



# Stoneferry Primary School

## February Newsletter—Week 2



In this Valentines Day edition of the newsletter, I would like to give you all a virtual round of applause for reaching Half Term. I think what has been achieved this term has literally been remarkable and the way you as parents have adapted and supported us at school has been outstanding. I remember before Christmas discussing with parents how Teams may be used in the future should a bubble have to close. Never in my wildest nightmares did I think this would end up being the whole school with 12 hours notice. I hope you agree that the systems we have in place are now running well and this is providing the children with work that will help to support their transition back to school. At present we are working towards the 8th March, however, I will be closely watching the Prime Minister on 22nd February, when he is set to give us more plans on what will happen next. School for children of Key Workers and specified groups will return on February 22nd.

This week I would also like to give a special mention to St Columba church who sent the staff at the school a wonderful hamper to thank them for all of their hard work this term. They all certainly deserve this and we were touched by the kind idea.

*Mr Raw, Head of School*

### **Monday Morning Assembly**

On Monday I held my first ever whole school assembly streaming live into people's homes. It certainly was a strange experience but I hope the children found it a positive start to the week. During the assembly I talked about achievement and I hope that the children have been inspired this week to achieve their very best. The next whole school assembly will be on Monday 22nd February at 9 a.m. I will create the link today and the children will be able to find it in their calendars on Teams.

### **Rising to the Challenge**

For last week's PE challenge, I asked the children to create a dance routine for their favourite song. I hope that the children enjoyed giving this a go. Special praise for this goes to Luke (Year 4), Jess (Year 1) Finley (Year 4), Angel (Year 4), Robbie (Year 1) and Kian (Year 6) who sent me their videos for me to enjoy. We certainly have some future stars.

### **Parents' Discussion Meeting**

Earlier this week, I sent a letter to parents regarding Parents' evening. This is just a quick reminder that we will be holding this after the Easter break, when hopefully the children will have returned to school already. At present, I am still unsure what format this will take, but it is likely that this will be done over the phone. Additional information will be sent to you after half term regarding this. Thank you.

### **World Book Day**

Despite the current situation, we will be celebrating World Book Day this year. The experience will be different this year, but Mrs Sykes is working hard to finalise the plans for the day. Once she has done this she will be writing to parents and children to tell them how they will be able to get involved.

### **Ideas for Half Term**

If like me you are wondering how you are going to entertain your children during Half Term, I am sure you will be thinking of different ways that this might be done. In Monday's assembly I suggested a few ideas which the children might complete. These included: painting, baking, going for a run, tidying the back garden, going for a long walk and a few more. Please share any activities that you get up to through our Twitter page, which might give others some ideas too. At present we are working our way through the Marvel back catalogue of films and I have downloaded a comic creating app for my girls to create their own version of the films. Hopefully, my ICT skills will stand up to the test.