



# Stonegate C of E Primary School

## Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

Despite it being one of the hottest weeks on record, we have survived! This has been a year of many changes, challenges and new ways of working but as always our children have been fantastic and have all made fabulous progress. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered and to everyone who has supported our school.

Jonathan Elms

### Goodbye from Stonegate

This week, through a number of events including a Leavers' Service in the Church and a Final Assembly in the Hall, we have said goodbye to our Year 6.

During the course of their time at the school, every one of our 19 children have been excellent role-models, fantastic friends and amazing ambassadors.

We all wish them luck in their future endeavours.

Following all the presents, music, poetry, cards and pictures in our Final Assembly, I would again like to say 'goodbye and bonne chance' to Mrs Jones, Mrs Baigent, Mr Broad and Mr Weston – thank you for all you have done for Stonegate Primary School.

### Fantastic end of term

In the final 2 weeks of term, the children have had an incredible range of first hand experiences to complete their learning journeys, celebrate their friendships and to further enhance the range of skills they have developed this year.

### The Beach



The children from Little Acorns and Reception Class travelled to Hastings Beach to celebrate their learning on maps and the seaside.

Accompanied by their parents, they explored the museum, combed the beach for treasures and were transported to the top of the cliffs on the United Kingdom's steepest funicular railway.

The day concluded with a well-deserved ice cream on the seafront.

### Seven Sisters



Year 1/2 concluded their Mrs Armitage journey with a visit to Seven Sisters Country Park. During the visit, the children applied their map work skills, explored naturally occurring features in the environment and caught and identified a number of mini beasts found in the grasses.

The day concluded with a monumental hike to the brow of the hill, where the children could see and discuss the river, its features, and how it flows out to the sea.

### Beauty and the Beast

We were treated to the most fabulous production of Beauty and the Beast by our KS2 School Choir.

The level of commitment, enjoyment and talent shown by these children was staggering and showed, quite rightly, why Stonegate has such a good reputation for producing confident and all round brilliant children. I would like to thank Mrs Baigent and her wonderful team for arranging such an incredible performance, the community for allowing us to use the Village Hall and the PTA who provided us with refreshments. An incredible success!



### Upcoming Events

#### Term 6 2021 – 2022

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Term 6 Ends

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

INSET DAY – School's Additional Holiday

#### **Summer Holidays**

#### **Summer Reading Challenge**

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

#### Term 1 2021 – 2022

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Inset Day for Pre-School and Main School

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Inset Day for Pre-School and Main School

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

First Day for Pre-School and Main School

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

First Day for Reception Class

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

End of Term 1

#### **Term 2**

Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

#### **Term 3**

Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023

#### **Term 4**

Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

#### **Term 5**

Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023

#### **Term 6**

Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

**3 additional Inset Days will be announced in September**

## **PGL**

The children from Year 5/6 had the most fantastic time away at PGL Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk. During the 5 days of adventurous activities, the children took part in: abseiling, archery, buggy building, challenge course, fencing, giant swing, Jacobs Ladder, sensory trail, survivor, trapeze and team games. In addition to this, we also went on a beautiful beach walk where we learnt about the Manor, its grounds and the history of the area.



Throughout the week, I was incredibly impressed at the bravery, resilience and the supportive team-work of every child and how so many children overcame their fears of heights and being away from home and threw themselves wholeheartedly into every activity.

This was the best of the 10 previous residential visits I have attended - our children were incredible, with every child developing personally and socially. This was in no small part to Mrs Bull, Mrs Baigent, and Mrs Hirst who tirelessly supported and encouraged the children throughout the week. Further pictures from our adventure can be found on the School Website. I cannot wait for the next residential!

## **Inflatable Fun**



To celebrate the children reaching their House Point challenge of 25,000 in a year, the school paid for a number of inflatables to be available as a treat for the children. Through the careful risk assessment, strategic planning and the location of shade around the school, the inflatables were enjoyed safely by every child from Little Acorns to Year 6. Well done to all the children for their hard work.

## **Fantastic Results**

Our results for EYFS, Phonics, Key Stage 1, Multiplication Checks and Key Stage 2 have been published. I would like to say that as a school community we should be delighted at all of these outcomes and it is testament to our wonderful school team.

**EYFS** - Good Level of Development 76.9% (County Average 69.1%)

**Year 1 Phonics** - 62.5% (County Average 72.6%)

**Year 2 Reading** - 66.7% (County Average 66.1%)

**Year 2 Writing** - 58.3% (County Average 55.7%)

**Year 2 Maths** - 75% (County Average 65%)

**Year 2 Reading, Writing and Maths combined** - 58.3% (County Average 51.2%)

**Year 6 Reading** - 84% Expected and 42% Greater Depth (Average Scaled Score - 107)

**Year 6 Writing** - 87% Expected and 42% Greater Depth

**Year 6 Maths** - 79% Expected and 26% Greater Depth (Average Scaled Score - 105)

**Year 6 Grammar** - 79% Expected and 42% Greater Depth (Average Scaled Score 107)

**Reading, Writing and Maths** - 74% Expected, 21% Greater Depth

These are exceptionally strong results, they reflect the strength and talent of the year 6 cohort as well as the consistently strong teaching they have received at Stonegate. The outcome percentages above are in the top 10% of Primary Schools in East Sussex.

## **Lovely Lollies**

A big thank you to Mrs Hazeldine for arranging the ice lollies after school on a Friday. This has raised £186 to purchase resources for the EYFS department.

## **Changes to the School Day**

From September, the school day will be extended by 10 minutes from **8.45am to 3.15pm**. This is to conform to the 2023 Department of Education minimum expectation for the length of a school week. These 10 minutes will be well used to further support phonics and reading.

## **Communication during the Summer Holidays**

Many of our staff will be having a well-deserved break during the Summer Holiday. During this time, if you have any messages, safeguarding concerns or information, then please email the School Office [office@stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk) and Mr Elms [head@stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk) These mail boxes will be monitored very regularly during the holiday period. **Staff should not be contacted directly and must not be contacted using personal phone numbers.**

## **Final Thought**

A final thank you to everyone who makes Stonegate School a wonderful place to work and learn. We are truly blessed to share our journey such in a very special place.

We look forward to seeing you all on **MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER** – have a lovely summer.

## **In our Community**

### **Our PTA**

Our PTA are amazing!

Throughout the year they have arranged incredible events for parents and children alike as well as supporting with refreshments at all of the major school events.

Speaking to the children they absolutely love Movies in Snoozies, Break the Rules Days and the Autumn and Easter trails and this is testament to the hard work of our parents' team.



I am delighted to say that the PTA have raised enough money this year to buy the school 30 Chromebooks and a new laptop trolley. This will mean that every child in the School and Pre-School will have improved access to master our computing equipment.



The PTA have also purchased a significant number of books and additional equipment to fully stock our library. The range of new books, written by inspirational authors, have created a buzz of reading excitement which has directly inspired reading.

A massive thank you to everyone who has been involved.

### **Tennis**



A big thank you must go to Governors Nigel Bowie and Jess Watkins as well as the community of Stonegate for arranging the village Tennis Tournament.

The event raised **£2,000** to support Little Acorns Pre-School.

This is an amazing community effort and I know that every child in the Pre-School will benefit from these additional funds.