



December 2018 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 2019.



ROYAL VISIT

On 20th November 2018, some of our school council members were invited to see Sophie, Countess of Wessex, officially open The David Nieper Academy. The children watched her helicopter land and cheered and waved flags as she came into the building.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 17th November 2018 was Children In Need day throughout the country. We contributed to this worthwhile cause by selling CIN merchandise, holding a bake sale and having a 'Spotty' day. Our school was also mentioned on the Radio 2 Drive Time programme!

Everybody made the effort to join in and we raised over £450. A special thank you to Teegan and Ella, who came to school early everyday to sit in the freezing cold and sell the merchandise, and also to the school council who organised the bake sale.



For more photographs please look on our website—
<http://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/news-and-events/children-in-need-2018>

ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

The week commencing 12th November 2018 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 'Choose Respect'

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.) They 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 '**Telling**' Box at school. Pupils can share any worries about themselves, or others in this box. We also have a **Learning Mentor (Mrs Meegan)** who is always available to listen. We have an **Anti-Bullying Governor, Caroline Nash**, who keeps up to date with the latest anti-bullying procedures. Mrs Nash is also sometimes available after school on the courtyard to discuss any issues with you. Leaflets are also available on the leaflet stand. There are also child friendly anti-bullying leaflets available.

The winners of the anti-bullying poster campaign each won 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. For more photographs: <http://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/news-and-events/anti-bullying-week>

BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting our book fair. We made £862.19—we will use the commission to choose more books for the library and classroom.



SCHOOL MOTTO

We are really pleased to announce that our school motto is
' Together Aspire, Together Achieve.'

This was chosen by all stakeholders, including Governors, parents, children and staff. You will see it on letterheads, school improvement plans, the website etc. Many thanks for your involvement.

PARENT PAY

As from 7th January 2019, you will be able to pay for most school items using ParentPay—this will include dinners, uniform, school visits, breakfast club etc. You will be able to make secure payments online using your credit or debit card. If you have more than one child at the school, or children at other Parentpay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children.

You will receive your unique ParentPay account activation details by Friday 14th December 2018. We have also added a shortcut ParentPay button to the school App.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school.



POPPY APPEAL

We would like to thank everybody who contributed to the poppy appeal this year. We raised £192.64, which is fantastic. Our certificate is displayed in the corridor by the front doors.



BRONZE BEHAVIOUR AWARD

The majority of our pupils have now received their bronze behaviour award 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 19th December is Christmas Dinner Day—children can also wear their Christmas Jumper with their uniform on this day** (Christmas Jumper replaces your school jumper.)



HOME BARGAINS & SILENT AUCTION

We would like to say a big thank you to Home Bargains, who have 'adopted' Stonebroom Primary & Nursery School—this means that every now and again they will be donating a cage of products that we can use for charitable purposes.

Just in time for Christmas we have received a collection of toys which we are selling in a 'silent auction.'

If you would like to bid on a toy, please send the name of the toy, your child's name and how much you would like to bid, in a sealed envelope to the school office. The closing date and time for bids will be **Friday 14th December 2018** at 12 noon. The toys will be on display at the Christmas Fair, where you can also place a bid. We will let you know if your bid has been successful on Monday 17th December 2018.

You will be able to pick up your purchase from the office from 17th December 2018. You will not be able to take the toy until payment has been received.



Follow the link for more details of the toys: <http://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/pta/news-7>



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair will be held on **11th December 2018** in the school hall and surrounding classrooms. There will be lots of treats as well as a visit from Santa



BIKEABILITY

On Tuesday 13th November, our older pupils took part in Bikeability—places were limited this year due to a cut in funding, so the majority of the places went to the Y6 children.



They spent the morning learning about how to ride safely on the roads and then went out and about on the roads of Stonebroom in the afternoon.

All children achieved their level 1 and 2 Bikeability awards.



For more photographs please look on our website: [http://](http://www.stonebroom.derbyshire.sch.uk/children/class-pages/sharks-1/gallery-12/bikeability)

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SCHOOL APP

We are sending out more and more information on the school App, which is linked to the school website. If you have a smart phone (either Android or Apple), you can download the App.

Simply search for 'School Jotter' in the Apps Store/Play Store—Install School Jotter—Open School Jotter—Type in Stonebroom when asked to search for a school, and click on the Stonebroom Owl. If you have any problems, please see a member of staff.



ATTENDANCE

So far this year The Koalas (Miss Steeples' class) have had the highest attendance record and are above the national expectations for attendance with 98.7%, although Dragons (Mrs Kaye's class) are close behind with 97.9%. Which class will be having a non uniform day on the final day of term?

Attendance Figures up to December 3rd:

- 1st Koalas (Miss Steeples)—98.7%
- 2nd Dragons (Mrs Kaye)—97.9%
- 3rd Meerkats (Mr Scott)—97.5%
- 4th Sharks (Mr Walmsley)—96.4%
- 5th Giraffes (Mrs Hobot)—96.1%
- 6th Elephants (Miss Rowland)—95.2%
- 7th Sheep (Miss Gill)—93.9%



We would like to thank you, the parents and carers, for supporting the school and understanding the importance of regular attendance and punctuality.

GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to Acacia P, Amelia W, Skylar C, Evie G, Ella H, Olivia S, Lucy B, Libby A, Ava M, Lyndon W, Jezemi K, Lincoln H, Jack J, Isobelle H, Michael B, Armando K, Bailey R-D, Ronnie-John P, Cody D-E, Libby W, Leo W, Jaya E, Freddie J, Abbie H-S, Kayla S, Troy S, Claudia S, Kian W, KT-Jo C, Devon C, Loren E, Blake W, Ollie R, Libby A, Gracie W, Amelia-Rose P, Travis P, Hayden R, Harley-Jo L, Millie W, Lexi S, McKaylee S, Chelsea P, Emilie S, Holly S, Tegan B & Rehana M....who have all appeared in our Golden Book.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Tickets are now available for our Nursery Nativity which will take place on Monday 17th December and for our F2 and KS1 performance, which will take place on 13th & 14th December.

Programmes are now available for 'Carols Around the Tree' which will take place on Wednesday 12th December. **Our choir will also be performing at the Stonebroom Carol Concert, which will be held at St Peter's Church on Thursday 20th December 2018 at 7.30pm. All welcome.**



WINTER HAS ARRIVED....the weather has recently turned much colder and we ask that children bring a coat, gloves and hat to school and that they are all 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 11th 2018—Non Uniform Day/Bring a Bottle/School Fair

December 12th 2018—6pm—Christmas Choir Performance

December 13th(2pm) & 14th (10am) 2018—KS1 Nativity

December 17th 2018—Nursery Christmas Concert (10am & 2pm.)

December 18th 2018—F2 & KS1 Christmas Party/KS2 Visit to Pantomime

December 19th 2018—Christmas Dinner –Wear a Christmas Jumper

December 20th 2018 (7.30pm)—School Choir Performing at St Peters

December 21st 2018—Break Up

January 7th 2019—Back to School

January 23rd 2019—Science Morning

February 4th 2019—Safety Week

February 5th 2019—Y2 Enterprise

Day at David Nieper

February 6th 2019—Photo Day

February 12th 2019—Valentine Disco

February 15th 2019—Break Up for Half Term

February 25th 2019—Back to School

March 4th—8th 2019—Book Week

March 7th 2019—World Book Day (Dress Up As A Book Character)

March 25th 2019—Kingswood Week (Y5&6)

March 29th 2019—Mother's Day Meal

April 8th & 9th 2019—Parents Evening (YF2—Y5)

April 11th 2019—Easter Egg Competition

April 11th 2019—Break Up for Easter

April 12th 2019—INSET DAY

April 29th 2019—Back to School

May 6th 2019—Bank Holiday

May 13th 2019—Y6 KS2 Tests

May 23rd 2019—Y6 Evening Camp

May 24th 2019—Break Up

June 3rd 2019—Back to School

June 5th 2019—P4C Celebration Day-Parents Invited at 9am

June 10th 2019—Phonics Screening Week

June 12th 2019—Choir Evening Performance

June 14th 2019—Father's Day Meal

June 17th 2019—Healthy Living Week

June 18th 2019—KS1 Sports Day – 9.30am

June 19th 2019—KS2 Sports Day—9.30am

June 28th 2019—Cluster Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

July 19th 2019— Children Break Up for Summer

WEBSITE & SCHOOL APP

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