

# Stonegate C of E Primary School

## Love of Learning for Life



Dear Parents,

This term we have had our Ofsted inspection and I am expecting to be able to share the outcome with you all after the Easter Holidays. It was lovely to hear and read all of your positive comments during this process and the outcomes on Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/10662/13> were extremely pleasing.

Mr Elms, Headteacher

### Battle Abbey Students

We were delighted to welcome students from Battle Abbey School to support the learning of our Year 1/2 class. The Sixth-Form students spoke passionately about their experiences of China and Chinese New Year and really inspired our children to make links between their class-based learning on what we can learn about Ancient China from stories and Art. We are extremely pleased to have this relationship with Battle Abbey.



### Hastings Museum Visit



The children from Year 3/4 attended an Ancient Mayan discovery session at The Hastings Museum. During the day, the children were given the opportunity to handle and discuss artefacts and then recreate Mayan hieroglyphics in clay. I was impressed by the children's enthusiasm towards this historical topic and the knowledge they were able to demonstrate. Our classrooms have also been enriched by artefacts on the Ancient Mayans and Greeks provided by the museum.

### Sporting Success



Congratulations to our Year 5/6 sporting teams who have performed admirably in a series of festivals this term. At Battle Abbey our football team only lost one match and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, with our netball team in their first seven-a-side outing finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Our hockey team scored 14 wonderful goals as they finished a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup>. During each festival our sportsmanship and teamwork has been praised by the organisers.

Finally, a huge well done to our Year 6 cross country runners who braved the rain and mud in the regional finals. Seb (20<sup>th</sup>) and Agnes (2<sup>nd</sup>) have qualified for the South Eastern Finals later next month.

### Reading Challenge

We were delighted with the children's pictures and sponsorship efforts in support of our Usborne book challenge. Mrs Hazeldine announced in Celebration Assembly that we have reached our target and the school now has £1,000 to spend on topic books.



In addition to this, News and Views are supporting our school with a generous donation which will be put towards new books for our phonics programme. Also, a big thank you to all of the members and supporters of the school's PTA who too are supporting the purchasing of these new books. This term we have had a Movies in Snoozies evening, a Book Café and a wonderful Music Quiz. In total we will have close to £2,000 to further develop phonics.



### St David's and St Patrick's Day

These important days in our school calendar have been well marked by the children of the school. The House Captains have confidently presented on the origins of our House Saints and the cake sales have raised over £200 towards the end of year school treat which will be decided by our captains.

### 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."



### Upcoming Events

#### Term 4 2022 – 2023

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Easter Music Festival led by Mrs Vinson

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Church Easter Service – 2.00pm All Welcome!

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
Open Afternoon, PTA Easter Egg Hunt, Café and Grand Opening of the Pre-School and New Learning Space – from 2.30pm

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
End of Term 4

#### Term 5 2022 – 2023

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Start of Term

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
St George's Day – Cake Sale and House Colours

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday - No School or Pre-School

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Coronation Holiday - No School or Pre-School

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 National Tests

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
End of Term 5

### Thank You

Our Gardening Club would like to thank Dale Hill Golf Club for their generous donation towards our new equipment. This will ensure we continue to grow our wonderful range of fruits and vegetables for years to come.



### Lego Club Creation and clubs

A big thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who have led our extra-curricular clubs this term.

The members of the Lego club have worked together to produce an incredible town.

It has been great to watch children from all ages discussing ideas and talking about their learning.

