



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

A belated happy new year to you all. It has been a wonderfully creative start to the term and I have seen every child fully immersed in developing their skills and knowledge as an artist. As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school.

Jonathan Elms

Daniel and Sarah Brito Medeiros

The school were joined by Daniel and Sarah Brito Medeiros to explain the inspirational charitable work they complete as part of the Church Mission Society in Brazil.

In their assembly, they described the differences between Brazil and the United Kingdom, explained how they use dance and music to support the spirituality of many families and showed us all how they make a significant difference to the lives of others.

From this visit, we will now be sharing ideas of how to preserve our environments and celebrating our successes by email and online discussions.



Creativity Focus

This term every child from Pre-School to Year 6 are thinking about Creativity and the Arts. There have already been some wonderful creations across all classes and from talking to the children they are all enjoying their learning.

Pre-School Focus – How are people creative? Looking at painters, sculptors and artists.

Reception Focus – Our world in colour. Looking at colours and linking them to the world.

Year 1/2 Focus – What does it mean to be a Superhero? Looking at superhero characters from history and linking this to Pop Art and costumes.

Year 3/4 Focus – How do The Arts promote positive change? The class will explore the works of famous artists and artistic movements and their effects on our society and thoughts.

Year 5/6 Focus – How is our culture enriched by diversity? Children will look at how the Windrush generation added a richness of culture to Britain.

Sporting Success

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 3/4 Girls football team in the recent Uplands tournament. Whilst playing some very good football, the team showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship and were awarded a trophy to recognise these key sporting attributes.



A New Addition to Our Staff Team

I am delighted to say that we have recruited Mrs Maria Bonanno to our Support Staff Team. Starting on 1st February, Mrs Bonanno will work with our Reception Class and brings with her a wealth of experience in Forest School, healthy living, questioning and teaching skills.

Attendance

As you are all aware, the staff, leadership and governors continue to focus on ensuring that Stonegate reaches an attendance percentage of above 96. I am pleased to say that, despite Covid 19, for Terms 1 and 2 the attendance for the whole school stood at 95.54%. This is a very good achievement. We will be reviewing attendance during this term and offering support to families where attendance may have fallen below 90%.

Please could I also remind all families the school day starts at 8.45am.

Final Thought

Our value for this term is Respect.

Through our learning and collective worship this term, we shall be exploring the school's core value of Respect. We will focus on and will be thinking about what respect is and how we can respect each other and God's wonderful creations.



Upcoming Events

Term 3 2021 – 2022

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

Monday 31st January 2022

Reception and Year 1 Balance Bikeability

Friday 11th February 2022

Term 3 ends

Term 4 2021 – 2022

Monday 21st February 2022

Term 4 Starts

Monday 21st – Friday 25th February Science Week for all classes from Little Acorns to Mighty Oaks

Friday 1st April 2022

Term 4 Ends

Neuro Ninjas – wellbeing support

The links below will take you all to the current parent sessions, please watch and discuss with your families.

The children have been learning the same in their classes.



[Rock 11 – What Even Is This \(1\) – Parent Extension](#)

and

[Rock 11 – What Even Is This \(2\) – Parent Extension](#)

Covid 19 Update

Due to the rise of cases in KS2 we are:

- Continuing to have 2 Bubbles during the school day
- Advising that all parents, carers and visitors wear a face covering at all times in the school grounds.
- Enhancing our cleaning procedures and have deep cleaned targeted rooms.
- Asking children to wash hands.

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.