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Welcome and Staff Information

Welcome to Year 5.

It is a pleasure to teach your child this academic year. Year 5 is a very important year, as it is the last full year of teaching prior to the Year 6 SATs, marking the end of the primary years of your child's education. We have a very warm and welcoming team of staff at Stonebridge. The members of the Year 5 team working with your child are:

Staff member	Class	Role
Mrs C. Uwajeh	5U	Year Team Leader and Senior Teacher
Ms K. Wilson	5W	Class Teacher
Ms C. Fernandes	5U	Learning & Teaching Assistant
Ms L. Eisenhart	5W	Learning & Teaching Assistant
Ms T. Oriade	ALL	Learning Development Teacher & PPA cover

In this handbook you will be able to find information about how we work and what your child can look forward to. We are always available to help, offer advice and support. Any queries you may have, please do not hesitate to come and see us. It takes all of us working together to create an outstanding, harmonious school where all children get an excellent education. It is important that we acknowledge and value each other's vital roles in creating successful independent learners. It is also important that we work as a team in order for your child to reach their full potential and have a happy and rewarding year.

School Expectations

The Stonebridge School is a place where people are nurtured, guided and challenged. We believe that each child will strive to reach their full potential with support from both home and school. All children are expected to respect each other and the adults working with them, and try their best at all times. This also includes:

- Regular Attendance and Punctuality;
- Be an effective participator by taking an active part in all class activities;
- Be a self-manager by behaving appropriately at all times and by looking after the school equipment and their own belongings;
- Let others get on with their work and be independent learners;
- Listen to and follow instructions by all members of staff;
- Be willing to ask the teacher for help;
- Wear the full school uniform and have the correct PE kit;

- Bring a school bag every day;
- Regularly renew home reading books;
- Complete and submit home learning on time.

The Stonebridge School's Values



The school expects the whole school community to adhere to the school's core values of Consideration, Positive Attitude, Respect and Resilience (CARR). Alongside these core values, the school also has a value led ethos. This half term the value is **Consideration**. Please speak to your child about this and how they can show this value in various situations. The value for each half term will be communicated to parents/carers via the school newsletter.

School Time



Start of the Day: 8.55 am

End of the Day: 3.30 pm

All children are expected to arrive on time and wearing their full school uniform. Children should be in school by 8:50 in order to start the day on time. Your child should not come inside the school building before the bell goes. The school bell rings at 8.55 am. Children will then line up and will be collected from the playground by their class teacher, who will lead them into their classroom. Please note that the school closely monitors the attendance and punctuality (beginning and end of days) of each child. It is imperative that children are on time and in school every day in order for us to be able to provide them with a consistent education. Please note: Appointments during the school day should be minimal.

Going home alone

Pupils in years 5 and 6 are allowed to go home by themselves depending on:

- The distance the child is travelling
- The maturity of the child and ability to arrive home safely

A **consent form** must be completed by the parents/carers before a child is allowed to go home alone. Verbal consent will **NOT** be accepted. The consent form can be collected from both offices (main site and annexe).

Curriculum Overview

Our creative curriculum is carefully structured to ensure progression and continuity, through a broad and balanced curricular links approach and following the statutory requirements of the New National Curriculum for England. The Curriculum Overview shows what your child will be learning each

term. As much as possible, please enhance your child's learning by encouraging research and mini self-motivated projects, to encourage him/her to become an independent learner.

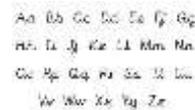
Please find attached a copy of the Creative Curriculum Overview.

Timetable and Term Dates

Please find your child's timetable enclosed in this booklet. This will serve as a reminder for you of all the routines of our class week. Also find attached a copy of the term dates for the academic year 2018-2019. Note that holidays must **NOT** be taken during term time and the school must be notified about any absence. If a child's absence is not agreed, it will be noted as unauthorised leave and you run the risk of losing your child's place.

Class Expectations and Behaviour

High standards of behaviour are expected in class at all times to ensure maximum achievement in all subjects. This good behaviour is also expected around the school and outside of school. Sensible movement around the school is crucial for health and safety reasons. We have a 'Going for Gold' Positive Behaviour system in operation. All children are encouraged to aim for Gold! Their successes are celebrated in whole school assemblies. We always encourage our Year 5 pupils to become independent learners and expect them to aim for high academic attainment and achievement, and always aim for the best.



Handwriting and Presentation

The school has a handwriting policy including an agreed style of writing. In Year 5 joined handwriting is used at all times unless other specific forms are required, e.g. printing on a map, a fast script for notes. Children are always encouraged to use their 'best' handwriting across the curriculum. At our school, children are also taught to present their work to a very high standard consistently. To encourage them to do so we use a Presentation Code (P1 - P4)

- P1 -Your presentation is unacceptable and this needs to be re-written.**
- P2 - Your presentation is not good enough and must improve next time.**
- P3 - Your presentation is good, but there is still room for improvement.**
- P4 - Your presentation is great, please keep it up!**

School Uniform

Children are expected to wear the school jumper (red), with a white shirt or white polo tee-shirt underneath it. Some items of the school uniform can be bought from the school. School trousers and skirts should be black or dark grey. Children are not permitted to wear trainers to school and are required

to wear black shoes. Hijabs must be plain, in the following colours: black, white, red or grey.

Items available from the school can be found listed below.

- Jumper or Cardigan: £9
- School Polo Shirt: £6
- Book bag: £4
- P.E Polo Shirt: £4
- P.E bag: £3
- Water bottle: £1.50



Red polo shirts are available to be purchased as part of the uniform for the summer.

Please remember to put your child's name on everything (even water bottles and school bags).

Physical Education

PE is compulsory as it is a subject in the National Curriculum. Exercise is crucial for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The school has a specialist PE coach who provides weekly sessions for the class. Please encourage your child to actively take part in these PE sessions.

Your child has P.E as follows:



Class 5U : Monday PM and Tuesday PM

Class 5W: Monday PM and Tuesday PM

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit on these days.

The P.E kit consists of a red school tee-shirt (available from the office) and plain dark coloured shorts or tracksuit bottoms. For indoors PE, children need plimsolls whereas for outdoors they need trainers.

A Stonebridge School track suit including a hooded top (£12) and red jogging bottoms (£7) are available to purchase for PE as well, from the office.

Hygiene

Growing up fast children should learn to look after themselves, including making sure that they wash regularly, and their personal and oral hygiene is maintained. School uniforms need to be neat and clean. Also, please ensure that their P.E kits are washed and ready for the next session after use.

Healthy school Agenda and School Lunches

Lunch money needs to be paid promptly through our new PayPoint system or on line at www.schoolmoney.co.uk (£2 per day and £10 per week). As a part of our healthy school approach, we encourage children to drink water throughout the school day. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office for £1.50. You can buy a replacement water bottle top for 10p. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, please ensure the correct form is filled in - staff in the office will help you. If you prefer your child to have a packed lunch, please ensure that you provide your child with a healthy lunch, including a drink and a piece of fruit. Crisps, chocolate and fizzy drinks are not allowed. Packed lunches should be brought in a lunch bag or lunch box, not in a carrier bag.



Home learning and Home reading

Home Learning is an important part of your child's education. It helps to reinforce class work and enables you to know what they learn about. It is helpful if you support your child with their home learning and we ask you to sign and date the bottom of the page. In Year 5, our aim is to continue to provide extended, creative and challenging learning opportunities beyond the classroom, to enable children to become independent and reflective learners, as well as resourceful thinkers in all areas of the curriculum. Home learning will be sent home on **Thursday to be returned the following Tuesday**. Home Learning will not always be written as it will include discussions, practical activities and revisions of multiplication/division facts and number bonds for instance. All written tasks should be completed to a high standard and kept in the home learning book provided to the children, which they must look after. Spelling is also sent home every week and must be practised daily. Children are encouraged to access Activelearnprimary (maths and reading site) and Languagenut (language site) on line. Each child has been given their own confidential and safe username and password.

In order to become fluent and confident readers, children in year 5 should be reading at least 30 minutes each day. We will send a reading book home on **Monday (due back on Thursday) and Thursday (due back the following Monday)**. However, children wishing to exchange finished books earlier can do so too. Please listen to your child read and write comments in their record book (red book). All books are valuable resources. If a reading book is misplaced, you will be charged £5 to replace it. Children can also access books and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) activities on the Activelearnprimary website. Each child has been given their own username and password that must be kept confidential and in a safe place.

There is an after-school home learning club held on Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30. This club is organised by the school. It is free and run by school staff who are there to assist and support your child.

Assessment

Assessment at the Stonebridge School is regular and on-going. It is an important tool that is used to help track your child's progress. We believe that assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning, and that monitoring and evaluating pupils' progress is vital in order to raise standards. Assessment is carried out through the marking of annotated work (including home learning); teacher observations; monitoring of books; discussions with the children, their parents/carers and professional discussions with outside agencies and support staff. We also use assessment to inform us about the way children learn, what they know and can do. It is an invaluable tool to ensure that all children's learning needs are catered for and all pupils fulfil their potential regardless of ability, gender, race or cultural background.

Optional Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

The Optional SATs tests we do are not statutory and we administer them purely for diagnostic purposes to help us ascertain areas where your child will need even more input prior to the end of key stage SATs in Year 6.

Educational visits, Events, Clubs and Assemblies

Educational visits form an important part of the school activities and learning. It is important that consents and contributions are given and paid promptly. We will need some parental support at times to ensure some trips go ahead, and you will be informed in advance about this.

During the school year, events will be published in school letters and on the interactive information boards (office area and KS1 playground on the Main Site). It is vital that you support these events.

At the Stonebridge School, we offer a variety of clubs including a breakfast club (£1/day) and after-school club (£9/day and £27/week). Children are encouraged to take part in those various activities. For more information, please ask the office.

Class assemblies take place on a Friday at 9:05am (main site). We welcome parents and carers to attend, and dates will be advertised. Parents evenings are held every term. It is important that you make every effort to attend these meetings to discuss your child's progress. A letter will go home about this closer to the time.

Library

The children have regular access to the school's library, with additional access to ICT. The current system is designed to be child friendly as it allows children to learn the skills to browse, borrow and return books independently. This system also provides information on a range of books as well as child appropriate web sites for research.

We are constantly developing the library to ensure it is a valuable resource to improve teaching and learning and to raise standards. We are spending time and money regularly updating the library resources and intend this process to continue so that we have a library that we are proud of.

Birthdays

If a child wishes to acknowledge their birthday in class, parents need to ensure that all the goodies are pre-packed into party bags, including the birthday cake. Teachers do not have the time within the school day to cut up birthday cakes and distribute the pieces. We can however give out party bags in the class just before the end of the day. We will be grateful if this wish is honoured.

Parents Forum



We have a Parents Forum at Stonebridge School. The Parents' Forum is made up of an **elected parent representative from each class**, who attends meetings and voices parents/carers' views on the things the school does well, how the school can improve, as well as putting forward any other ideas. We value and welcome parents/carers' involvement in the school and are keen to work with you to help us give your child the best education we can provide and for all children to fulfil their potential.

All parent class representatives on the Forum attend a meeting with senior members of staff once every half term over the academic year. Voting for the representative occurs in September, after which we will then be able to tell you the name of the class representative for the coming academic year. Please talk to this elected representative if you wish to raise anything at the Parents' Forum.

We hope you find this information useful. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We are available every day, except on Monday after school. You can also make an appointment with us should you wish to discuss further your child's education. For this, please see the office and they will be happy to arrange a suitable time and date. We are here to help and support your child and to ensure that they are happy and successful in Year 5.

We look forward to working in close partnership with you.

Thank you,

THE YEAR 5 TEAM

