



Stonesfield Primary School
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NEWSLETTER: Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents

As I am sure you know, it is always busy in school, so I want to start by saying thanks to all the people who answered my call for help and banded books for our new library over the last couple of weeks. We have made more progress than I hoped for, and the library is just about ready to relaunch for the children.

We have banded the books using the Accelerated Reader bands. This links to the Star Reader assessment we use in school which gives your child a score. They can then use this score to find a book that will be at their level for decoding and comprehension. The change from the old system is that this works for the older children in the school as well, ensuring that they also have challenging books, rather than just using books bands for our younger children.

I will be introducing the new library system to the children next week so please keep an eye out for their books in their bags and continue to support them with their reading at home.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Mr Jarvis

Oak Class

We have been thinking about things that float and we had a go at making boats that float on water. Orla found out that 'they must have sides, or the water goes over the sides and they sink'. Mason found out that 'if there are holes in the bottom of the boat it will sink'. Ottilie found out that 'plastic makes a good boat, but cardboard gets wet and soggy, then it sinks'.



Willow Class

In Willow we have started our new history unit about Florence Nightingale. The children took turns pretending to be Florence Nightingale or a wounded soldier and answered questions about what the hospital was like in Scutari when Florence first arrived. The children then wrote letters to Parthenope (Florence's sister) telling her what it was like. This is Henry's letter:

<p>Why did Florence go to Scutari and what was it like?</p> <p>Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past</p> <p>Develop empathy and understanding of life in the past through drama</p>	<p>Florence Nightingale went to Scutari to help during the Crimean War.</p> <p>There were soldiers lying on dirty floors still wearing their bloody, filthy clothes. There were not enough blankets for each man and there were insects everywhere.</p> <p>During the Crimean War, more soldiers died in hospital than they did on the battlefield. Only 1 in 6 deaths at the hospital were due to war wounds. The rest resulted from diseases or infections caused by the poor conditions.</p>
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Imagine you are Florence Nightingale and you have just arrived at the hospital in Scutari. Write a letter to your sister in England and tell her what the long journey was like and what you found at the hospital when you arrived.

25th November

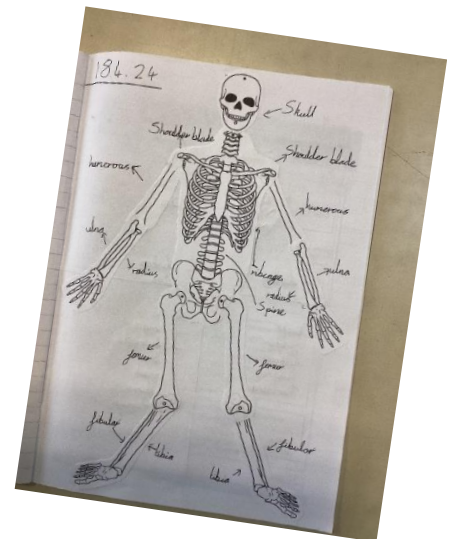
Dear Parthenope,

I am in Scutari. The hospitals are so revolting here. The soldiers have only one pot to share for the toilet. They are all piled on top of each other. There are ^{are} rats running around and there are lights in the room. There are not ^{even} enough beds for everyone! and they have messy bandages all over the place.

from Florence

Chestnut Class

In science, we have been learning about different types of skeletons; endoskeleton, exoskeleton, and hydrostatic skeleton. Humans have an endoskeleton because our bones are inside our body. We were excited about putting a human skeleton together which we also labelled with the names of the bones we learnt in our science lessons.



Rowan Class

We have just come to the end of our Shape unit in Maths. One of our last lessons was focussed on identifying regular and irregular polygons and making nets of 3D shapes. Many of the children successfully made nets of 3D shapes and then folded them into the shapes to check they were correct. We had everything from cubes to cylinders, cones to pyramids and it was fascinating to see the differences and patterns between the shapes and their nets. The children also were able to create their own irregular and regular polygons using all the skills they have gained in measuring angles and length. I'm sure they will be able to tell you all about vertically opposite angles, angles in a triangle and angles round a point. Well, done Rowan Class for all your hard work.



School Lunches

The cost of school lunches will be increasing from £2.35 to **£2.45** with effect from Monday 13th May 2024.

School Lunch Ordering for Term 6

The deadline for ordering school lunches for next term is **Thursday 16th May 2024**. We will not be taking paper lunch orders so please ensure you respond via Parent mail for your child's lunches for term 6 before the deadline date.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th May	Year 6	SATS
Tuesday 21 st May	Marlborough Induction Day 1	9.30am to 12.15pm
Tuesday 21 st May	Kittle Photography	Class Group Photo 9am
Thursday 23 rd May	May Day Dancing	2pm Parents Welcome
Thursday 23 rd May	Last Day of Term 5	
Friday 24 th May	Inset Day	School Closed
Monday 3 rd June	Term 6 Starts	
Monday 10 th to Tuesday 11 th June	Chestnut Class	Youlbury Residential
Thursday 20 th June	Marlborough Induction Day 2	9.30am to 2.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd July	Shuttle Up Morning	
Tuesday 2 nd July	Marlborough Induction Day 3	8.25am to 2.30pm
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fete	
Wednesday 10 th July (reserve date 12 th July)	Sports Day	1.30pm (parents can arrive from 1.15pm)
Wednesday 17 th July	Rowan Class – "The Island that Rocks" performance	2pm & 6pm Tickets £2.00 available from 3 rd July
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly	2.15pm
Wednesday 24 th July	Year 6 Class Party	10am to 12noon
Wednesday 24 th July	Last Day of Term 6	School finishes 1.30pm

After School Clubs available to book

Day	Club	Dates	Year groups	Time	Cost
Monday	French Club – Please book direct. juliet.taylor2@btinternet.com	15 th April to 20 th May (excluding 6 th May)	4 to 6	3.15 - 3.45pm	£17.50
Tuesday	Magical Maths https://magicalmathsclub.com/club/listing/stonesfield-school/	16 th April to 2 nd July (not 4 th June) 10 weeks	1 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	£80.00
Thursday	Yoga Club Please book direct at Natalie.meylan001@gmail.com	18 th April to 23 rd May	1 to 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	£30.00 (6 weeks)