

# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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# LOTTERY FUNDED

### HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Pupil Premium and Service children funding is rising in April 2013

Pupil Premium will rise to £900 per pupil from 1st April and is based on whether a pupil has claimed Free School Meals within the last 6 years. If you are eligible to claim for free school meals please complete and return the form available on our website http://stonehengeschool.peach-dev.com/ uploads/Free\_School\_Meals\_App\_Form.pdf or ask at the school reception desk for Mrs Lester who will be pleased to help you complete the form. Even if your child does not claim the free meal you will be entitled to other benefits as detailed below.

Service Children funding will rise to £300 per pupil and is also based on whether a parent has been in the service within the last 6 years. Many thanks to those parents/carers who recently completed forms to help us keep our database up to date. If you are unsure whether you have let us know that you are a service family or have been a service family within the last 6 years please let Mrs Thompson know at the school reception desk (01980 623407).

How does the school use this funding?

The school uses this funding to provide the following support structures for those students that need additional help in order to achieve success in line with school and national expectations:

One to one, and small group intervention in English and Mathematics

- Social skills, self-esteem and other specialised programmes
- Additional behaviour and learning support
- Attendance related support structures and incentives
- Homework support and independent learning resources
- Financial support for: uniform, revision guides and other resources that wil
- help progress and are not needed as part of the taught course; access to
- school events such as visits or leavers' events that may otherwise not be
- accessible to students due to cost.
- Mentoring and advice for students in this group, in order to raise aspirations and remove barriers to success
- Close liaison with parents/carers, sharing concerns and celebrating successes

In addition, staff have been appointed whose role includes specific responsibilities with respect to this group of students; their role will include monitoring, tracking and ensuring appropriate intervention as needed as well as parental liaison.

# The **co-operative** membership Community Fund

It is important to note that it should not be assumed that all students on Free School Meals need some or all of this support. There are a number of this group of students in this school and elsewhere who are making excellent progress already, and who will need minimal support as a result.

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# ... and they're off!

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> sees the departure of the annual ski trip. 41 students from Years 10 and 11, and staff journey through Europe to spend the week in Axamer Lizum, Austria. A busy week is planned; skiing for four hours every day, enjoying après ski activities in the evening and not forgetting the experiences of enjoying a new culture, fantastic scenery, different surroundings, foreign languages, etc. Après Ski events could include, swimming, ice skating, curling, spectating an ice hockey match, disco, tobogganing etc. Best wishes and good luck to all our travellers!

# Calling all Y9 and Y10!

Plans have now been firmed up for a Skiing holiday to take place next year. Once again, we will be travelling to Austria during the Spring half term (14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014). This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> annual ski trip and we will be returning to our favourite resort — "Schladming"!

The price should be similar to this year — around £900.

The trip should be launched in late February, so Y9 and 10 – time to take on some regular chores at home and earn that holiday!

Letters will be given on request to those students with a **good behaviour record**.



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### Year 7 Summary

Well done to Year 7 for a great start to 2013. We are well into Year 7 now and you can tell that the students have settled well and are now growing in confidence both in lessons and around the site during lunch and at break time. Lots of PARS points have been awarded and it is pleasing to see some names moving up the behaviour chart.

### SOCIAL NETWORKING

I have spoken to the students in assembly about social networking (Facebook) and other providers. A number of times this year I have had to deal with issues regarding students in Year 7 and their use of Facebook, they can, at times write nasty things to one another and this can be far more hurtful than saying things to one another face to face. I would ask that you monitor your child's use of this network to try to ensure that they are using it in the correct way. It is only a minority of incidents but I think it is something to be aware of.

### LONDON TRIP

The Year 7's will be offered the opportunity to go to London on the next collapsed day - Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - letter to follow soon.

### LONGLEAT TRIP

We had such a fantastic day. The weather was kind, the ice skating was hilarious. Myself, Mr Greeves, Mr McCarthy and Mr Thomas all managed to make it around the rink at least once. I'd forgotten how hard ice can be. We managed to get around the Safari Park and see some gorgeous baby lion cubs, and we did all of this in time to be back for the school bell. I hope next years Yr7's will get the chance to go.

### GOVERNORS CURRICULUM DAY

Well done to the following who met with the Governors on Curriculum Day. They discussed the transition to Secondary school from Primary and also discussed their impressions of our school and any improvements they would like to see. The Governors were really impressed and thought the children spoke with confidence.

Christian Beecher Joseph Potter Laura Stapleton Dom Cuddy

Ellie May O'Hare Threem Waseem Antony Collins

## BEHAVIOUR TABLE

The most recent league table sees the following students in the Top 10. It is nice to see a mixture of boys and girls, and also students from different sets.

Antony Collins Alexa Pearce Cydney Wilson Harris Alfie Cull

Owen Newman Sala Matanatabu Ellie McNickle Threem Waseem

Sarah Falconer Finley Lloyd-Gilmour

Also special mention to Chloe Maffey, Franchezka Cunanan and Jenny Kennedy who have risen up the table significantly. Well done.

Enjoy half term, remember we come back to Week 1, with assembly on the first day back.

Miss G Harris

Year 7 Progress Leader

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# Year 8 Summary.

Year 8 are working well despite the distractions of the snow and cold weather! Pupils are gaining lots of PARS points for effort and behaviour in lessons; these can be 'cashed in' for rewards at any time. Along with this I have sent a number of praise postcards and school texts.

# Pupils working

# Well.....

Millie Howden

Jasmine Scott

Stefan Ardani

Megan Ingram

Liam Pardoe

Connor Dean

Jordan Powell

Rachel Moody

Reece Featherstone

Laura Evans

Kelsie Young

Jade Alison

Theo Card

# **Uniform**

A gentle reminder to the girls about not wearing nail varnish or make up. You will be asked to remove it!



Have you seen the advert for this years

'Year 8 Adventure Residential'?

Where: Outdoor Adventure, Bude

When: 22-26 July 2013

See Miss Reeves and posters for more details





### Year 8 PGL Dance Residential Trip

Final payment due 18/2/13

Any problems please speak to Mrs Young in reception.





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Year 9 Summary
Students who have received the most points in January so far are:

Name	Tutor <i>G</i> roup	Commendation count
Muir, Adrian (9CSL)	9CSL	17
Ballard, Sarah (9CSL)	9CSL	16
Richards, Rosemary (9GJW)	9GJW	16
Ruminska, Adrianna (9RCH)	9RCH	15
Buckland, Chloe (9ELB)	9ELB	14
Traynor, George (9ELB)	9ELB	14
Ardani, Nico (9RCL)	9RCL	13
Collinson, Zara (9CSL)	9CSL	13
Downie, Claudia (9ELB)	9ELB	13
Hari, Pooja (9RCH)	9RCH	13
Maple, Ellie (9RCL)	9RCL	13
Parkin, Jacob (9GJW)	9GJW	13
Peachment, Lauren (9RCL)	9RCL	13
Waters, Chloe (9RCH)	9RCH	13
Capp, Elizabeth (9RCL)	9RCL	12
Coffey, Kaitlyn (9RCH)	9RCH	12
Davies-Tyler, Eloise (9GJW)	9GJW	12
Hawkins, Steven (9ELB)	9ELB	12
Hughes, April (9RCL)	9RCL	12
Moss, Robyn (9CSL)	9CSL	12
Sherburne, Holly (9CSL)	9CSL	12



# Paintballing Prize

Daniel Collins was the first student IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL to get to 30 points in the "First-To-Thirty" Competition. He won 10 free tickets to go Paintballing. I haven't seen the bruises yet!

### Options Process.

This term Year 9 students will be choosing their options for GCSE/BTEC/College places at Key Stage 4. My advice to them is:

Research any potential careers carefully and find out which qualifications you need to get to achieve this Think about what you like doing in your spare time already - this might help focus on a future career If you aren't sure what you want to do, then keep your options open!

The school will be putting information relating to Year 9 Options on the school website.

Mrs Eveling Year 9 Progress Leader evelingr@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk Page 6 Issue 5 2012/2013

# Year 10 Summary

# A History of Amesbury - On Display

Over the past six months, students in 8T (formerly 7J) have been working with the archaeologists Julian Richards and Claire Ryley on a project to investigate the history of Amesbury. The work has involved going out on a field trip to view the architectural heritage of Amesbury and subsequently undertaking internet-based research to investigate the towns roots and development. Some of the findings were quite striking, and certainly very interesting. The culmination of all the work has been the production of both physical and IT-based presentations which were given to the archaeologists this week, and which will be displayed as part of an exhibition of work from various schools in Salisbury museum later this Spring. If you get an opportunity to go, it will be well worth a visit.

# Year 10 Update

Students in Year 10 continue to make good progress towards their GCSE, BTEC and college-based qualifications. The recent Parents' Evening offered an opportunity for parents to catch up with subject teachers on the successes being achieved, and, in some cases, the areas for improvement. If any parents were unable to attend, and have concerns about how their children are doing, then please get in touch and I will endeavour to follow up any queries or arrange meetings if required. Also in attendance at the Parents' Evening were representatives from a number of the local colleges and universities, who were able to discuss post-16 and post-18 options with students.

Miss Bowie has been extremely busy on the students' behalf putting in place a variety of arrangements for the two weeks' work experience that will be taking place in July. Although this is still some time away, the deadlines for various paperwork and decisions are rapidly approaching – students should have received information on these following an informative assembly on Thursday. Sorting out work-experience for the entire year group is a vast operation, and it's smooth running is definitely helped by students getting all the work completed early. Along these lines, students have been working hard during the morning tutor period to complete CVs, personal statements and letters of application, which will be used in the application process, including a practise interview; this work also forms the coursework for the Preparation for Working Life qualification, this provides students with the equivalent of a half a GCSE, and can be combined with other qualifications that are done in Year 11. Overall, students generally learn a huge amount from the whole experience.

Mr Thomas Year 10 Progress Leader thomasa@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk Page 7 Issue 5 2012/2013

# Benedict Cumberbatch gives message of encouragement to Stonehenge School Actors....

Stonehenge LAMDA Acting students were thrilled last week when I read them an email sent to them by Benedict Cumberbatch, television's 'Sherlock', an ex LAMDA student himself!

Mr Cumberbatch, famous for many contrasting roles on television and in the cinema, took time to write directly to our students, offering them encouragement and detailed advice on how to approach the many difficult aspects of performance. Our students found his insights and suggestions most valuable and his letter has given everyone a real extra boost. Here's an extract:



'Cooperate and listen. Think. Don't react all the time. You'd be amazed at how internalised thoughts can translate into outside forms. Think about how others in the scene are affecting your character and what your character has to do to adjust to the changes. This is very helpful when breaking down the script especially with complex actions and characters.'

Mr Cumberbatch also points out the importance of keeping fit and being able to adapt to the challenges of a role. He emphasises the need for an actor to have a good sounding board, perhaps a friend, colleague, or family member, to help you keep things in perspective when you are trying for roles and facing rejection.

Benedict Cumberbatch is an actor admired and respected the world over. He is much in demand. Taking time, during a very busy schedule to write to our students is, in our opinion, a most considerate thing to do.

Actor and director, Mark McGann visited us in 2009 to deliver a brilliant workshop on 'The Crucible' to our GCSE students. Learning from successful professional actors offers our students vital insights into the craft of performance.

The Stonehenge School is a Private Centre for LAMDA awards.

Phil Jamieson Head of Drama Page 8 Issue 5 2012/2013

Health and Social Care Students sent letters of thanks to Buckland Court nursing home after their recent visit.

Charlotte Stevens
The Stonehenge School
23/1/2013

Dear Caroline.

Thank you very much for giving us a tour of the care home.

It was a lovely experience and I really enjoyed it. It had a very homely feel and it felt like everyone was part of a big loving family.

I really enjoyed walking round and seeing the smiles on the residents faces and seeing how happy they looked. When I walked in I wasn't expecting to see them look so happy.

I appreciated the time you took to give us a tour when you could be spending time with the residents and meeting all their needs that they might need.

I learnt that just because you are in a care home it doesn't stop you having fun and still being part of one big happy family and even if they didn't have family when they were younger they now have a nice loving family.

I smiled when I saw the happiness on the resident's faces and to see that someone cares for them and that they don't have to be alone. I also smiled when I was talking to Phyllis because I got to know her a little bit and about her life it was incredible to hear some of the things she was saying and it made me feel happy.

Please can you say hello to Phyllis for me and it was lovely talking her and finding out a bit about her? It made my day that I could talk to someone and see the smile in her eyes when I was talking to her. I hope to see her again and maybe have a longer chat to her.

I will remember this day for a long time it was a great experience and it was a great day THANK YOU J

Your sincerely Charlotte Stevens

### Dear Caroline.

Thank you for letting us come to Buckland court. I really liked seeing the different equipment you use to help the residents. The residents was very sweet and kind. It was nice to see them smiling. I will keep this experience in my mind for a long time.

Say hello to Esmee hope she is enjoying the books and crosswords and I hope she try's to keep smiling. I think Esmee needs a big hug.

I also wish to give all the residents a smile. I learned a lot. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Maggie Andrews
The Stonehenge school
23/1/2013

Dear Caroline.

Thank you for letting us visit the care home yesterday.

I really enjoyed meeting everyone, looking around.

I appreciated the tour around the building and making it fun.

I learnt that old people are not what everyone says they are like they are really sweet.

I smiled when Esmee said she liked watching eggheads.

I was sad when Esmee said it was nice here but she would rather be in heaven.

Please say hello to Esmee and everyone else for me.

I will remember Esmee for a long time she was great, funny and sweet.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie Graham The Stonehenge School 23-01-2013.

Dear Caroline,

Thank you so much for letting me visit Buckland Court on Tuesday. I appreciate you giving up your time and the residents' time to show us around and to talk to us. It was an exciting and a very educational experience.

The place looks small from the outside yet is huge on the inside which was a nice surprise. Buckland Court is a really nice care home and I wouldn't mind working there or even being a resident there!

My favourite part was talking to Barbara and asking her questions because she was very enthusiastic about answering our questions like how much she liked being in the home and her past as a teenager, telling us to enjoy our lives and do what we can because she would of done what she can to be a teenager again but she can't. It was entertaining which made me smile. Also talking to Jean and her telling us about her past, working with animals at the Blue Cross and some experiences she had at the time.

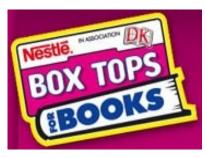
Can you say hello to them both for me please?

Yours Sincerely,

Ellie Graham

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# **BOX TOPS FOR BOOKS**



I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about the **Box Tops for** Books scheme, which we take part in. It is an initiative from Nestle offering a wide range of new books from the leading children's publisher Dorling Kindersley in exchange for tokens from the top of Nestle cereal boxes.

It takes as little as 10 tokens to get one book, so the more tokens we collect the more books we can receive for our library.

Many of the books relate to subjects such as history, geography and science, so will contribute to learning across the curriculum.

I would like to thank everyone who has sent in tokens so far this year; we have collected 170.

# How can I support my child's reading?

- ⇒ Continue to take an interest in what they are reading. Suggest books linked to films and TV programmes they may have watched.
- ⇒ Get your child interested in activities you can do together that involve reading: following instructions for building a model or trying out a new recipe.
- ⇒ Don't panic if your child doesn't want to read a book. Offer a wide range of reading material newspapers, comics and magazines are great.

# Salisbury Schools' Book Award

For those students taking part, voting will take place once you have read the six books that are up for the award this year and the result will be announced at the beginning of March.

Mrs Gane

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# NETBALL REVIEW







YEAR 8 NETBALL TEAM AND ABOVE TALKING TACTICS AT HALF TIME!

# Netball

Netball club has continued to have a large number of girls turning up on Monday nights to practice. (3pm-4pm)

All this training has led to some great results this term!

Year 7 are currently at the top of their league winning all of their matches:

Morgan Ringwood

Emily Hibbs, Ellie McNickle,

Seona Mauchline, Rhiann Coffey

Salanieta Mantanatabu, Katie George.

Year 8 are currently in second position winning, loosing and drawing matches:

Jess Hall

Ellie Sommerton, Courtney Martin-McKeller, Shelby Church, Finlay May, Emily Ratcliffe, Grace Conway

(Help from year 7) Ellie McNickle, Seona Mauchline, Emily Hibbs, Morgan Ringwood.

Special thanks to Miss Pavey for her support while on a placement from University.

Miss Reeves



WORKING HARD IN THE 'D'



BEING MARKED TIGHTLY



GOAL!!!!!!!

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# Winners of the Christmas short story competition

The Christmas Gift by Arren Arnold 70

I walked up to the town Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. I put my father's gift underneath it in the hope that he would take it. I said to myself, "Please Dad, come home from the war".

It was Christmas day. I threw on my coat and ran to the Christmas Tree. The present was still there.

I felt a tear of sadness fall from my eye. Mum walked up and put her hand on my shoulder.

That night I went back to the tree on my own. As I stood quietly, I heard a crackling of snow behind me.

It was my dad. I ran to him.

The Army Of Snow by Fraser Adams 85

On the night of Christmas Eve the Queen was overlooking London when she glanced upon a terrifying army of snowmen. She pulled off her mask to reveal the face of a younger, frizzy-haired woman. She jumped from the top of Big Ben and knocked on the PM's door. When he opened it, he too took off his mask.

The Queen told him the situation. They grabbed all the hairdryers they could find.

Plugging the dryers into extension cables, they fired them full blast. The snowmen melted in an instant.

"All in a day's work."

Christmas Eve by Jay MacGregor 9En3

It was Christmas Eve, and whispers were in the air. The city of Salisbury was welcoming death as an old friend. Residents gathered round in a huddle.

"Is it dead?" Darren questioned curiously.

"Burn it!" screamed a tall, dark figure.

Everyone in the crowd surrounding the corpse was horrified and frightened, apart from one. This dark shadow seemed rather small, around four feet seven inches to be precise. He stroked his long, ginger beard and giggled to himself.

"We meet again," he muttered.

The small stocky fellow marched forward and bent down to the dry, cold body...

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# Stonehenge School at The Wiltshire Schools Cross Country Championships, Saturday 2nd February 2013.

The Stonehenge School had 15 runners selected by the Salisbury to represent the Area at The Wiltshire Schools Cross Country Championships at Grittleton House School,. This once again clearly demonstrates the strength of the P.E. Dept. The total of 12 actually running on the day, was more than any other school in the Salisbury area, and only one other school in the county sent more pupils.

The weather was at last fine with clear blue skies ,(the event had to be postponed twice due to inclement weather), but the under-foot conditions were heavy .

The maximum size of field in any one race was 50 competitors. The Stonehenge School runners finished as follows;

Minor Boys Finlay Lloyd - Gilmore; 3rd

Christian Beecher; 40th

Leon Stanley; D.N.F.

Minor Girls Morgan Ringwood; 26th

Junior Boys Josh Sommerton; 18th (6th year 8 boy)

Asa Wilman: 33rd

Junior Girls Claudia Downie; 12th

Jessica Hall; 13th (6th year 8 girl)

Inter Boys Gio Downie; 5th

Matt Smith; 19th

Tyler Faircloth; 20th (11th year 10 boy)

Inter Girls Ruby Collinson; 24th

All of the Stonehenge runners can feel satisfied with their efforts as can the support pupils Matt Heavens, Jack Brownhiil and Owen Evens who helped with the results service.

As a result of his effort on Saturday Gio Downie has been selected to represent The Wiltshire Schools A.A. at the National Championships in March

Mr Monk

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# MATHS CHALLENGE 10

For a chance to win this chocolate prize and 2 PARS points, bring your answer to Mr Greeves in room 54. Include your full name and tutor group.

# The Amesbury Minibuses Puzzle

Due to severe snow on a recent Friday morning ten minibuses broke down, so it was necessary for the remaining minibuses to carry one more passenger each - taking people to work in Amesbury.



However, due to a fuel shortage on Friday afternoon, fifteen more minibuses were put out of use, so on the return trip there were three passengers more in each minibus than when they started out in the morning.

How many people travelled to work on Friday by minibus?

(Note that nobody was left stranded at work, so exactly the same number of people travelled to and from work by minibus).

Competition open to pupils, parents and staff too!

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Winner of the Maths Challenge 8 chocolates and double PARS points was Megan-Josie Drake Year 11 (whose answer of 3 minutes 25 seconds was the closest to the correct answer of 3 minutes 25.7 seconds). A full solution is on display on the board outside room 55

Winner of the Maths Challenge 9

1st place Holly Sherburne, Euan M & Adrian Muir (y9): 2 PARS points each + 1 chocolate box to share Runners up Aaron Markham (95), Alexi, Melissa & Georgie (11JPC & 11NJF): 2 PARS points + a handshake! Well done.

# Don't forget:

### **FEBRUARY**

Mon 4th—Fri 8th Maths Week

Thurs 7th Maths Challenge—Intermediate

Fri 8th - 16th Ski Trip

Fri 8th

END OF TERM

Mon 11th-15th END OF TERM 3 HOLIDAY

Mon 18th RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tues 26th Curriculum Enrichment Day

Tues 26th Year 9 Looking Froward Evening 4.00—8.00 pm

# ParentPay Our new online payment service



We're pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

# What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- $\bullet$  ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7 -
- the technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely offering you peace of mind
- payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- your children won't have to worry about losing money at school

Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text -

# What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school. You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school. Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises

# How to get started with ParentPay...

We will shortly be sending you your account activation username and password, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay. If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to: www.parentpay.com/Parents

Mrs Young



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# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL OUTDOOR AVENTURE WEEK



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

**YEAR 8** JULY 22-26 2013• BUDE

# ADVENTURE HERE WE COME!!!!

This is your chance to grab some action. A week at an activity community that the community of the community

For more information see Miss Reeves





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