

Stoneferry Primary School

November Newsletter—Week 4



This has been a very busy week in school with the children all working really hard. Ms Hill has been organising the Christmas decorations for classrooms which will soon take on a new feel ready for the children to enjoy. Although this will be a very different Christmas in school for us all, we are planning on making it as enjoyable as possible for the children as a reward for their continued hard work and amazing attitudes since they have returned to school.

As I mentioned last week, the mobile classroom is having a face lift at present. The builders have been busy this week ripping out the existing fixtures and preparing the walls, floor and lighting. Over the weekend, the outside of the classroom will enjoy some much needed attention and we expect things to look very different when we return on Monday.

Finally, we have fitted our new banners this week and leafletted the local area to spread the word of the good work that is going on in school. Please remember to mention us to friends who maybe considering a change of school for their child.

Reading Rockets

Year 1 - 80%

Year 2 - 82%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 5 - 96%

Year 6 - 90%

Mr Raw, Head of School

Microsoft Teams

This week, Year 1 and 2 are trialling Microsoft Teams for the first time. This will now mean that all classes in Key Stage 1 and 2 have had access to the programme and hopefully parents and children are now feeling more confident with how it works. I am aware that some people are still having difficulties logging on so please contact me at school and I will endeavour to help out. Unfortunately, technology can be temperamental at times and as with any new venture we have encountered some difficulties. If we can get them ironed out though, I am confident this will provide us with an excellent tool for providing work for children in the event of bubble closures and potentially as a way of sharing homework in the future too.

Christmas Arrangements

Tonight, your child will have brought home a letter giving details of the arrangements we have made for Christmas this year. Please take a good look at the letter as arrangements for the Foundation Stage will be different to Key Stage 1 and 2. We will be completing some of the normal activities and providing extra opportunities for some things too. Our main aim though is to ensure that the children have a really enjoyable time leading up to the Christmas break.

Monday will be the first opportunity to bring cards into school. Please could I remind you to pop them in a plastic bag, so they can be stored properly before we hand them out. Thank you.

Elf Rumours!

Circulating around school this week are rumours that we may be joined shortly at school by some naughty elf friends! These elves have been tasked with the job of keeping a close eye on the children over the festive period. We would be very grateful if the children could keep an eye out for these pesky, festive friends and to make sure they let their teachers know if they see one. However, all children are reminded that under no circumstance should they touch the elves!

If spotted we will be sure to let everyone know what antics they have been getting up to on our Twitter feed at **#SPSelf**

Read Write Inc in Full Swing

We have now been running our new reading scheme, Read Write Inc in school for a number of weeks. During this period, we have been amazed by the impact this is having on our young children and the way they are learning to read. As I wander around the school, watching the children in action, I am amazed by the enthusiasm they have towards this new way of learning and the children are so proud of their achievements too. Thank you for supporting us with this and through all of the work you are doing at home too as this is really supporting the children in learning new sounds and then applying them in Reading. We can't wait to see how much we can achieve!

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