



Stoneferry Primary School

November Newsletter—Week 1



As we enter this new phase of lockdown, I hope that everyone remains well and safe. This week we have experienced our first class closure and all of us in school are really looking forward to welcoming Year 4 back to school on Monday. It has been very strange to not have them in school and I hope they have all managed to complete the online home learning activities which have been set for them.

Following the Prime Minister's decision on Saturday to announce a further lockdown, I would just like to thank all of my staff for their continued commitment and efforts in this difficult time. Every day they work so hard to provide an enjoyable learning experience for the children and speaking to some parents this week about their children's positive attitudes to school, their hard work is certainly having a strong impact.

In school this week, we have fully launched our new reading scheme, Read Write Inc. Tonight, children involved in this will be bringing home lots of information about how parents can support their children's learning at home. On Thursday I witnessed the program in action and I believe that over time this will certainly support the children in their journey to become fluent readers.

In Key Stage 2 we would like to create our own class libraries, and would welcome any donations of books that your child may no longer require suitable for ages 7 to 11. If you have any you would like to donate, please leave in the containers which will be at the front office throughout next week.

In Monday's virtual assembly I spoke to the children about the need to never give up and to respond to challenges in a positive way. I hope that everyone connected to our school community can do this during these challenging times. If we can support in any way please contact the school and we will do everything we can.

Mr Raw, Head of School

Art Competition

With so many superb entries to our recent whole school Art competition, we have been amazed by the range of work that has been produced. Miss Brady now has the difficult job of judging the entries and the winners will be announced in next week's newsletter. We look forward to seeing the work completed by Year 4 on Monday and look forward to presenting the children with their prizes and sharing some of the excellent work with you next week on Twitter and on our website. The school is going to look fantastic once all the work has been added to the walls. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Request and Reminders

Please could we request that to comply with the latest government guidelines, that children are only collected by either a direct family member or by a member of one other household that is providing childcare until the latest restrictions are complete. We do understand how difficult this can be for some families, but unfortunately we must insist these measures are followed.

Also if I could remind parents to arrive at school as close to drop off and pick up times as possible that would really support us in keeping you and your children as safe as possible.

Finally, please could we ask that if you have been advised by the school to have your child tested for Covid 19 that you provide the school with the evidence of your negative test results. This is needed for our school records. Thank you.

Reading Rocket Improvements

Scores this week from 4 of our classes remained very high with Year 5 achieving 100% for the first time. Please can all of the children try hard to read 3 times each week again to push those totals sky high.

Harvest Donations

All of your food was taken this week to the local food bank. Thank you again for your support!

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