



Stonerise School

Whole School Newsletter

Summer 1st Half Term

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you had a great time away from school, and like the staff are raring to go for the term ahead.

School Garden

A School Garden newsletter is coming out over the next couple of days, but things are starting to get busy, it will be a mammoth planting session over the next couple of weeks to try to get all our plans into place to remain on track for the summer ahead. We have just been awarded the Level three accreditation by the RHS and are looking forward to receiving £150 worth of plants... We are about to start work on level 4 which we need to grow some produce and use it in a science lesson to cook with.



Chess

We have two competitions over the next couple of weeks - the county cup round 2 is on Mon 23rd April and the Carlisle Cluster competition final round is on Tuesday 24th. We remain in a very strong position in both competitions and I look forward to seeing how our teams perform.

National Assessment Week

Statutory Assessments begin on 14th May for the whole week. This is just for the Year 6 pupils. Mrs Nixon will be organising the assessments for both Y2 and phonics screening tests for year 1. All pupils will complete our own school-based assessments towards the end of the half term at the teachers' discretion. During this term attendance is very important as children can miss key sequences of learning through absence.

News Assembly

For over a year now we have been focusing some assembly time towards a news topic that is both topical and child relevant. During the assembly we have very some very interesting debates. The aim of this is to ensure our pupils are prepared for life outside of school and can make an informed opinion on current affairs and see both sides of the argument. This half term we are going to try to send home a linked talk homework sheet where you can carry on the discussion at home. We will send this home with years 2-6 on either a Monday or Tuesday.

Keystage 2 Snacks

Just a reminder, snacks for any junior children must be fresh fruit only. Our school council will be looking at the success of Cocoa Club and exploring how each class will spend their money.



Extra Curricular Activities

As always, we will have a range of Curriculum Clubs on offer this half term. A separate letter was sent out for this just before half term. The dates for these are available on our school website and school app.

Yours sincerely

Head Teacher