

Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life



Dear Everyone in our School Community,

We are now fully in our busiest time of the year, despite this, I am delighted that the hard work and commitment in improving every area of the school is being externally recognised and most importantly, everywhere you look there are happy (but slightly tired) children.

Jonathan Elms

Recognising our wonderful work at Stonegate

I am delighted to announce that over the last 2 weeks the school has received a number of external awards recognising our vision to provide a rich and diverse experience for all of our children.

Firstly, we have received the Gold School Games Mark award for our commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2021/22. This award recognises the range of sporting opportunities we offer every child, in addition to the quality of coaching and teaching each child receives. I would like to thank Mr Luckhurst, Mrs Mortimer and the other coaches and volunteers who have supported us this year.



Secondly, we have received the East Sussex Quality Mark for Inclusion. This award reflects the high quality and meaningful inclusive practice we demonstrate throughout the school which enables all of our children to feel seen, safe and understood. A big thank you to Miss Sanchez (our SENCO) and our whole staff team who work tirelessly to ensure all of our pupils have the chance to flourish at Stonegate.



Finally, our commitment to learning about Stonegate and the High Weald has been recognised by Historic England. We received this award for: showing a sense of pride in where we live, understanding our local heritage and how it relates to the national story, having local history embedded in our curriculum and our work with a range of heritage and arts organisations. At the start of this year, working alongside Rachel Bennington from the High Weald Education Team, our Year 5/6 discovered the importance of hedgerows in the geographic and environmental history of our village. This inspired some powerful poetic pieces which can be found at: <https://youtu.be/JPWhc2pgHeY>



Keeping everyone safe

As part of our ongoing commitment to review all the systems and processes in the school we invited the East Sussex School's Safeguarding Team in to Stonegate this week. This was an extremely positive visit with the reviewers especially liking our child centred focus, bespoke curriculum for RSHE, the safety of our school site including our Field (which has undergone a substantial improvement with new fencing) and the support and challenge provided by Governors to ensure the highest standard in policy and practice. I was delighted to hear that every child questioned by the reviewers said that they felt safe, that there was no bullying in school and were happy to talk to a member of staff if they had a concern or a problem. Safeguarding is a whole team effort – thank you to everyone involved!

Staffing Update

I would like to let you all that Mrs Baigent will be leaving us at the end of this school year. Catherine has been leading our choir, teaching music and supporting all children with their writing and knowledge of grammar. She will be missed by all staff and children and we wish her all the best with her promotion to a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in a Secondary School. Congratulations to Miss Sanchez who, from September, will be our Year 1/2 teacher and SENCO.

Leavers' Service

The children from Year 6 attended the Diocesan Leavers' Service at All Saints Church, Crowborough. It was a lovely service where Year 6 children from seven other Church of England Schools came together to celebrate their time at Primary School and think ahead to the challenges in front of them. Well done to Rory and Alfie, who carried the Banner, Emelia who delivered the offertory to the Diocesan chosen charity and to Leyla who read so beautifully.



End of Clubs for this year

I would like to thank all of the staff, coaches and parent volunteers who have been part of facilitating our after school clubs this year. These free of charge extra-curricular activities are vital in ensuring we provide all of our pupils from Year 1 – 6 with opportunities to practice, develop and learn new skills. However, the biggest thank you of all should go to Miss Keeler who arranges the clubs lists and then tirelessly sends reminders and communicates information relating to these activities.

Final Thought

We are thinking about our core value of Respect – what do you do to respect and love our planet?

Upcoming Events

Term 6 2021 – 2022

Geographical 'Explore' Focus across the whole school.

Thursday each week

Pm- KS2 Swimming

Wednesday 6th July

Move Up Morning

Friday 8th July

Production of Beauty and the Beast – Village Hall

Monday 11th – Friday 15th July

Year 5/6 Residential Visit

Tuesday 19th July

School House Point Treat

Wednesday 20th July

2.00pm – Leavers' Church Service

Thursday 21st July

9.00am – Final Assembly

Thursday 21st July

Term 6 Ends

Friday 22nd July

INSET DAY – School's Additional Holiday

Summer Holidays

Summer Reading Challenge

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Term 1 2021 – 2022

Thursday 1st September

Inset Day for Pre-School and Main School

Friday 2nd September

Inset Day for Pre-School and Main School

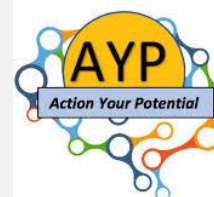
Monday 5th September

First Day for Pre-School and Main School

Wednesday 7th September

First Day for Reception Class

Neuro Ninjas – wellbeing support



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The link below will take you all to the current family webinars:

[How do I use flashcards to capture my learning everyday?](#)

[How can mind maps help learning capture?](#)