



# Stoneferry Primary School

## January Newsletter—Week 4



January is now nearing its end and I don't think that as any of us were tucking into our Christmas dinner we could have predicted what we have experienced. With remote learning now in full flow and the children working so well on Teams, I am proud of what everyone is achieving and so impressed with how everyone has adapted. Next week, teachers will be sending home certificates for Remote Learners of the day to provide an extra incentive to do the best work they can.

The planned alterations to the pavements at the front of school are well under way and hopefully should be completed in not too long a time. Apologies for the inconvenience this is causing to parents who are bringing their children to school at present, but hopefully the short term situation will be worth it.

Speaking to a very old friend this week we challenged ourselves to achieve something new in February. I have decided to try and run every day, which I am going to do my best to achieve. I would like for all of the children to set themselves a February challenge that they can work towards too. Each week if the children want to email me pictures of them completing these goals I will share it within this newsletter to inspire others into action. Please send any pictures to [admin@stoneferry.hull.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stoneferry.hull.sch.uk) and I promise they will be added to the newsletter each week. I am sure I am going to be amazed by what the children get up to and can't wait to see them too.

Searching for positivity to end this section of the newsletter this week, as I always do, my daughter reminded me that despite everything "we still have each other". Wise words from an 8 year old and certainly not to be forgotten. One thing lock down has given us all is time together and I'm always grateful for that.

*Mr Raw, Head of School*

### **Questionnaire Feedback and Ways Forward**

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the Remote Learning questionnaire that we provided this week. With everything being so new to all of us it was pleasing to see that we seem to be getting things right and that the key areas that we have focused on as a school, over the last 4 weeks, have had the impact we wanted them to. At every stage of our development we have been conscious of moving at a pace, such that changes made were gradual in order to allow everyone to keep apace whilst being very aware of the pressure from government to ensure that the children's learning is unaffected. The technology we are using is new to all the staff as well as yourself, and we are all learning to do things in a new way. We have made a note of the areas you have suggested for development and will be looking to introduce these over the coming weeks, hopefully to make our provision even better.

### **Live Sessions**

Yesterday, I sent a letter giving information regarding our decision to provide a greater number of live sessions. Providing the right circumstances is imperative, and for this reason you will find our risk assessment on the school website which highlights all of the areas we have considered. Please ensure you have read this and the section at the end which sets out the responsibilities for staff, parents and children to allow the sessions to be a success.

Teachers will be holding a range of sessions to allow additional interaction and to give the children a chance to see and hear one another. This might be a well-being circle, a celebration assembly or in some cases short phonics sessions. As we learn from this we will look at how we might develop this further too.

### **Free School Meals**

During the present lockdown, we are always aware of the pressures this time will be placing on families and incomes. Free school meals support is there to support families and if your circumstances have changed quickly such that you think you might now be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office and we will provide you with guidance and information about how to apply.