



Stoneferry Primary School

October Newsletter—Week 3



Incredibly we have already arrived at the end of this half term and I think it is a good time to reflect on the last few weeks. Our original concerns about how the children would settle back into school life, have now been replaced with an optimism of what we will be able to achieve this year. The children have genuinely been superb. Every one of them has returned with an attitude and determination to make up for lost time and in each and every classroom across the school the children are making progress. Routines and relationships with staff have been developed and they all deserve a great deal of credit for how they have done.

Over the next week I hope that they all manage to have a good rest and an enjoyable break and that they come back ready and raring to go on November 2nd. When we return I will be sharing details on how we plan to run our Parents' Evening this term, where you will have the chance to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Please could I ask that all children continue to practice their reading during their time off and to complete their reading journals to gain their Reading Rockets. Also could I remind parents that each time a child reads it needs to be entered as a separate entry within the reading record so that staff in school can identify how many times a child has read. This term we had two classes who reached their target every week and these classes have been rewarded with new books.

Have a lovely break and we will see you back on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Raw, Head of School

Art Competition Reminder

Miss Brady has asked me to remind everyone one last time about the Art competition we are running in school. Entries are to be handed in to class teachers on the first Monday back after half term. Details of the competition are in classroom windows and also can be found on the school website and our Twitter feed. The theme once again is Our wonderful World. Already we have had several entries back from children which is great, but we hope as many children as possible enter to make the judging as hard as possible. Enjoy!

Thank you to our Reading Mentors

In Year 3,4,5 and 6 this term certain children have worked as our Reading Mentors. These children give up their time each day to sit and listen to other children in their class read. They support and encourage the other children in becoming more fluent readers and have had a superb impact. Our main aim in school is that every child becomes a fluent, confident reader before they leave us, and these children really support us in achieving this goal. Next half term these mentors will change, but an excellent standard has been set. Thank you.

Family Challenge

Due to the success of our Family Challenge activities over the closure of the school, we have decided to restart these from Half term. On the school website this week you will find our first challenge linked to Halloween. We hope that as many of the children as possible can take part in this with their parents over the holiday and enjoy sharing time with their family. Please can you upload pictures of you carrying out the task on our Twitter page and the winners will be announced in the first week back. Have fun!

Reading Books

We are looking in school to bolster the number of books we have in each class. If you have any children's books, in good condition, that your child no longer needs, we would be really grateful if you might let us have them in school. Due to the current situation, we will be unable to have our usual Christmas Fair when many of you donate lots of books, so hopefully this will give you an opportunity to clear some spaces on the bookshelves. If you could drop any books with me on the school gate in a morning that would be fantastic. Thank you.

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