



February 2021 Newsletter

Stonebroom Primary School Newsletter

'Together Aspire, Together Achieve'

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support with Home Learning and with everything we are doing in school. Your help and the huge amount of time you are giving to support your child's learning is very much appreciated. Please remember we are always here to support you; try not to put too much pressure on yourselves if you are at home, it's a difficult time for everyone and sometimes little and often might be easier to manage and fit into your whole day, rather than one long stint of learning.

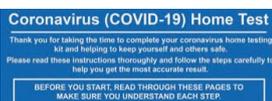
Please get in touch at any point if you would like any support or advice.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

The date '8th March' is being discussed in the news as a full opening date for schools— we will keep you informed and as soon as we know, we will let you know.

TESTING FOR STAFF

Staff in school are now testing themselves twice weekly to support the Government's initiative to help stop the spread of COVID. This is a voluntary process that enables the staff member to get a result within 30 minutes. This result will pick up where a staff member has the coronavirus even if they are asymptomatic (no symptoms). From a positive result the staff member isolates and books a full PCR test that is checked in a lab to confirm the result. For staff who are in school all week this will happen twice a week. For others it will depend on their timetable. The aim of this process is to pick up those cases that show no symptoms and reduce transmission in school. It will also reduce (not stop) the closure of bubbles, and as schools reopen should keep more pupils in school for longer. There are no plans, as far as we are aware, by the government for testing primary school pupils. This has been reported in the press from time to time but the focus currently is only on staff.



TO SUPPORT HOME LEARNING

Remember if learning is fun and engaging for your child they are more likely to want to learn at home. You may also have to work from home or look after younger children so please **don't feel that the learning sent from school MUST be followed rigidly**. We hope some of the things below will support you with learning and playing with your child over the next few weeks.

Please remember we are always here to give support and advice as needed.

Our remote learning platform for children in F2 onwards continues to be Seesaw, however there are some very good online resources which can be used to develop your child's independent learning skills should you want extra activities whilst you are working. Your child should be accessing some English and maths everyday over the coming weeks and sometimes you may want extra ways to engage your child that suit your situation, especially if you are having to work from home.

The Orchard Toys website has some great resources to support you with learning at home—<https://www.orchardtoys.com/>

PE with Joe is back from Monday 11th January at 9am (UK time). The sessions will be live Mon, Wed & Fri's at 9AM on YouTube



The BBC has announced that it has began broadcasting educational content across its various channels – including BBC Two and CBBC – for both primary and secondary-aged children during the current lockdown period. Starting from Monday 11 January, it said there would be three hours of primary-aged shows including BBC Live Lessons and Bitesize Daily Lessons on its CBBC channel each weekday. This will include content such as Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch as well as occasional Celebrity Supply Teacher lessons.



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Julia Donaldson's official website - <https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>
some great resources on here.



Oxford Owl Reading. Free e-books available to parents, you can choose your child's level by clicking on 'levels' then 'book band' and then you can select a book based on your child's colour—<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page/>

Key Stage 1 children can log into Purple Mash, www.purplemash.com If you are working from home there are lots of good learning opportunities divided into subject areas and age groups that you can encourage your child to explore.



Key Stage 2 children can log into Scholastic Pro to access a variety of online books. Email the class teacher or call school if you have forgotten your login.

Most children can also access TT Rock-stars so that they can continue to practice their times tables.



Free online resource to support PHONICS learning at home - www.phonicsplay.co.uk - User name, jan21 - Password, home



These websites are just ideas to help you through the next few weeks.

We will keep you informed as soon as we know as to when we will be expecting all children back into school.

CANCELLATION OF TESTS & ASSESSMENT

This is a reminder that the Government have **cancelled** any statutory tests for this academic year—this includes:

EYFS Profiles—(Sheep —Miss Walton's class)

KS1 Sats—(Meerkats -Mr Scott's class),

Times Tables Tests (Koalas—Miss Johal's class)

KS2 Sats (Sharks—Mr Walmsley's class)



KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL VISIT

Every year we give our Y5 & 6 pupils the opportunity to go on a five day residential trip to Kingswood (either the Peak Venture site near Barnsley or the Dearne Valley site in Doncaster). Last year the visit was cancelled due to Covid and we rebooked for 8th March 2021. Obviously, restrictions will still be in place on this date therefore we have managed to move the residential date to the week commencing 28th June 2021.

If your child has booked a place on the residential and is no longer able to attend due to the date change, please contact school immediately.



Follow the link for more information about the site we will be visiting: <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/dearne-valley/>



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you should by now have received four weeks worth of supermarket vouchers which cover the period between 18th January—12th February.

You will receive £15 per child attending Stonebroom Primary & Nursery School, per week (this does not include any child attending Nursery.)

By now you should have received an email with an eCode **which needs to be redeemed for a supermarket eGift card at www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk.**

EGift cards are the vouchers that can be printed or shown on a phone to spend in store.

There are ten retailers participating on the scheme. You get to choose which one you want to spend your vouchers with when you redeem your eCode.

Free school meals vouchers can only be used for food and groceries. They should not be redeemed for any non-food items such as electronic goods, clothing or media, or any age-restricted items, such as alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets.

If you have not yet received your eCode, please contact Mrs George as soon as possible (01773 872449.)



Follow the link for more details:<https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>

FULL LOCKDOWN HELP

We are very aware that this is a very difficult time for those parents and carers who are having to teach their children at home at the moment, many of you will also be trying to carry out your own work at the same time.

We are here to help as much as possible. **No child now should be trying to do the work just using a mobile phone**—if this is the case you must contact school immediately.

If you do not have broadband and have run out of mobile phone data—again, contact school immediately.

If your child would rather write/draw in an exercise book and upload the work onto Seesaw, then again, contact school and we can give you blank exercise books and pencils.

Each teacher is carrying out at least one live meeting per week—this is usually a story time or assembly—this is because we love to see the children and also it is great for the children to see each other.

Teachers must also carry out welfare checks once a fortnight—this is just to check that everything is okay, that the work is at the right level and to see if we can help any further at this difficult time.

If your child is ill and is unable to complete any work, please contact school and let us know as you would under normal circumstances, otherwise either Mrs George or Mr Walmsley will contact you as part of a safeguarding check so that we know that everybody is well.

Mrs George & Mr Walmsley are in school every day. Please do not hesitate to call.



WELCOME BACK MISS GILL

We are thrilled to welcome back Miss Gill to the Sheep class (Reception) from Thursday 11th February.

Welcome Back Miss Gill—we have missed you!!



NO CROSSING PATROL

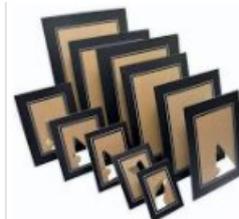
Please be aware that at the moment we do not have any crossing patrol outside school—please take care when crossing outside school.





PHOTO COMMISSION

We earned £350.60 through the commission from the sale of photos. A big thank you for all your support. We will be purchasing lots of books with the money.



DIARY DATES

- February 9th 2021**– Safer Internet Day
- February 12th 2021**—Break Up
- February 22nd 2021**—Children Return to School
- March 4th 2021**—World Book Day
- March 10th 2021**—Adam Pepper Day in Y2
- March 12th 2021**—Red Nose Day
- March 29th & 30th 2021**—Parent Consultation Evening (via Teams or phone call)
- April 1st 2021**—Break Up for Easter
- April 19th 2021**-Inset Day
- April 20th 2021**—Children Return to School
- April 27th 2021**—Adam Pepper Day in Reception
- May 3rd 2021**—May Bank Holiday
- May 27th 2021**– Break Up
- May 28th 2021**-Inset Day
- June 7th 2021**—Inset Day
- June 8th 2021**—Children Return to School
- June 10th 2021**—Adam Pepper Day in Y3
- June 15th 2021**—Adam Pepper Day in Reception
- June 17th 2021**—Adam Pepper Day in Y1

- June 18th 2021**—Father’s Day Meal

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

July 6th 2021—KS1 Sports Day

July 7th 2021—KS2 Sports Day

July 12th 2021—Transition Day

July 22nd 2021—Break up for Summer

Times and dates may change due to circumstances beyond our control. These dates are also on the school calendar on the school website.

FEBRUARY 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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