



Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES MARCH

No DofE training due to
strike days

24th Feb - 23rd March
Year 11 Mock Exams

Wednesday 15th &
Thursday 16th
STRIKE DAYS

Friday 17th
MUFTI
In aid of Red Nose Day & the
Turkish/Syrian Earthquake

HPV Catch up Session
Yrs 8 and 9
Tuesday 28th March for
those who missed their
vaccination on 10th
February

Headteacher's message

Due to the significant increase in the number of pupils within our school, and in order to improve efficiencies in terms of communication you will be aware that we recently produced and sent home a new 'Home-school communications' policy. This outlines expectations in terms of response times from the school, but also outlines the main ways that we aim to continuously up-to-date via apps like ClassCharts.

As you can imagine we encounter incredibly high levels of emails, and there is a danger that teaching staff become overwhelmed by needing to respond when actually their core purpose is to educate pupils by planning quality lessons and providing quality feedback. We have therefore changed the ways that parents can contact the school so that there is a more systematic approach. Please refer to the grid below which will now make up the basis of our 'Contact us' area on the website.

Absences should be reported via ClassCharts where possible. Most enquiries should come through to our new Office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk email address. Other key contacts are listed. Emails to individual teachers, unless they have contacted you, should be avoided as much as possible.

Can I also take the opportunity to remind parents of our Parent Code of Conduct that includes behaviours that will not be tolerated which can be found by clicking [here](#) , and draw attention to the section on 'unreasonable or persistent contact within our home-school communications policy by clicking [here](#)

We have unfortunately had a recent spate of unpleasant and aggressive communications from a minority of parents, and it is my duty of care to staff to protect them from such behaviours, and therefore wish to draw it to everybody's attention as a timely reminder.



How Parents and Carers can communicate with the school

Parents and carers should use this list to find the correct contact details for the question they have. This will ensure the most efficient use of school resources and generate the most efficient response. Please be aware that we do ask that all communication meets our code of conduct policy.

Please start all emails with: 1. The child's first name and surname 2. The year and tutor group

	Email addresses	Examples of query
I have a general enquiry (non-urgent issue, eg. not relating to emergency or safeguarding/welfare)	Office email address: office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk Phone the school office on 01980 623407	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General enquiries - Admissions enquiries - Change of contact details – <u>we can only accept emails for change of details</u> - Request for contact from specific staff member (in order of priority): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Form Tutor o Progress Leader o Subject teacher/Leader o Member of the Senior Team - Pastoral support for the attention of relevant Pastoral Manager
I have an urgent issue, relating to a family emergency or a Safeguarding or Welfare issue	Phone the school office on 01980 623407	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family emergency - Safeguarding/Welfare issues
I need to report an absence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report the absence via Class charts 2. Report the absence via the absence line on 01980 676650 3. Report the absence via the absence@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk <p>Please refer to our attendance section on our website for more information: https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/attendance/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting a child's absence (on each day of the absence) - Notification of medical appointments (in advance of the date/time)

I need to request a Leave of Absence	All requests should be submitted via the Leave of Absence request form as early as possible in advance. Please refer to our attendance section on our website for more information: https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/attendance/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leave of absence request for exceptional circumstances
Medical Concerns	Office Manager email address – office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent injuries - Recent diagnosis - Updates to on-going medical issues - Information relating to medication taken in school time
SEN	Contact the SEN department at SEN@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	
I would like to speak to someone in the Safeguarding Team	Designated Safeguarding Team email address – safeguarding@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding concerns
I have a query regarding the curriculum	Please visit the relevant section for each subject on the curriculum tab on our website.	Each subject's information page contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The subject's intent - The 'I can' statements - The Learning sequence - Careers info relating to that subject - Extracurricular offers
I have a query about exams information:	Please visit the Exams section of our website: https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/our-school/exam-information-results/ Exams officer email address – exams@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lost certificates - Exam timetables - Access arrangements - Exceptional circumstances during exam period
I have a query about finance	Office Manager email address – office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free School Meals applications - ParentPay queries - Financial hardship

I have a complaint that I would like to raise	Please refer to our Complaints Procedure which can be found here: https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2021/01/Complaints-Procedure-Sept-2020.pdf	
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THE STONEHENGE WARRIORS (U15 BOYS)

The Stonehenge Warriors (U15 Boys) travelled to a basketball tournament on Thursday 10th March 2023 at Bishop Wordsworth in Salisbury. The Warriors came into the tournament having not played many matches for some time (since 6/02) and a little rusty with recent snow closures, parents evenings and strike disruptions. We also had 5 games of 12 minutes which was an unusual format over 4.5 hours.

Our first game was against Bishop Wordsworth who were a really good side playing in National League Competitions. Henry Sui and Joseph Flynn led the scoring in a one-sided affair losing 19-4. Great effort and defence from the boys but we looked very “rusty” in offence and they turned our ball over too many times punishing us with nice plays. Next up was our main target to beat, Trafalgar School, trying to take revenge after the recent loss at home. We dominated the first 6 minutes of play with us outplaying them but failing to finish. Maks Kovalenko was so unlucky dominating offence but each of the 4 shots he took (that he would have got in at training) failed to go in! Henry Sui dominated play leading the scoring with a 4 basket run, Joseph Flynn got into the action with an important basket but Trafalgar fought back to make it 10-8 to the Warriors with 20 seconds left. A great play the Trafalgar School led them to hitting a massive 3 pointer after our poor defence to sink the Warriors to a 11-10 loss. A very unhappy Warriors Team but a great game.

Looking for a win the Warriors faced up to St Johns Marlborough. Coach Carter fired the Warriors up. Out of the blocks the Warriors raced to a 10-7 win with Joseph Vuki and Joseph Flynn dominating play and showing excellent form. Phew! Up next were a new look St Joseph’s school team with their new kit and playing really well in the tournament as a whole. However, this probably was our best team effort with the ball being passed quickly, great rebounding and defence dominance. 11-2 it ended to the Warriors with Joseph Flynn and Benek Loftus scoring well, Maks Kovalenko scoring a nice basket and Henry Sui getting a brace. Much better!!!

The final game came at 5.00pm with a cold and tired Warriors playing St Edmunds. I was very confident in a win and we on paper were the better team coming off two straight wins. Let’s not talk about that game. It was a bit like the Manchester United vs Liverpool game a week or so back. One team did not turn up at all and that was us. One to delete from memory!

All in all a good first tournament in a strange format but useful learning for myself and the Warriors. Friends made while waiting for our games and the boys were really well behaved plus a credit to the school. Polite to each other, polite to the referees and shook the hands of all players at the end of each game whether we won or lost.

Mr Carter

STAFF VACANCIES

Staff Vacancies

DEPUTY HEAD OF MATHS

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS plus TLR 2b

Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am

Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

TEACHER OF MATHS

Start Date: September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am

Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

TEACHER OF TECHNOLOGY

Start Date: Easter 2023 or September 2023

Salary: MPS/UPS

Closing Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 9am

Interview: Week beginning Monday 27th March

Full details on all the above vacancies can be found on our website at
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.



We are launching an exciting competition to celebrate World Book Day, where you will have the chance to win one of two excellent prizes: a signed, illustrated copy of *Tyger* by S.F. Said, and a signed copy of *The Heartstopper* Yearbook by Alice Oseman.

If you're interested, please click on the link below to find out more. The deadline for both competitions is Friday, 24th March 2023.

[CLICK HERE](#)

PAWPRINT CLUB



Come and earn the **Mary Jackson** certificate!

Monday 13th March room 65, 3-3:45pm



Ever thought about volunteering?

Wiltshire's Independent Visitor Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time every 3-4 weeks.

Volunteers are needed across Wiltshire

to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent independent person who can take a special interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme is looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share in their interests and who have regular time to spare.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact the scheme on

IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk

"My IV is awesome and lots of fun; he makes me happy."

Young Person

Wiltshire Council



SCIENCE WEEK



Year 8 will be doing an eyeball dissection

When: Wednesday 22nd March

Where : Room 49

Time : 3.00- 4pm

Please sign up outside room 49.

