



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school this term supporting the learning of our children. I have had a large number of positive comments from parents who have enjoyed our services, assemblies, family events and having a chance to look at books and at classrooms. I hope that now COVID restrictions have been lifted we can do even more of these events in Terms 5 and 6. I hope that you have a lovely Easter.

Jonathan Elms

Saying Goodbye

It is with sadness that this week we have said goodbye to Mr Page. After being a pupil at this school, Mr Page as a teacher has continually given back to the community he loves so much. The children who have been taught by him have loved his passion for creativity, learning outside the classroom and PE. The school has been very fortunate to be a small part of what I know will be a wonderful and fulfilling career in teaching and the whole Stonegate School community wish him all the very best in his new role. Thank you to all of the staff, children and parents who have been part of giving Mr Page a lovely send off.

Staffing Update

Next term, Mrs Hazeldine will be stepping up from her role in EYFS to be the new Deputy Headteacher of the school. She will continue teaching in Reception Class and will take on additional leadership responsibilities. Miss Benford will be joining us as our Year 3/4 Class Teacher. We will also be welcoming a new sports coach. On a Tuesday and Friday, Mr Luckhurst will support our Sports Leaders and will teach children in Rec, Yr 1/2 and Yr 5/6.

Netball Success

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Netball for finishing second in the Regional Finals of the Schools Competition. This is an excellent result considering they played and did incredibly well against the strongest schools in the Chailey, Crowborough, Heathfield, Uckfield and Wadhurst areas. I would like to pass on the thanks from all of the children and their families to Mrs Mortimer and Mrs Yeoman, who have given their time on a Monday evening all year to coach our wonderful team.



Easter Activities

A big thank you to Mrs Baigent for coordinating the Church Easter Service. Our musical version of 'The Three Trees' was a beautiful way of retelling the Easter story and I was incredibly impressed at the quality of the singing from children across the whole school. The Easter Café and the Easter Trail arranged by the PTA was also a success. I would like to thank them for arranging the Easter eggs and the wonderful games which were enjoyed by every child. The event raised £400 which will directly support the school.

Synthetic Phonics Programme

After considerable research, we have decided to use the approved Little Wandle programme to teach for Early Reading and Phonics to children throughout the school.

Next term, Mrs Hazeldine will lead a parental workshop and webinar to explain this programme further. In the meantime, go to <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/> for more information.



Rugby

Our Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby team played incredibly to cold and snowy conditions to finish 3rd in the Uplands Festival. Well done to Leyla who won the award for 'Player of the Tournament'.

Supporting Ukraine

A big thank you to you all for supporting our Blue and Yellow Day in support of the Red Cross and their Work with Refugees. Following the donations for wearing the coloured clothes, and the bake sale (Year 5/6 and their family and friends – amazing) at the end of the school day, we are delighted to announce that we will be sending £650 to support this charity.

Upcoming Events

Term 5 2021 – 2022

Geographical 'Explore' Focus across the whole school.

Tuesday 19th April
INSET DAY

Wednesday 20th April
Start of Term 5

Thursday 21st April (then each week)
Cricket coaching for am Pre-School, Reception, Year 1/2 and pm Year 3/4.

Friday 22nd April (then each week)
Cricket coaching for Year 5/6 (pm).

Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May
Year 6 SATS week

Friday 13th May
Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May
Jubilee Celebrations – events to be confirmed (Parents will be invited)

Friday 27th May
Term 5 Ends

Term 6 2021 – 2022

Monday 6th June
INSET Day

Tuesday 7th June
Term 6 Starts

Wednesday 8th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening

Thursday 9th June (then each week)
Pm- KS2 Swimming

Wednesday 22nd June
Year 4 Multiplication Tests

Thursday 30th June
Year 6 Leavers' Service – Crowborough

Friday 1st July
Sports Day

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July
Production of Beauty and the Beast

Monday 11th – Friday 15th July
Year 5/6 Residential Visit

Wednesday 20th July
Pm - Leavers' Church Service

Thursday 21st July
Am – Final Assembly

Thursday 21st July
Term 6 Ends

Friday 22nd July
INSET DAY – School's Additional Holiday

Football and Netball



Well done to the children of Year 3/4 who represented the school so beautifully at the recent Battle Abbey Tournaments. Competing against a number of other schools both our netball and football teams showed excellent team spirit, sportsmanship with a healthy dose of competitiveness. Their positive behaviour was commented upon by the teachers and helpers from Battle Abbey.

Year 1/2 are Superheroes!

To celebrate their learning journey about 'What makes a Superhero?' the children from Yr 1/2 treated us all to a wonderful assembly.

It is clear that they have been excellent learners and have had a lot of fun learning about figures from fiction and history. Thank you to the Yr 1/2 teaching team.



Summer Uniform



After Easter we will be changing to our summer uniform. It will be expected that children will be dressed for summer in green checked summer shirts or checked summer dresses.

Our official supplier for school uniform is Phillips Man's Shop.

Please remember that Mrs McKenzie has plenty of pre-loved uniform available. Please contact her via email at lynnegtucker@yahoo.co.uk

Lateness: Being on Time Matters Too!

A reminder to all parents that the school day begins at 8.45am. If your child arrives after this, they will be asked to go to the school office to register.

Following a discussion at a recent Governors meeting, it has been agreed that we will now be recording late arrivals more closely. The office will then send individual reminder texts and letters of concern to the parents of children who are arriving after the start of school. This process may lead to parents being asked to come in to discuss the situation if their child is persistently late for school.

If your child is late it can lead to missed learning, an unsettled day and disrupts the learning of all the other children too.

We have recently upgraded our phone system to include the function of being able to report absence using an answer phone. If your child is unwell, please support Miss Keeler in the office by using this system before 8.45am each morning of an absence.



5 Star Kitchen



Congratulations to Mrs Knight and Mrs Burton, our wonderful team in the kitchen, who received a 5 Star Health and Hygiene rating from the Environmental Health Officer this week.

We are so lucky to have such high quality dinners cooked on the school premises. A big Thank You to them for all they do!

School dinners are increasing in price to £2.20 for children in the Pre-School and Years 3 to 6.

Payments and bookings MUST be made by 8.30pm the day before the meal using the Parent Pay System. (Meals are free for Reception, Year 1 and 2 must still be booked).

Menus can be accessed on ParentPay but are the same as last term but with the swap of a baguette option for the pasta.

We also ask that ALL home packed lunches and ALL break time snacks are healthy and that to keep everyone in the school safe that they DO NOT contain any nuts.

Final Thought

This term we have been thinking about our core value of Trust. I would like to leave you with a quote from Oscar Wilde which links closely to this value - "If one tells the truth, one is sure, sooner or later, to be found out."



In the Community

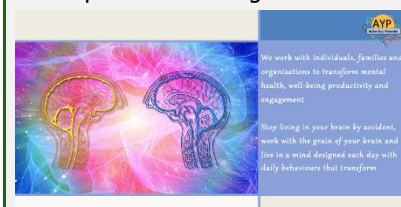
Pop Up Pub



Congratulations to Gav and Ness and everyone else who was involved in organising the Village Pop Up Pub in support of the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis. The evening raising a staggering £8,500.

Build a Neuro Ninja

A big thank you to Andrew for visiting our Year 5/6 and providing them with techniques for reducing exam stress.



Please find below a link to 2 videos From Action Your Potential all about positive brain health and well-being for you and your family this Easter and beyond.

[The Way of The Walker](#)
[Managing Our Mind For Learning](#)

Perfect Parking



Next term we will also be working closely with our local residents and the number plate of any car who:

- Parks on the Zig Zags between 8.00 – 10.00 and 2.30 – 4.30,
 - Parks irresponsibly on the junction of Cottenden Road / Station Road,
 - Parks in Stonegate Court (this is a private road),
- will be reported to Operation Crackdown.

The Village Hall Car Park is still available for parking and is only a short walk down to the school.

We must ensure the safety of our whole community.