



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

It is fantastic to be the Headteacher of a school where we are so strongly supported by the community. The generosity of time, money and consideration made to our school makes it a very special place to be and creates a learning establishment where every child gets the very best provision.

Mr Elms, Headteacher

Thanking our wider community

I would like to use this newsletter to thank everyone in our wider community for supporting the learning of our children. These are some examples of how we have benefited from the wider opportunities which have been made available to us.

Coronation Celebrations

The school had an incredible week of learning activities in the build up to the Coronation of King Charles III. The tea party arranged by our PTA was a wonderful finale which brought the whole school community together and everyone I met positively commented on how beautiful the school looked and how well the children had dressed for the occasion. Our 'Coronation Bake Off' was a huge success and we all enjoyed tucking in to the wonderful treats on offer.

Thank you to the Ticehurst Coronation Committee who accepted our artwork – the children were delighted at the prizes they were awarded.



Year 6 SATs and Treat



Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have successfully completed their national tests. It is rare to see a cohort of children who are so confident and who, without any obvious stress, have taken these tests in their stride. A big thank you to the team of Mrs Bull and Mrs Hirst who have prepared the children so well. A thank you also goes to Mrs Knight for making a special SATS breakfast. A final thank you goes to the team from Arena Pursuits who provided the children an afternoon of adventurous activities (raft building, challenge course, target shooting and initiative exercises) as an end of SATs treat. This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, at a wonderful location all generously funded by the school's PTA.

Developing Readers

This year we have been developing our early readers using the Little Wandle scheme of study. To ensure our readers have the best opportunity to succeed, we have purchased all brand new books from the Collins Big Cat range. We were delighted to receive donations from our PTA and the News and Views team to finish off our collection of these new books.



Eco Church Award



The children from School's Eco Group have benefitted hugely from working with the Stonegate Church community. In a shared commitment to the environment, the two groups have worked on projects relating to recycling and how to preserve the local wildlife and environment, we are delighted in having supported the Church to receive its Bronze Award.

Dalehill's Generosity

The school has also been very well supported by Carl and his team at Dalehill Golf Club. They have supported us with the purchasing of outdoor learning areas, with new equipment for our thriving gardening club and provided golf balls for an upcycling project. Their support has helped every child!

Sensory Circuits

A number of children have been enjoying their early morning session with Mrs Mortimer. Thank you to Braden's parents, Ivan and Charlotte for donating the trampette to further enhance these sessions.

Welcome to our Community

We would like to welcome Rev Andrew Goy, our new Associate Vicar, who was licensed by the Bishop of Lewes in a wonderful service on 15th May. Andrew will be leading our Worship every Monday morning and has some very exciting ideas of how we can forge even stronger links between the Church and the School. We are all looking forward to working with him.



Final Thought

We are continuing to focus on our Core Value of Friendship, please think of these words by Walter Winchell "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out".

Upcoming Events

Term 5 2022 – 2023

Friday 26th May

3.15 – 5.00 PTA Movies in Snoozies

End of Term 5

Term 6 2022 – 2023

Monday 5th June

Start of Term 6

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th June

Year 1 Phonics Assessments

Wednesday 14th June

Year 6 Safety in Action afternoon.

Thursday 15th June

Rec and PS Father's Day Breakfast.

Tuesday 27th June

Year 5/6 Class Visit

Thursday 29th June

Year 6 Leavers' Diocesan Service

Friday 30th June

From 1.00pm - Sports Day

Friday 7th July

7.00pm – Summer Production

Monday 10th July

PS and Reception Class Visit to the beach

Monday 17th July

Whole School Animal Handling treat

Wednesday 19th July

2.00pm - Leavers' Service

Thursday 20th July

2.00pm - Final Assembly

Friday 21st July

Last Day of the School Year

Supporting our Community

With the cost of living crisis affecting everyone in the country, some families with children in Reception to Year 6 may qualify for Free School Meals. To qualify you need to meet one of the following criteria:

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 - household income £7,400

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit – (household income under £16,190)

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