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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

The staff and I would like to thank you all for your continued patience, support and understanding as we strive to ensure the safety of our whole school community, whilst adhering to Scottish Government guidelines.

The children are settling in well into their new classes and routines. Normally in September we would have our first open day for parents to visit the school and classes. Unfortunately we are unable to arrange such visits for this session. Class teachers will endeavour to keep in touch with you in a number of ways, including using Twitter and telephone calls. Team pages have been set up for each class and we are encouraging children to try and log in from home.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of the school then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Ms. Laura Simpson (Head Teacher).

## Child Protection

The schools Child Protection Officer is Ms. Simpson. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. If Ms. Simpson is not available please contact Mrs. Scott in her absence.

Our policy has recently been updated and a copy of the guidance booklet will be put on the school website shortly.

## Flu Vaccination Programme

Flu Vaccination Programme Flu immunisation permission slips have been issued. Please complete it and return to school as soon as possible, or contact the office if you need any assistance. The date for the vaccinations to take place is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**.

More information about the programme can be found at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/vaccines/child-fluvaccine#primary-school-children>

## Digital Assembly

Due to COVID guidance we are no longer able to have everyone in the hall for our weekly celebrating success assembly. However we are going to have a weekly digital assembly using Microsoft 'Teams'.

This allows us to celebrate each class's successes both in and out of the classroom. Certificates will be presented each week for excellent class work and behaviour along with our playground stars certificates.

Children will still have the opportunity to share their out of school achievements with the rest of the school. This might be learning to ride a bike without stabilisers or improving their running distance/time.

## Maths Week

Maths Week Scotland is a celebration of the importance of maths in our everyday lives. It is taking place on the week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This year Stane Primary will be having an Escape Room theme with various challenges, problems and puzzles to be solved. Be sure to look out for an Escape Room home learning challenge also. Do you have what it takes to crack the codes? Find out more at [mathsweek.scot](https://mathsweek.scot) or #MathsWeekScot



## Literacy Learning at Stane Primary

The main focus of our literacy comes from the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy approach. We are also developing other approaches to support and enhance this and will have more information through the session.

Children start by using a Banded approach to reading. Where they will have a wide range of texts which progress in challenge and length of text. Children then move on to using novels and texts to develop their literacy skills.

Once using the novels the children develop their comprehension and prediction skills to use the literacy strategies of summarising, metalinguistic, visualisation, prior knowledge, inference and main ideas.

We always look to enhance the children's experience of texts by adding to the novels in the NL approach.

This session we are doing this through the modelling block being done in classes using the novels. This allows children and staff to revisit the strategies and the approach the class will use this session. It also gives children the chance to work together, developing and extending their own skills and knowledge.

We also use additional methods such as Rapid Reading, Rainbow Reading and Wave 3 to support children's learning.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	In-service Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September and Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Holidays
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff and children return. Maths week