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Stondon Lower School

Friday 6th November



The Stondon Lower Newsletter

Stondon Remembers

This week each class have created a poppy for our window display. We hope you agree that the display looks wonderful.

Next Wednesday we will be holding a remembrance assembly over Zoom with Shillington Lower to come together to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of the armed forces.

Thank you for helping us raise money for the Royal British Legion this week.



The car park and Station Road

Thank you to everyone who has continued to use the one way system when dropping and collecting their children from the back door. We understand that this is inconvenient for some parents who may have a longer journey around but we hope you can understand our reasoning behind the system. We have had a few reports of some 'near misses' when parents are driving in to The Pastures or parking in the recreation car park. Please take care when driving in or parking, there is very limited pavement and there may be families crossing over. Please ensure that you are socially distancing when waiting by the back door and leave the path clear for families who are leaving the school.

With roadworks on Station Road which are due to continue next week we understand that the traffic has been busy and journeys to school have been disrupted. Please do not worry if you are running late, don't rush and speed in to the car park or park your car directly outside school on the yellow lines, this could cause an accident. If you arrive after 9am or 3.40pm and the gates to the field are locked, please make your way to the front door, the playground is normally clear by then.

Internet safety

As we head in to another lockdown we know that being online is an amazing way for children to play, create, learn and connect, whether they're chatting with friends and family, playing games or doing homework. But it's also important to know to help keep them safe. Here are a few safety tips we have come across over the last few weeks that we would like to share with you.



Earlier this week the BBC showed a [Panorama: Is TikTok safe?](#) It investigated the safety of Tik Tok for children and young people. The programme is on for 30 minutes and packs a punch. If your children are using TikTok or you would like to find out more about this online platform then please catch up with the show on BBC iplayer.

Microsoft have released an Xbox family setting app. This new app helps parents to control children's screen time, to filter content and to manage their friends. To learn more information on how this app could work for your family please see this link: https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/microsoft-releases-xbox-family-settings-app/?utm_source=Parents+Newsletter&utm_campaign=604851437a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_27_10_47_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_290cc150e6-604851437a-171426957&mc_cid=604851437a&mc_eid=0e12164880



For parental controls on other gaming consoles and platforms such as Fortnite and Minecraft please follow this link:

http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/?utm_source=Parents+Newsletter&utm_campaign=604851437a-



Robin Class News

It was lovely to see that all the Robins came back happily to school after their first half-term holiday. This week we talked about 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' in Literacy. This well-known story was hugely popular among Robins, and everyone has enjoyed their lessons. We retold the story using a story map and described each character using adjectives such as 'big', 'smelly', 'ugly' and 'mean'. We also innovated the story by changing the characters. In our class story, there are three giraffes and a 'stinky' rhino as the main characters. In Maths Robins learnt how to compare two groups of identical objects. Next week the children will learn about comparing non-identical objects. I'm glad to see that the children's phonic knowledge is developing well. In Phonics the last part of Phase 2 sounds has been taught and Phase 3 sounds will be introduced from next week. Many Robins have recently shown an interest in writing activities, which is excellent. My desk is always so full because the children keep bringing their work to me and want to share it with their friends. As Remembrance Day is approaching Robins made lots of poppies. They will be displayed on the windows at the front door. The children also enjoyed making models using junk materials. During review time we discussed how we could make our models even better. There were lots of good suggestions. Some children suggested that they could have made them more colourful and some said that they could have put windows and doors on their cars. It was fantastic to hear the children talk about their work and think about how they could have improved it. Next week, we are going to start a new book called 'I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato' during literacy lessons. The children will talk about healthy eating and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. We are also going to learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali (also known as Festival of Light). There will be many interesting art activities related to this theme.

Lastly, all the Robins would like to say 'Welcome' to their new friend Lois and 'Good-bye' to Maisie as she is sadly leaving Stondon Lower. We wish her all the best in her new school.

Puffin Class News

Well done Puffins for getting through the first week back! In maths we have been learning how to subtract within 10 and in English we have been making our own recipe using sticks, leaves, mud and a handful of other items from outside the classroom. The children will then write their instruction to recreate it. In Science we have completed our topic on animals and we have prepared resources for Remembrance Day. Next week we are going to continue with subtractions within 10 in maths and we will complete our study of non-narrative texts in English.

Kestrel Class News

We have had a great first week back in Kestrels! We have been working hard in Maths, learning how to use the column method for addition. In English we have started our new book, 'Scaredy Squirrel makes a friend', which has helped us to look at different sentence types, including questions, statements and exclamations. We have also started our new topic of Kings and Queens in History, where we got to wear a crown and make our own rules, as if we were a Monarch!

Toucan Class News

What a busy first week back we have had in Toucan Class but what an enjoyable week it has been too. We have been busy learning how to use inverted commas in English so that we can write direct speech correctly in our work. We have also been working on using the column method for subtraction, making sure we get all the exchanging in the right place. In PE we have begun a unit of dance where we will be exploring the weather. We will be thinking about the different movements we can use to represent the different types of weather and how we can put these together in a sequence. We also started a new topic in Geography and are looking forward to learning all about the rainforest.

Hummingbird Class News

It's been a short week this week but we're all happy to be back and hope you have all had a lovely break. This week we are learning all about equivalent measurements using mm, cm, m and km in maths. We've also been practising measuring accurately with a ruler and finding out which measurement is more appropriate for measuring different things. Hi We are starting a new book in English, The king who banned the dark and began this weeks writing by writing a persuasive text. We are continuing to look at global warming and similarities and differences in the world around us and in art we have created a stunning poppy display already for Remembrance Day.



School photos

This week we have made the tough decision to postpone the children's individual photos which were due to be taken next week. Due to the

current situation and considering we are now in lockdown we feel the risk of having outside visitors who are not completely necessary in to school especially those who will interact with all year groups is just too high at the moment.

We have rebooked the photos for next year.



Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but we hope you can understand our reasoning behind this decision.

Flu Vaccination Consent Form

If you would like your child to have their flu vaccine at school this year then please ensure you complete the e-consent form that was sent out on Parent mail on 23rd October. Forms must be completed by 5pm on the 12th November.



This week Stondon celebrates

Writer of the week

Reception– Baz

Year 1– Xanthe

Year 2– Lola

Year 3– Eleanor

Year 4– Millie

Stondon Superstar

Reception– Piper

Year 1– Hannah

Year 2– Ellie

Year 3– Layla

Year 4– Harry F

Team Points

Spitfires– 77

Lancasters– 74

Tiger Moths– 76

Hunters– 78

What's coming up.....

Diary Dates

Date and time

Event

W/c 9th November
(Dates TBC)

Parents Evening (virtual appointments)

20th November

Flu Immunisations

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

(Half term: 26th - 30th October)

(Inset days: Thursday 3rd September, Friday 4th September and Monday 2nd November)

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Friday 26th March 2021

(Half term: 15th-19th February)

(Inset day: Monday 4th January)

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 13th April 2021 - Thursday 22nd July 2021

(Half term: 31st May- 4th June)

(Inset day: Monday 12th April)