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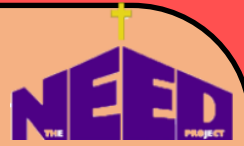
# Stondon Lower School

Friday 2nd October



## The Stondon Lower Newsletter

### Harvest Festival



Like many of our events this year Harvest Festival is going to be a bit different. We are still looking to hold an assembly and invite parents to join us but this year the assembly will be virtual rather than in the school hall. Reverend Richard has very kindly offered to hold the assembly as he normally does and the each class have started to prepare a performance.

We would like you to invite you to join us on Friday 9th October at 9.15am. The assembly will be held on zoom and we will send out the link via Parent Mail next week.

The last few years we have asked for food donations to support The Need Project. The Need Project is a local charity who provides free food parcels for families and individuals experiencing financial hardship and food deprivation in Central Bedfordshire. This year due to Covid-19 instead of food donations The Need Project have asked for a monetary contribution. We understand that we are in uncertain times but any donation you can give would be greatly appreciated. We have set up a Virgin Money giving page for both Stondon and Shillington families to donate to if they can. We have set a target of £200 between both schools, if each child were to donate just £1 we could easily exceed this. The donations page will be open from today until the 31st October. Please find the link below. Thank you for your help with supporting this fantastic charity.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ShillingtonStondonFederation>



### Reception and KS1 drop off

Thank you to all of our reception, year 1 and 2 parents who have been following the new dropping off arrangements by using the gates on Hillside Road and the rec. We are aware that this may not be the most convenient entrance for you but hope that you understand our reasoning behind the decision.

Please be aware that the gates will be closed at 9.00am, the reason for this is so that we can ensure the safety of our children. If you arrive at school after 9.00am please come to the main front entrance. Morning registration is at 9.00am and if you arrive after this time you will be asked to sign your child in.



### Parking

Can we please remind you that when dropping your children at the front entrance in the morning not to park your car on the yellow lines opposite school. We have noticed a number of children having to exit the car from the passenger side on to the road and with Hillside Road being very busy at this time in the morning it is simply not safe.



### Flu Immunisations

The immunisation and vaccine team will be visiting on Friday 20th November to administer flu immunisations for all year groups. A few weeks before the vaccination is due to take place we will send you out a link to an e-consent form for you to complete for your child.

The nurses will be set up in the school house, all children who have had a consent form completed will be seen by the nurses in their class bubbles. They will be asked to sanitise their hands and the nurses will be in PPE, a member of school staff will be with them throughout the process.

If you have any questions or concerns about the flu vaccine then please contact your GP or the immunisation team.



### Healthy Lunch and Snack

In school we often talk to our children about making healthy choices. With more children currently having a packed lunch in school we are asking parents to support us with this when planning a packed lunch. As a nut free school we ask the parents do not pack a chocolate spread sandwich. Children are provided with water or milk at lunchtime so you are not required to send in an additional juice drink.

In KS2 we ask parents to provide children with a healthy snack for break time. This can be fresh or dried fruit, carrot sticks etc. Please do not send in cereal bars or fruit winders.

### Robin Class News

'This week, all the Robins have become full-time for the first time and I am very proud of them as they have been doing so well. I have noticed that many children have just started creating their own activities using available resources in each area. For example, some children have really enjoyed creating things using various materials in the creative area such as junk materials, cards, wool, stickers, tissue paper, coloured matchsticks and so on. They produced some fantastic 'art work' and their work have all been put up on our display board. As there is the designated writing area, some children are really into mark-making. It was lovely to watch them 'writing' their shopping list on their mini clipboards in the home corner. Phonics lessons are going very well and many children have just begun blending sounds to make simple words. This week's Maths lessons, the children have learnt about numbers to 3 and one-to-one correspondence. They now know we should line up things before we start counting them and touch each item whilst counting. Next week, we will carry on talking about 'Where the Wild Things Are' during Literacy lessons and the children will learn about number 4 and 5 in Maths. Next week's our art project will be drawing our hand!'

### Puffin Class News

The past two weeks in English we have worked towards writing sentences about 'Stanley's stick' using capital letters, punctuation and finger spaces. This culminated in the children creating a piece of writing ALL on their own yesterday! Their work was so amazing I asked Mrs Dumbleton to admire their penmanship. In Maths, we have continued learning about place value and ordering numbers. Next week we are going to learn our numbers bonds to 10.

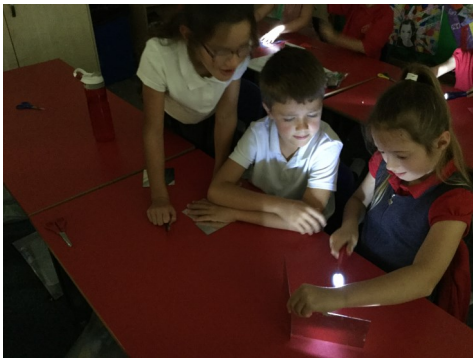
The children's knowledge about animals has been extended to include animal diets and their French is coming on fantastically or shall I say 'fantastique!'

### Kestrel Class News

In Kestrels this week we have been looking at our new book, 'The Frog and the Stranger'. We have produced writing based on this book and have been practicing using conjunctions such as 'and', 'but' and 'or'. In Maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, both forwards and backwards!

In Science this week we have been investigating our local habitat and looking at the mini beasts that live there. We have had lessons outside so that we can see these mini beasts for ourselves.

### Toucan Class News



In Toucan class, we have been continuing to learn about light in science. We experimented with torches and mirrors to explore reflection and how light moves. The children had a great time positioning the mirrors in different places to see how they could reflect the light. In English, we have begun to use a new book to inspire and inform our writing—The Paper Bag Princess. So far we have thought about what we know about fairy tales and we will use the book to develop our vocabulary and story writing. In maths, we have continued to learn about 3-digit numbers and will be moving on to learn how to add and subtract with 3-digit numbers.

### Hummingbird Class News

As always in Hummingbirds, a very busy couple of weeks! We have started a new book in English, Arthur and the golden rope and are very excited by the interesting maps and worlds we may find out about! We have started by creating our own imaginary maps and added labels with clauses joined by 'and' 'or' and 'but'. In maths we are coming to the end of place value and now feel more secure counting in multiples of 25. We have also been counting backwards and forwards through zero with negative numbers and finally learning all about Roman numerals. We have been understanding and experimenting with complementary colours in art and recapped continent shapes in geography. We have started to find out about different climates around the world and will continue this next week.

## Amazon Smile and the PTA

The PTA will unfortunately not be able to fundraise in their normal way this year. And have been looking in to some easy fundraising which lots of families can help with and get involved with.

The PTA have linked up with Amazon Smile . This means that Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible products to the PTA at no additional cost to you! The potential earning of this could be huge!

All you need to do is follow the below link and add Stondon Lower PTA in the box where it asks you to search for the charitable organization.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1106041-0>

If you use the amazon shopping app once you have selected your charity, you will then just need to change the settings in the app to Amazon Smile allowing any future purchases to earn money for the PTA.

## Easy Fundraising

We also have the existing easyfundraising page for purchases through any other websites.

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stondonlower/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-n1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stondonlower/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n1)

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# This week

### Writer of the week

Reception– Seraphine

Year 1– Antigone

Year 2– Harriet

Year 3– Mathumitha

Year 4– Callum

### Stondon Superstar

Reception– Oliver H

Year 1– Sienna

Year 2– Jack

Year 3– Callum

Year 4– Harleigh

### Team Points

Spitfires– 121

Lancasters– 118

Tiger Moths– 84

Hunters– 106

# What's coming up.....

## Diary Dates

### Date and time

### Event

Friday 9th October	Virtual Harvest Assembly
W/c 9th November (Dates TBC)	Parents Evening (virtual appointments)
12th November	Individual photographs
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)