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Stondon Lower News

The Weekly Round Up

Friday 5th February



Update from Miss Woodham

We have spent this week looking after children's mental health and wellbeing and have hopefully had chance to enjoy some tasks and activities **together** this week and as I write this, I am looking forward to assembly to see all the children's work this week. But I want to ask you how you are? Please feel free to get in touch with an answer—we are here to listen and to do what we can for all our community. Perhaps we need to initiate Parents mental health week...! Looking after your own mental health and wellbeing is just as important in this lockdown. Take time for you too.. This is mentally demanding and stressful on everyone.

Following this newsletter, you will receive a link to a Parent mail Parents and Carers feedback survey mainly around remote learning. I am aware lots of you have taken time to share your thoughts and appreciation in emails to us and on Seesaw. But I would like to ask you also to do this more formally via the survey please. It shouldn't take you very long and is mainly select an option type questions. Your responses will help us to plan for next half term and adapt where we are able to.

Please also read the link below about an online safety session for Parents and Carers. It is the talk you need to hear and worth up to an hour of your time. Sally from Beds Police is always fascinating to listen to! I know of many staff members with their own children will be logging on to keep ourselves updated about the latest threats and dangers to our children's safety online. You won't need your cameras or microphones on if you don't want to!

Most improved hand writer

Earlier this year we received a very kind donation from Mrs Celia Fowler. Mrs Fowler is a parent of a now 18 year old who used to attend Stondon Lower. During their time at Stondon this student struggled with their handwriting but with dedication and intervention their handwriting improved greatly during their time here.

As a school, we would like to acknowledge the effort and journey the children have been on to improve their own handwriting during lockdown.

Teachers will be looking at children's handwriting when they are sharing their work on Seesaw or if in school. Each teacher will then choose a child who they can see has shown the most improved effort in their handwriting (E.g. improved letter formation, consistency in size, correct joins etc.) The children from each class, who have been recognised as the most improved hand writer at the end of lockdown, will receive a £10 gift voucher kindly donated by Mrs Fowler.



Parent Internet Safety Session

We hope that your child enjoyed the internet safety session taken by Bedfordshire Police this week.

On Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm Sally will be delivering an information session to parents via Teams. Parents who have previously attended these sessions have said how valuable and informative they are so we are encouraging all parents to attend. This session has been scheduled for the evening as it covers issues that are not appropriate for children so they must not be around if you plan to attend this session.

If you would like to attend then please complete the Parent mail form sent out on Friday 5th February to confirm.



Digital Library—Get Epic

Earlier this week we sent you a Parent Mail regarding Get Epic— a free digital library.

Your class teachers have sent you the access details via SeeSaw. As well as the website there is also a free app which you can download on to a phone or tablet which gives you access to books you can read and also free audio books. We hope that you get to make use of this fab service!

