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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, and looking forward to a restful October break. There are so many challenges facing everyone in our community just now, so I am glad to say that the children's school experience has found a level of normality, predictability and structure despite the continuing unpredictability in the world outside.

Like our last newsletter, there are lots of important updates again this time, so I will keep this part short!

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, and if you have any questions or queries please get in touch.

Take care,

Ms. Laura Simpson (Head Teacher)

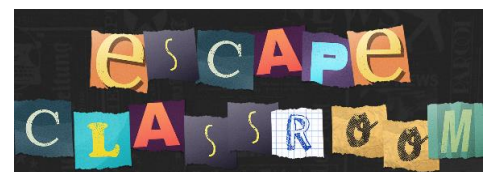
## Maths Week

The children have had great fun this year during Maths week and it proved to be a wonderful success - lots of challenging Maths accompanied by smiling faces. The activities and lessons were wide-ranging in terms of experiences and yet very challenging with a great emphasis on teamwork and problem solving.

Thanks to everyone who made it possible; and for the families, teachers, classroom assistants and children for throwing themselves into it wholeheartedly.

Kind regards,

Mr O'Donnell



## Health and Safety Information

I would like to thank everyone for their support and compliance with the new procedures we have in place. A risk assessment was carried out before the start of term, and is updated as necessary. You can view the latest risk assessment here:

[https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/staneprimary/?page\\_id=6667](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/staneprimary/?page_id=6667)

Please note the following key points:

- It is essential that adults stay 2 metres away from each other and do not gather at the exits. As well as the increased COVID risk, this causes anxiety for those who have to walk through crowds.
- Please arrive just in time for your child's drop-off/pick-up time to avoid congestion, and leave immediately afterwards.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when picking up/dropping off children.
- Children must wear face coverings on school transport, including school taxis.

**It is very important that NOBODY attends school if they have any symptoms, or if anyone in their household displays symptoms of the virus:**

- New continuous cough (a cough that lasts more than an hour or 3 episodes of coughing in 24 hours)
- Fever/high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher)
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If you, your child, or someone in your household have any symptoms you must immediately self-isolate and book a test via the NHS Inform website before informing the school. If during the school day a child develops symptoms, they will be moved to a room with a member of staff and you will be asked to collect them. Staff will use face masks/appropriate PPE.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

## Food and Drink

We have a few important rules for food and drink to help keep children healthy and safe. Please note the following key points:

- **NO NUT PRODUCTS** are allowed. This includes Nutella, Snickers, and other products that contain nuts.
- **NO FIZZY JUICE** is allowed. Children will only be allowed natural water in class (unless a medical note is received). Flavoured water or diluting juice can be drunk at interval and lunchtime.
- **CUT GRAPES** in half (cut from top to bottom) for P1-3 children if sending in their packed lunch. Catering staff do this for school lunches for our younger children to avoid a choking hazard.



## Scottish Weather

*"There's no such thing as the wrong weather, just the wrong clothes!" (Billy Connolly)*

We always try to give the children as much time outside as we can, and only bring them in when the weather is really bad. We ask that all children come to school with a waterproof jacket that has a hood, so they can get as much fresh air as possible whilst remaining comfortable.



Along with our newsletters, we also have our school website (search Stane Primary, we're the top result!), where you will find general school information and links to files to help support learning at home.

To keep your finger on the pulse of the exciting and varied activities going on across the school, we would encourage you to follow us on Twitter @staneprimary

## Cycle Safety

There are many benefits of cycling to school such encouraging independence and building confidence; it's good for the environment; it reduces congestion at the school gate and it provides children with an active start to the day.

However recently there have been concerns raised around cycle safety outside the school gates. Please see below some top tips for safe cycling to discuss with your child.

- Wear a helmet.
- Use cycle paths where possible.
- If cycling on paths don't go too fast.
- Use your bell to alert others that you are there.
- Give way and always be prepared to slow down.
- If riding on the road, ride in a position where you can be seen by others at all times.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.

## Diary Dates

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes at 3pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Holidays
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Staff and children return.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Dress Up for Halloween (Donations welcome)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	In Service Day - children should not attend
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Dress Down Day (Donations welcome)