

Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life



Dear Parents,

It has been a very productive start to Term 5. All classes are developing geographical knowledge based on our whole school theme 'To Explore'. Children are thinking about maps and are using them to locate places locally, nationally and internationally. I am sure that you will join me in wishing all the children who are sitting KS1 and KS2 tests in the final weeks of this term the best of luck.

Jonathan Elms

Developing Children as Leaders

This term we are introducing a number of initiatives to develop our Key Stage 2 pupils as leaders and to give them responsibility within the school.



Children from Year 5 and 6, working alongside our new sports coach Mr Luckhurst are leading lunchtime games for all children as Sports Leaders.

Our Year 5 pupils are currently being trained as 'Playground Friends'. This training is led by Mediation Plus and by the end of the 15 hour course the children will be experts at supporting all children with their friendships and resolving any small incident which occurs at playtimes. Parents are invited to an assembly on Peer Mediation in Stonegate 9.00am on Friday 13th May. Finally, Miss Benford has established a group of 14 children from Reception to Year 6 to be our school Eco Council. They have been completing a survey to establish an action plan to drive change and improve environmental awareness in our school, local community and beyond. More details of future projects and initiatives will follow soon.

An incredible 20 Years!



Following last term's wonderful 5 Star Health and Hygiene rating from the Environmental Health Officer, Mrs Knight has received her 20 years' service award from Chartwells.

As a school, we are unbelievably fortunate to have Mrs Knight as our school cook.

Flying High

A big thank you to Mr Sherlock who wowed and amazed the children from Pre-School and Reception Classes with his drone and the footage it recorded of our school and local area. This was a great first-hand experience for the children and supported them to understand maps and where things can be found in and around Stonegate.



Synthetic Phonics Programme



Thank you to the parents who attended the first workshop on our new Early Reading and Phonics programme Little Wandle. This training, along with some further information on reading, will be repeated by Mrs Hazeldine at 8.45am on Tuesday 24th May – parents from Pre-School to Year 6 are welcome. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>

Cricket at Stonegate

The children from Pre-School to Year 6 are extremely fortunate to be having a weekly cricket session led by Adam from Sussex County Cricket. In this 6 week programme, every child will develop their skills in batting, bowling and fielding and will then put this into a game situation.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Charlotte Jackson and Mrs Sarah White to our EYFS and KS1 Teaching Assistant teams. Both bring an excellent range of experiences and skills which will support all of the children across these classes.

Final Thought

As we are focusing on the Core Value of Friendship this term, I would like you to think of these words by Ralph Waldo Emerson: 'The only way to have a friend is to be one.'

Upcoming Events

Term 5 2021 – 2022

Geographical 'Explore' Focus across the whole school.

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May

Year 6 SATS week

Tuesday 24th May

8.45am Phonics and Reading Workshop for Parents led by Mrs Hazeldine

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

Neuro Ninjas – wellbeing support

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



[Developing a Kinder Inner Voice](#)
[Using The WAT Framework to Manage Worries](#)