



# Stoneferry Primary School

## October Newsletter—Week 1



In line with the school's Recovery Curriculum, we have now come to the end of Phase 1. The key element of Phase 1 was to make sure the children felt safe and secure and were happy once again learning in school. It is clear walking around the school, that this has been successful, as the children are working hard and have demonstrated such incredible resilience in what are the most testing of circumstances. Each teacher speaks very highly of the children's learning attitudes and have been really impressed with the desire to make up for lost time. Also during Phase 1 we have been assessing what learning has been lost and planning how we will support pupils in the best way possible as we enter Phase 2.

Phase 2 will focus greatly on closing academic gaps and building on the Basic Skills that the children have. Reading, Maths and Writing will be the focus of our work, but this will be blended with a mix of foundation subjects too. The children will be challenged throughout but I am sure that from what I have seen so far they will rise to this and give their absolute all.

To support the school during this time we would ask that in line with our Home School Agreement, you listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. Quality time spent reading is so important for all our children at present and any additional support from home to compliment the work which is taking place in school is a great help. Class percentages can now be seen in the notice board at the front of school and this will let you keep track on how each class is getting on in their Reading Rocket challenge. Hopefully we can get all classes back to 80% as soon as possible.

*Mr Raw, Head of School*

### **Whole School Art Competition**

In school this week, I spoke with the children about an exciting Art competition that Miss Brady, our Art subject leader is running in school. The competition will be for all classes in the school and there will be prizes for winners and runners-up in each class, and every child will also receive something for taking part. The theme of the work that we would like the children to complete is Our Wonderful World. The children can create any piece of art they wish around this theme, but Miss Brady would like the children to use painting within their work. To allow the children plenty of time to practise and think of a great idea, the closing date is not until Monday 2nd November. Using the children's work, we will also create several art galleries within the school to show off the wonderful work our children can produce within each Key Stage. We really hope that as many of the children choose to take part as possible and really look forward to seeing the ideas and work they produce.

### **Parent Survey**

In this very strange and difficult time that we find ourselves living through at present, we are very conscious of the need to support families and the children within our community more than ever. To help us do this, we would really appreciate it if you could complete the questionnaire on the reverse of the newsletter and return it to us in school. In doing so we will be able to provide support where we can and also improve our practices as the current situation evolves. Thank you in advance.

Next week we will be completing a short questionnaire with the children too so that they also have the chance to express their thoughts and feelings about their return to school.

### **Census Day Thank You**

On Thursday, we had a fantastic Census Day meal. It was great to see so many children enjoying their hot lunch. As with most things at present, it was a very different experience to previous Census days, however the children were great and all enjoyed the revised menu they were given.

### **One Way System Changes**

I am sure you will have noticed alterations to the one way system around the Year 3 door area. Please could I kindly ask that if you are not dropping off a Year 3 child you stay to the right to avoid any congestion around this area. Thank you.

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