



Stoneferry Primary School

December Newsletter—Week 1



December has now arrived and Christmas is just around the corner. In school the decorations are up and each of the classrooms have taken on a lovely feel. On Monday we were all happy but surprised to see a number of new members of the school community with each class now having their own Christmas elf. During the week they have been up to all sorts of silly things, keeping the children amused in class.



This week I have had the chance to teach a number of the classes in school. Year 5 were brilliant on Wednesday and my Year 4 Maths group are flying too. This morning in Year 6, the children have also given everything to their work. What is so fantastic is that every class I work with demonstrate such amazing attitudes to learning. It has been a long and difficult term for everyone for so many reasons, however, the children are still giving everything to improve and are a real credit to the school.

Finally, I have been delighted this week to see every class reach their Reading Rocket target of 80%. Well done everyone, let's keep this up all the way through December now!

Reading Rockets	
Year 1 -	80%
Year 2 -	81%
Year 3 -	91%
Year 4 -	83%
Year 5 -	100%
Year 6 -	81%

Mr Raw, Head of School

Microsoft Teams

Speaking to parents on the playground, it seems that the majority of parents have had success in logging on to Microsoft Teams and accessing the homework activities that have been set. As I have explained we will be using this format in the event of a bubble closure but may if it proves popular use Teams to share our homework moving forward. A decision will be made on this for the Spring term and I will notify all parents in advance. Please could I ask that if anyone is still having difficulties logging on they contact me at school and I will look into this for you. Most of the time I can sort any difficulties but if not I can get support to rectify any problems. Thank you.

Christmas Card Competition Winner

A huge congratulations is needed this week to Emily in our Year 6 class. The Constellation Trust ran a Christmas card competition recently and Emily's design was the winning choice from all of the children in Key Stage 2 across all seven of the primary schools in the trust. She has won a fantastic prize and should be very proud. She will also receive 5 copies of the card which will be used by all Trust schools to send to all of their partners.



The winning entry

Assembly with the Vicar

At this time of year it would be normal for us to visit St Columba church and also to be visited in school by Reverend Griffiths to talk to the children about the real meaning of Christmas and to discuss the fantastic work that the church does in the community at this time of the year. Unfortunately, this year the Reverend cannot be with us in person but on Monday he will be holding our assembly remotely from his own home via the magic of Teams. He will be speaking to the children in the same way for the next two weeks and this will give our children a good opportunity to reflect, and think about others at this important time of year.

Presents for Teachers

Very kindly, I have been asked lately whether we will be accepting Christmas presents for the teachers this year with the current situation in schools. I would like to let you know that the teachers would be very grateful of any gifts. Please could these come into school in a plastic bag if you wish to do so. Many thanks.