



School Newsletter

Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our new school year. I trust and hope you had a good summer holiday. Thank you to all the families who have really helped make a positive start to the year. It has been great to see the children really settle into their new classes well and make a great start to the school year.

New Reception Starters

We have a large intake of reception families starting our school. Some known to us as they have older brothers and sisters, but many new families. It has been really great seeing the children settle so quickly today and making a great start to their time at Stoneraise. For any family new or old, if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to contact us via the class teacher or the school office. If there is anything you are unsure of, the easiest thing is to simply ask and hopefully we will be able to resolve any questions quickly and easily.

New Class Staff

As the number of children in school has increased, we have increased our staff size. Each class has a full-time class teacher and a support person each morning at least, with all classes having some additional support during the afternoons. I am sure the teachers will be emailing you directly to keep you informed, but again if you need anything at all the class staff should be your first point of call. For the newer members of our team, I am sure you will all make them feel really welcome.

School Meals

As you will be aware, we have transitioned to a new catering provider, which has been a really big hit with the pupils. I have spent some time in the hall during lunchtimes, and have been listening to feedback for the children. It has been really successful in our transition to this system, so a big thank you to all the parents who have got up and running with the new system.

School Photographs

We have Tempest photography in school on Monday 27th September to take children's photographs. We will send proofs home should you wish to order any set of pictures for yourselves as a family.

SENDCO

As you know Mrs Bulman left school at the end of last academic year. I know she worked with a small number of families to support a variety of learning needs across school. We have a new Sendco, Mrs Paisley, who will work 1 day per week in school supporting families and children with specific learning needs. Her contact email is sendco@stoneraise.cumbria.sch.uk should you need to make direct contact.

Covid Measures

We continue to follow the government advice regarding Covid. Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying covid symptoms. Unlike last year if a member of the household tests positive, the remainder of the children can still come to school if they are displaying no symptoms. We will continue to liaise with Public Health Officials should we have any confirmed cases of Covid in school. Any decisions to close school will be taken by the public health team in consultation with school leaders. Please be aware we may still be asked to close should we get a series of cases locally in our school community.

Key Dates and Half Term.

We break up on **Friday 22nd October** for half term. Children return to school on Monday 1st November.

Your sincerely

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