



Stoneferry Primary School

September Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope that you have had a lovely summer and enjoyed spending time with your children. As we come back to the school, the new academic year promises to be an exciting one, which we hope will engage and inspire your children to achieve great things. During this week, your child's teacher will send home lots of key information regarding dates and classroom routines so please keep an eye out for letters in bookbags.

Details of this term's clubs will also be sent home with membership being given on a first come first served basis, so please ensure you return forms as promptly as possible.

As always, please can I remind you that the school operates an open door policy, therefore if there is anything we can help with or if you would like to discuss any matter as it arises, please pop in to see me or your child's class teacher and we will do everything we can to resolve this for you.

Mr Raw, Head of School

Attendance

Please could I remind you that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless they fall under the strict criteria laid out by the government. These guidelines can be found in our attendance policy. Such holidays significantly impact on the school's attendance figures and are subject to Local Authority fines.

In addition, it is really important that children come to school as much as possible. With your permission, we are happy to administer Calpol to children feeling a little under the weather and often, children improve once they get to school.

Changing Curriculum

This term, sees big changes to the way in which we will deliver our curriculum to the children. Our hope is to engage children more fully in their learning by providing work which is relevant, cross curricular, and in a way which involves the children more. This will give the children more time to focus on key aspects of topics and to have a bigger say in the way topics progress. At different stages in the term, teachers will be sharing news of the work that has taken place on Twitter and through Marvellous Me and I hope that your child really enjoys their learning throughout the year.

Dinner Payment

As stated in previous newsletters, it is very important that payment for hot dinners is made promptly. The shortfall for unpaid lunches is found by the school which impacts on all the children as we are unable to provide activities as a result. Also, please could you ensure that dinner orders are placed electronically in advance, to avoid children being disappointed.

Reading Sessions

In order to support parents with the new ways of learning in the Reading curriculum, We will be holding a number of workshops for parents of all year groups during the first half of the Autumn term. These will involve us explaining some of the ways we teach the children and should help you support your children better when reading at home. Dates will be on the yearly dates.



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GB Athlete Visit and Sponsored Event

On 28th September the school will be visited by a Great Britain athlete. They will speak to the children about their life and hold a sports session for each class. This should be a wonderful opportunity for the children and will inspire them I am sure. We will also be using this as our sponsored event for the year and more details will be coming soon.

PE Kits

On our return to school the children in KS1 and 2 will all be having PE outdoors up to half term. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable outdoor kit on their PE day. This should include: trainers, t-shirt and tracksuit or shorts and if the weather turns colder, a hat is fine. Also if your child has earrings and they can be removed if this can be done on PE days that would be great. Thanks.

Reading Rockets

At the start of the new term, we are looking to really push forward our Reading Rocket scheme. Home reading has such a huge impact on the progress of pupils in school and we encourage the children to read at least 3 times a week to an adult.

Spending 10 minutes a day to read a short section of a book and discuss it will really support the work we do in class and will ensure rapid progress through the different stages of books.

Additionally, every time your child reads 15 times they receive a prize and the best overall class for reading each week receive an extra treat. Happy reading!

Important dates in September

Tuesday 18 th September	Pizza Night
Wednesday 19 th September	Year 1&2 Reading Workshop for Parents 9 - 9:45am
Tuesday 25 th September	Year 3&4 Reading Workshop for Parents 9 - 9:45am
Friday 28 th September	GB Sponsored Athlete Event
Thursday 2nd October	Year 5&6 Reading Workshop for Parents 9 - 9:45am

A copy of this and all our newsletters can be found on our website

Class Assemblies

In order to let you know more about your child's learning each class this year will have a Class Assembly. You will be invited to attend to learn about what your child has been looking at in class and dates will be coming home soon. The children are so proud of what they achieve and we would like them to share this with you too.

Water Bottles

Very soon, your child will receive a Stoneferry water bottle. We will write their name on the bottle and encourage them to take their bottles home each day to be cleaned and refilled with fresh water for the next day. If your child loses their bottle, they may bring a different bottle from home.