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Stondon Lower School

Friday 4th December



The Stondon Lower Newsletter

CHRISTMAS LOADING... at Stondon Lower

Christmas planning at school is well underway. Classes have started to prepare their Christmas performances, decorations are going up and our lovely tree has arrived. The big difference is that this weekend we would normally have been holding our annual Christmas Fair organised by our wonderful PTA. The Christmas Fair raises thousands of pounds every year for the school and without this money the school will not be able to purchase the resources we had on our wish list for this year. So although COVID may mean we can not hold our traditional Christmas fair we have decided that it will not stop us raising vital money for the school.



Thursday 17th December

Thursday 17th December is our Christmas lunch, we have decided to use this day to celebrate all things Christmas and hope to be able to raise some money for the school at the same time. Instead of asking for small donations throughout December as we usually would we are asking families for a £4 contribution per child. For this donation we will be inviting children to wear Christmas clothes (jumpers, T-shirts, accessories), enter a competition to 'name the teddy bear', children will make some Christmas crafts, bring home some reindeer food and take part in Zoom Bingo where there are prizes up for grabs. Throughout the month children will also be given the opportunity to decorate a bauble and address it to their friends to hang on our Christmas tree.

We have set up a payment option on parent mail in the shop section. This is live now and will be until the end of term so if you can make a donation you can do so at any point. We would prefer not to take cash if possible but if you would prefer to send in cash we will have a donation bucket at the door on Thursday 17th December.

We really appreciate this is a difficult time for everybody. Thank you for all of your support, any donations really do make a big difference to the school.



A big thank you to Savin Nurseries who have very kindly donated our beautiful Christmas tree to us. We look forward to decorating it over the next few weeks.

With the help of some amazing local businesses the PTA are still able to run a Christmas Raffle. There are some fantastic prizes to be won so please share the details with your friends, family and neighbours and help us raise as much as we can. All the money raised directly benefits the children of Stondon Lower School and is needed now more than ever.

To get purchase your tickets please email stondonlowerpta@gmail.com.

The live draw is taking place on Facebook on Tuesday 8th December at 6pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/228892977992299/?ref=share>



Now the cold weather is well and truly here please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate outdoor clothing. We will always try and get to children outside at lunch even if the weather is cold and drizzly so please make sure your child has a warm coat. Please make sure any coats, hats and gloves are named.

Robin Class News

Robins have just started a new book 'Stanley's Stick' and enjoyed their 'wow' activity. Stanley's stick turned in to so many different things in his imaginative world. Robins enjoyed the story and talked about what they would like their stick to be. Everyone joined in with our whole class discussion using their imagination. There were some excellent ideas such as a torch, pen, jaguar, dinosaur and musical instrument. This book is very poetic and use lots of alliteration. If you share some of the tongue-twisters with your child, I'm sure she/he will enjoy it. In Maths, the children have just finished 'one fewer than a given number' up to 5. They used a range of different types of real objects e.g. bottles, pretend food, toy cutlery, real fruit and cubes to learn the concept of more and fewer. The majority of them have achieved the learning objectives. In other areas of learning, the children really enjoyed exploring 'light and dark' using torches, lights and lamps. They also loved the shadow puppet show (The Three Billy Goats Gruff and using their own shadow puppets). Robins really surprised me when they performed the puppet show because all the participants were very confident about saying their lines and used expressive tones of voice. I enjoyed watching their show. The children have just started Christmas themed art and craft activities. The first one was a star. We displayed all the lovely stars on the window pane at the front door and main door into Robins' class. Some children created angels using cupcake cases and lollipop sticks. They are going to make Christmas trees, cards, baubles and more.

The start of Robins' Christmas play practice really cheered us up and raised our spirits as it indicated that the festive season had just begun. Although it is very different from previous years, the children are still enjoying every single minute of their practice.

Puffin Class News

In Puffins, we have been busy in school and at home. In Maths, we have learnt 2D and 3D shapes and we have started numbers to 20. In English, we pretended to be Mr Big and wrote what he thought and we looked at story telling. In science we have looked at Life Cycles of some animals and at food chains. We have also started practising our Christmas play lines. We are continuing doing gymnastics. Next week we are going to start the week with an exciting live lesson about animals in Chester Zoo. I can't wait! But most of all I can't wait to see all of my little Puffins again!

Kestrel Class News

This week in Kestrels we have been feeling the Christmas spirit! We have started our new book called 'A Christmas Collar' and have been writing diary entries and wanted posters based on the story. In Maths we have started to look at money. We can now recognise coins and notes and are beginning to add together amounts of money.

In science we have been learning how to keep ourselves healthy. We have completed exercise experiments and designed our own healthy menu.

We have also started practising our lines for the Christmas performance!

Toucan Class News

In Toucans this week we have started looking at a new book in English called 'Mini rabbit not lost.' We have been using the pictures to write our own version of the story and have been focusing the skills of using adjectives, adverbs, speech, verbs and prepositions.

In maths we have begun learning about multiplication and division. So far we have looked at equal groups and the 3 times table. In computing we have been exploring 'scratch' and how to write an algorithm to program a character to move.

We have also begun working on our Christmas animation which the children are really excited about.

Hummingbird Class News

Well this has been a very strange week in hummingbirds! Luckily we are back up and running and looking forward to the run upto Christmas back at school.

We have been finding out all about the Antarctic, now moving on to the Rainforest and the Amazon. In English we will pick up with our book Biscuit Bear next week and in maths we are now building on our understanding of multiplication and division. Some of us have made some wonderful stars and stained glass houses for our window display and we hope to move on to printing and combining our DT with the science over the next two weeks!

ParentMail

I understand that there has been a lot sent to you via Parent mail over the last week. Please take the time to read through the messages and check that you have completed the forms which have been sent to you.

Thank you

Have you downloaded the ParentMail app?



On Friday 11th December the immunisation team are returning to school to administer the flu vaccine to our reception class. If your child is in reception and have been given the flu vaccine already this year then please contact Mrs Greenman in the office so that this can be passed on to the immunisation team.

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VACCINATION**

If your child did not receive the vaccine as they were not in school on Friday 20th November or you did not complete the e-consent form before the deadline and would like your child to receive the vaccine then please contact the school office.

This week Stondon celebrates

Writer of the week

Reception– Hadley

Year 1– Ronni

Year 2– Mae

Year 3– Faye

Year 4– Chloe

Stondon Superstar

Reception– Amy

Year 1– all of Puffins

Year 2– Sadie

Year 3– Jake

Year 4– Mrs Laugere

Team Points

Spitfires– 53 (399)

Lancasters– 55 (390)

Tiger Moths– 38 (384)

Hunters– 51 (422)

Reading Challenge

Well done to the Hummingbirds who have won the reading challenge this week!



What's coming up.....

Diary Dates

Date and time

Event

Tuesday 8th December
PTA Christmas raffle drawn live on Facebook

Wednesday 16th December
Widdershins show (packed lunch option only)

Thursday 17th December
Christmas lunch and fundraising day

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

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)