of our talented Y5 children visited David Nieper Academy for a gifted and talented art day. They created these sea creatures, which will be returned to our children once they have been in the kiln. They had a great day! Thank you David Nieper Academy.



## VISIT FROM UGANDA

On Friday 10th November, Joseph Kissa, Trustee from Alpha & Omega School in Uganda, visited Stonebroom Primary School. He talked to the children about what being a pupil in Uganda is like and answered lots of questions that the children asked. Some of the pupils were motivated to organise a fund raising activity to help the pupils at the school. They organised a non-uniform day which took place on 1st December—this meant that all of the pupils at Alpha & Omega School could enjoy a full Christmas dinner.



## Y5 VISIT TO THE SPACE CENTRE

In November, the Y5 class had a great day out when they visited the national Space Centre in Leicester. The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the day and had a lot of fun whilst bringing learning to life. A particular highlight of the day was the visit to the planetarium. The shock and surprise on their faces was a pleasure to see as they experienced something that many of them had never experienced before - it brought the solar system to life! Follow the link for more photographs: <https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/dragons-1/gallery-15>



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 17th November 2023 was Children In Need day throughout the country. We contributed to this worthwhile cause by having a 'Wear Spotty Clothes' day. The school council also sold CIN merchandise throughout the week.

Everybody made the effort to join in and we raised over £450. A special thank you to Ashton & Lola, members of the school council, who sold the merchandise every morning



Follow the link for more photographs—<https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/news-and-events/children-in-need-november-2023>

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

**Tickets are now available** for our Christmas performances. Only 2 tickets per child due to space limitations in the hall —. Please see your child's teacher for tickets.



**WINTER HAS ARRIVED....**the weather has recently turned much colder and we ask that children bring a **coat and hat** to school and that they are labelled with the name of the child.

Remember that **we will only shut the school if we deem it to be dangerous to staff, carers, parents and pupils.** If you are unsure as to whether school is open or not, please listen to Radio Derby, or check our website/school App. You will also be informed by text so **please ensure that we have your up to date mobile number.**



### DIARY DATES

**December 12th 2023 (10am)**—  
Nursery Nativity

**December 12th 2023 (2pm)** - Na-  
tivity Play for Reception & KS1

**December 13th 2023 (9.30am)**—  
Nativity Play for Reception & KS1

**December 13th 2023**—KS2 Panto

**December 15th 2023**—Y2 Reading  
Buddy Treat

**December 18th 2023**—EYFS &  
KS1 Christmas Party

**December 19th 2023**—FoS Christ-  
mas Fayre

**December 20th 2023**—Christmas  
Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

**December 21st 2023**—Last Day of  
School for Children.

**December 22nd 2023**—Inset Day

**January 8th 2024**—Children Return

**January 9th 2024**—Y6 Adam Pep-  
per Day

**January 12th 2024**—Inset Day—  
School Closed to Children

**January 17th 2024**—Y6 parent  
Consultation Meeting

**February 6th 2024**— Safer Internet  
Day

**February 19th 2024**—Break Up

**February 26th 2024**—Back to  
School

**March 7th March 2024**—World  
Book Day

**March 8th 2024**—Mother's Day  
Meal

**March 14th 2024**—Adam Pepper  
Day in Reception

**March 15th 2024**—Red Nose Day

**March 18th—22nd 2024**—Y5&6  
Residential to Kingswood

**March 25th & 26th 2024**- Parent's  
Evenings

**March 26th 2024**—Adam Pepper  
Day in Y3

**March 28th 2024**—Egg Decorating  
Competition

**March 29th 2024**—Break Up for  
Easter

**April 15th 2024**—Children Return  
to School

**May 13th—16th 2024**—KS2 Sats  
Week

**May 24th 2024**—Break Up

**June 3rd 2024**—Inset Day—School  
Closed to Pupils

**June 4th 2024**—Children return to  
School

**June 4th 2024**—Local History  
Week

**June 5th 2024**—Y6 to Leiden

**June 14th 2024**—Father's Day  
Meal

**July 2nd 2024**—Reception & KS1  
Sports Day

**July 3rd 2024**—KS2 Sports Day

**July 4th 2024**—Y1 Adam Pepper  
Day

**July 4th 2024**—Nursery Sports Day

**July 23rd 2024**—Last Day of  
School

**September 5th 2024**—Children Re-  
turn to School

Follow the link for the school calender: [https://  
www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/pages/  
calendar/index?calendar\\_id=7614](https://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/pages/calendar/index?calendar_id=7614)

### WEBSITE & SCHOOL APP

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