

# Stonegate C of E Primary School

## Love of Learning for Life



Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful 2 weeks of exciting and interactive learning. Watching the older children sharing learning with their younger peers was wonderful and something the school has missed over the last two years. Thank you as always for your support.

Jonathan Elms

### Science Week 2022

This has been an amazing week with children from Pre-School to Year 6 developing their knowledge of science both inside and outside of their classrooms.

The week started with a visit from the Science Boffins, who wowed the whole school with a range of weird and wonderful investigations. Then as part of individual class sessions, they enabled the children to make gooey slime and produce their own optical illusions.



We continued promoting the of awe and wonder of science with a whole school visit to the Science Centre at Herstmonceux.

The classes were able to explore all of the permanent exhibitions focussing on forces, light and water as well as a workshop focussed a specific topic (Space, Robotics and the use of thermal cameras). The highlight for many of the children was the demonstration of the telescope. It was incredible to see the pictures of stars taken from the observatory, as well as seeing first hand how the roof opens to get a clear view of the night sky. This was a fantastic visit and the children were impeccably behaved throughout gaining much praise from the centre staff.

The week concluded with each child from Key Stage 2 bringing in a home project demonstrating an area of science to parents and our community at a Science Fair. They explained how their experiment worked using scientific language and showed a good, clear understanding of the scientific principles involved.

One parent wrote 'I just wanted to say congratulations on such a wonderful Science Fair this morning. The variety and quality of the experiments was fantastic. All the children were really excited to educate us with the science and were really proud of their projects. Science week has been a huge success with my children, they've been coming home excited and talkative about what has happened/what they have discovered that day.'

Another Parent emailed us to say 'congratulations on a wonderful science fair on Friday. From the Little Acorns bashing ice-encased dinosaurs with a mallet, and the Acorns' Skittle rainbows, to the older years' exploding volcanoes, robot artists and life sized 3D diagrams of the digestive tract, it was all just fantastic!'



### Promoting Reading



For World Book Day this year, we asked every child to bring in a picture book to share with a friend. As you can imagine this was great fun and a wonderful opportunity for our eldest children to promote positive reading with their buddies. A great experience! It was also wonderful to have 18 families join Miss Sanchez, and Mrs Phillips from ESCC, to further learn how to support children with reading and how to encourage children to read for pleasure.

### Keep on Running

Congratulations to Agnes and Imogen for competing in the South East Finals of the Schools Cross Country Championships. They showed fantastic determination and courage to compete against the best runners across the whole of the areas. Well done to Agnes for incredibly finishing 19<sup>th</sup>!

### Perfect Parking

Please remember to follow the Highway Code when parking, and driving, in and around the village.

### Final Thought

This term we are thinking about the school's core value of Trust. Please discuss at home this quote from Connie Ten Boom – 'Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.'

## Upcoming Events

### Term 4 2021 – 2022

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

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

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Fundraising Day for the Disasters Emergency Committee (British Red Cross) to support the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal.**

Children to wear Blue / Yellow clothes and a Bake Sale (Donations on the day).

We will have an assembly with all of the children to explain the reason why we are raising money and the challenges children are facing from this conflict.

### 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:



Wk 1 - [Developing a Kinder Inner Voice](#)

Wk 2 - [Using The WAT Framework to Manage Worries](#)

### Pre Loved Uniform

As summer draws closer, Mrs McKenzie has plenty of pre-loved uniform available. Please contact her via email at [lynnegtucker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lynnegtucker@yahoo.co.uk)

### Covid 19 Update

We are still 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.