

# Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful term developing our skills and knowledge in colours, art, diversity and creativity. At times, it has been made more challenging with absence related to Covid 19, but I am delighted with the outcomes from every child. Thank you to the staff team who have gone above and beyond to enable this learning to happen.

Jonathan Elms

### Bikeability

Building on the success of the upper Key Stage 2 Bikeability and the wonderful Dr Bike sessions we have run this year, the children from Reception Class and Year 1 undertook a Level 1 Bikeability award for balance bikes. The children did an amazing job and the trainers commented on their perseverance and determination. This was an excellent way for our youngest children to learn a new skill and start to think about keeping safe.



### Grand Fromage



At the end of this term, Madame Greenwood awarded 3 Grand Fromage Awards to children in Key Stage 2 who have shown excellent progress, increased confidence or who have taken a risk to advance their learning.

We are very lucky to have Madame Greenwood leading our Modern Foreign Languages Programme and I know that the children love the creative ways she teaches French.

### Wellbeing Wallets

Each week we have been presenting children from all classes with a Wellbeing Wallet. These wallets donated by Jem and Bea, are given to children who model our values, support others or go above and beyond to make a difference inside or outside school. This week, they were presented for clearing litter from a beach, cheering their friends on when they won an award and demonstrating effective relationships with others.



### Inside out day



I would like to thank Mr Page for arranging 'Inside Out Day'. The day was an incredible success, with every child wearing an item of clothing inside out to help them think about mental wellbeing.

This was one of several events during this week (alongside our Neuro Ninja programme), which raised awareness of the importance of keeping mentally healthy and how we can not always tell how people are feeling on the inside.

### New Additions to Our Staff Team

I am delighted to say that we have recruited Miss Anna Benford to be our Year 3/4 Class Teacher from Term 5. Miss Benford has an extremely strong background in teaching creatively and promoting excellent learning outside of the classroom. She will be having 4 days in Year 3/4 class before she starts in April.

Also, I would like to welcome Mr Peter Weston. Mr Weston will work alongside our contract cleaners, Churchills, to ensure that the school is spotlessly clean, safe and secure.

Finally, to ensure stability and continuity in the school following the changes in our staffing team, my secondment with the Local Authority will finish at the end of Term 4. I am already extremely excited knowing that I will be back full time in Term 5.

### Final Thought

"At the end of the day, if I can say I had fun, it was a good day" (Simone Biles). In Stonegate, we aim that every day is a 'good day' for our pupils and families, wherever they are learning.

## Upcoming Events

### Term 4 2021 – 2022

**Art and Creativity Focus continues for knowledge and skill development – Little Acorns to Mighty Oaks**

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Term 4 Starts

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February Science Week for all classes from Little Acorns to Mighty Oaks**

**Monday** – Science Boffin workshops

**Wednesday** – Scientists to visit

**Thursday** – Rec to Yr6 Science Visit

**Friday** – Science Fair (Parents invited)

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

3.05 – PTA Movies and Snoozies

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

1.30 – Parent Reading Workshop

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Evening**

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

2.00 Easter Service

After School – PTA Easter Cafe

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 (Term 4 Ends)

1.00 – Family Sponsored Walk and Colour Run.

**Term 5 Starts – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April (INSET DAY – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April)**

### Neuro Ninjas – wellbeing support

The links below will take you all to the current family webinar:



[How Can I Choose Growth Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6](#)

### Covid 19 Update

We will be following the National direction for Covid 19 and from the start of Term 4 we are going to revert back to ONE BUBBLE.

Face coverings in or around the school building will no longer be required.

We will still be asking that if your child or another person in your household develops COVID19 symptoms, your child MUST not come into school, they should get LFT / PCR tested as soon as possible and you MUST inform the office of your situation.