

Stone Lodge Academy

Spring Term Newsletter

February 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

I hope that you like our new style Newsletter and many thanks to Mrs Appleford for all of her hard work in putting it together so quickly.

School events between now and Easter:

- We will celebrate World Book Day on 7th March 2019. (I remember that it was snowed off last year!)
- Primary children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (if they would like to do this, it is not compulsory).
- Red Nose Day will be marked with a talent show on the afternoon of 15th March.
- Easter is very late this year. Our Easter Celebration Disco will be held on Friday 22nd March 2019 - 7.00p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
- I can now give you advance notice that our Easter Fair will be held at school, on Wednesday 3rd April 2019, starting as normal at 2.00 p.m. This is a definite date for your diaries. Everyone at Stone Lodge looks forward to seeing you all then.



All of my staff joins me in hoping that you and your children enjoy a very happy and safe half-term holiday.

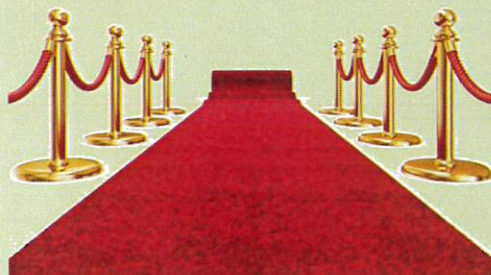
Stone Lodge Academy reopens at the usual time on Monday 25th February 2019

We are very proud to present our 'Spring Term 2019 Roll of Honour' on the back of this Newsletter.

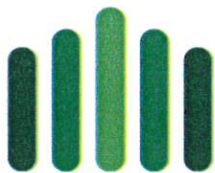
Well done to all of our **Red Carpet Award** winners!

Rick Tracey

Rick Tracey M.Ed.



PARENT/CARER NEWS:



Stone Lodge Academy

STAFFING CHANGES:

We are pleased to welcome Nichole Crooks onto our learning assistant support team. Nichole has a wealth of experience, having previously worked in another local SEN school, and will be joining us as cover for both our High & Primary classes.

We also bid a sad farewell to Mrs Hazel Fulcher, who has worked at the School in various capacities for the past 12 years, and is currently part of our SALT/Literacy Support team. She leaves us for pastures new at the end of this half-term and we wish you every success and happiness in your new post.

WORLD BOOK DAY:

On March 7th, our Primary classes will be celebrating 'World Book Day' by inviting students to come to school dressed as their favourite literacy characters!



RED NOSE DAY 2019

We will once again be holding our very own version of S.L.A has talent to raise money for Comic Relief! Auditions will be held shortly after half-term, so get creative and get practising!



RECENT FUNDRAISING TOTALS:

Thanks to the support & generosity of you all, last term we sent off the following cheques:

- £135.78 to **Children in Need** – proceeds from our 'spotty clothes' day.
- £104.19 to **Activlives** – raised from the collection during the Christmas concert held at St.Mary's.
- £25 to **Save the Children** & £25 to **St. Elizabeth's Hospice** – money collected from Christmas jumper day.

Thank you all!



News from the P.T.A

*The next friends of Stone lodge meeting will be taking place at the school on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm. Gilly, Sam & co would love to see as many of you there as possible. New members are always welcome!

*There will be an Easter disco held at the school on Friday 22nd March. Tickets will go on sale after half-term.

*The school is collecting Lego Education tokens, currently being printed in the EADT & the Ipswich Star. For every 1000 tokens, the school will receive £50 worth of Lego. Please spread the word & ask family and friends to save the tokens too!



Dates for your diary:

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February
Half Term

Monday 25th February
Pupils return to school

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Monday 11th March
Kingswood meeting for year 8 parents

Friday 15th March
Stone Lodge Academy has talent

Wednesday 20th March
School Nurse drop-in session for students

Friday 22nd March
Easter Disco

Wednesday 27th March
Friends of SLA meeting

Friday 29th March
Pupil non-uniform day (items for Easter Fayre)

Wednesday 3rd April
Easter Fayre

Friday 5th April
Last day of term

Year 11 Prom:

Our Prom Committee have once again managed to secure Greshams as the venue of our 2019 Year 11 leaver's prom! It will be held on June 5th - so save the date!

Sculpture Trail:

Our students will be displaying their amazing, giant papier-mâché animals on a sculpture trail, at Spring Road Allotments, Field 17, on the 1st & 2nd June.

Christmasfair



Although it seems just a distant memory now, our Christmas Fayre back in December was a really lovely afternoon, filled with happy, smiling faces and excited children looking forward to meeting Father Christmas!

A huge thanks to the wonderful friends and family of our students who donated items, helped out, or came along & supported the children on the day.

An even bigger thank you to the P.T.A committee for organising and running yet another successful event to boost funds for the school.



Wolsey Theatre Panto Trip



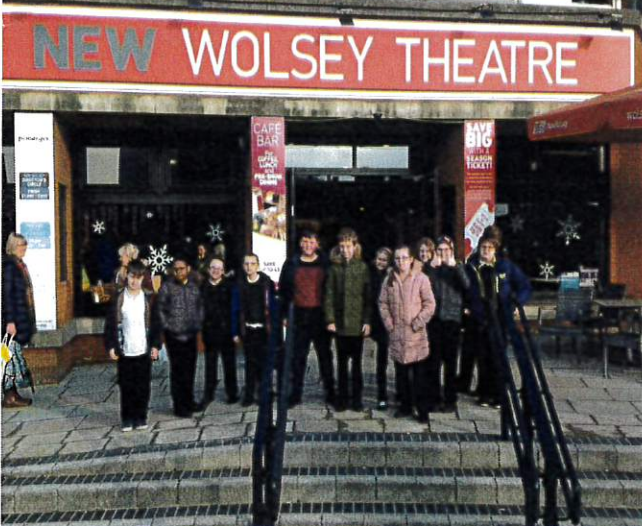
We were delighted to once again receive funding from Happy days Children's Charity, that enabled us to take the whole of the high school, along with our Kingfishers & Sparrows classes, to the New Wolsey Theatre to watch a special relaxed performance of their Rock 'n' Roll pantomime 'Cinderella'.



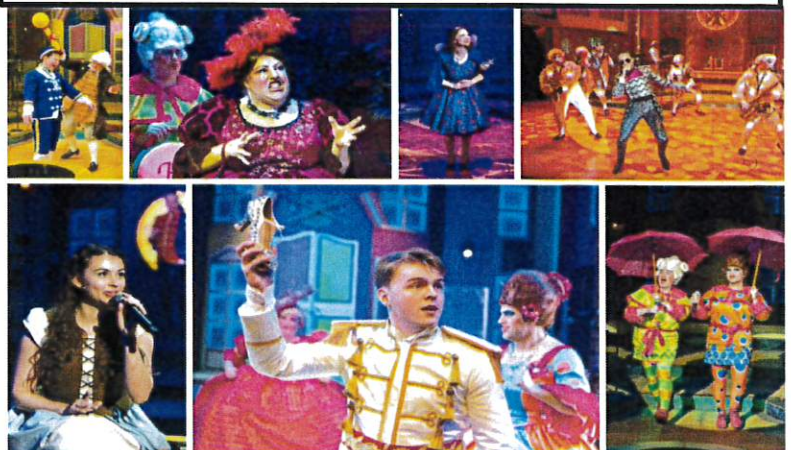
We had an introduction from each of the actors before the show began, and they showed us which costumes they would be wearing and when we should cheer or boo!

The sound was lowered slightly throughout the show and the house lights were dimmed. There was also a special 'chill out' zone for the children to take breaks in during the performance, if they needed to.

We even got to meet our favourite characters afterwards!



helping children experience
what life has to offer...





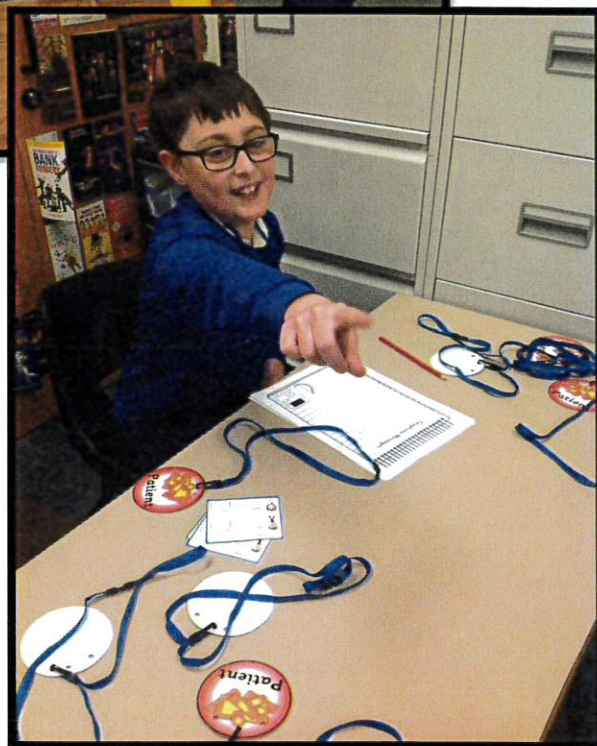
VISIT FROM THE SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

The School Nursing team were recently back at Stone Lodge, to visit our Primary classes and talk to the children about accessing healthcare!

A lot of our children have had to spend time in and out of hospital, or having to have invasive tests and procedures, which can often leave them fearful about visiting the Doctor for routine appointments.

The Nursing Team provide a positive, play-based session, that is designed to teach the students about healthcare options and also allows them to explore and understand all about the various equipment that they might encounter.

The children loved trying out the different resources that the nurses had brought along with them. They especially enjoyed taking it turns to be the Doctor!



Get Well Soon!



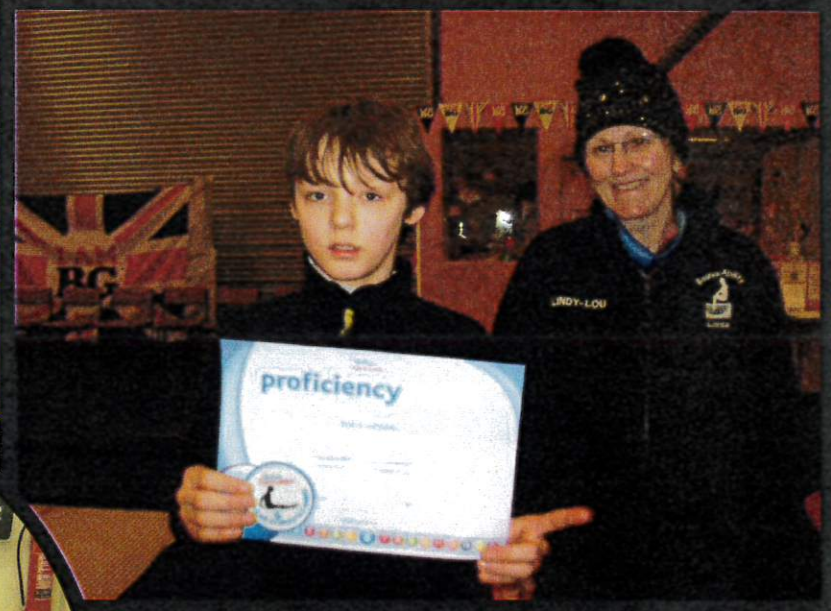
Did you know?

The Nursing team run regular drop-in sessions at the school for students to go and chat to them about any worries or health questions that they might have. The next one will be on March 20th.



Our Sensory team have had another successful half-term, providing targeted interventions and support to our students who find it extra difficult to engage in the classroom learning process.

They are also working to prepare our learners for managing in the community, by practising life & social skills, such as road safety and visiting the local shops!



A massive 'well done' to Kyle, one of our year 7 students, who recently gained his Grade 6 trampoline proficiency certificate! Kyle is one of 20 of our students who attend weekly sessions at Bounceability in Colchester, supported by the sensory team.



Magical News



Our fantastic 'Friends of Stone Lodge' fundraising committee have done it again!

They secured all of the funds needed to purchase our very own sensory Magic Carpet for the students of the school to enjoy and benefit from.

It's a wonderful piece of floor equipment, that projects interactive games and images onto the floor and allows children to engage in a whole variety of sensory and educational activities.

A big 'Thank you' to the various organisations who have supported the school, and our own fundraising efforts and who have financially contributed towards the carpet. They are:

- The Variety Club
- The Lions Club
- Disabled Identification card LTD
- County Cllr Helen Armitage
- County Dental Service



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a red carpet event. A red carpet runs from the bottom towards the center, flanked by gold stanchions connected by red ropes. Several spotlights are visible, casting beams of light onto the carpet and the text. The overall scene is dark, with the red carpet and the bright spotlights providing the main visual elements.

Red Carpet Award Winners

February 2019

Wrens— Rosiva

Sparrows—Sameena

Doves— Shania

Kingfishers— Nicky

Orchard— Jack

7H— Charlie

7T— Lukay

8C—Ryan

8G— Louie

9C— Cameron

9G— Lauren

10B— Najibur

10M— Devon

10S— Sammy

11B— Anna

11R— Jefry

Congratulations!