



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

Despite the wet and windy start, it has been a wonderfully productive start to the term. I have been lucky to speak to a number of children about their work in maths and was delighted to hear that they love the subject, enjoy its challenges and are thankful for the support our teaching teams give them.

Jonathan Elms

Learning for Term 2 2023

Our learning this term is:

Pre-School (Little Acorns) and Reception Class (Acorns Class) – **How do we celebrate?**

Year 1/2 (Seedlings Class) – **Where in the world are we?**

Year 3/4 (Saplings Class) – **What did the ancient Egyptians believe?**

Year 5/6 (Mighty Oaks Class) – **Where does our energy come from?**

Egyptian Workshop



The children in years three and four had an unbelievably enjoyable workshop to support their learning on Ancient Egypt. As part of this enrichment activity, they were able to make their own bookmarks of the dead out of papyrus, create a blind using reeds, identify artefacts and learnt to write their names in hieroglyphs. Following their workshop, every child wrote a detailed and description recount of their experience.

This was a fantastic start to their new topic for this term.

Remembrance



Over the last two weeks, every child has been thinking about the significance of Remembrance. Children have been supporting the Royal British Legion through the buying and selling of Poppies. We had a wonderful assembly in the Church led by Andrew Goy, where we had a moment to think about those who have been injured or killed in war throughout the world. I was impressed, as always, with the children's reflectiveness and thoughtfulness. The school also received a number of kind words from the parish regarding their art work in the Church focusing on 'Peace'.

Bikeability for all

Children from Reception, year one and two and years three and four have been developing their confidence using bikes. As part of this four-day course to further support our children to be safe, they have learnt how to balance, glide, how to steer and most importantly how to stop. The two ESCC instructors, Janie and Annie, could not sing the praises of our children any higher and said that their enthusiasm, courage and smiles brightened up a wet week.



Fantastic Footballers



Over the last two weeks, pupils from years five and six have competed in the Uplands Cluster Football Tournaments. Against a strongly competitive field, the teams performed excellently showing both great individual and team skill and resilience.

Although, we did not win either of the tournaments the children should be very proud of their efforts.

Make the Rules Day

It has been a joy to see the children 'Making the Rules' for the day. I am impressed at their creativity and how everyone throws themselves into such an event. I am pleased to say that we have raised over £175 to support the children who will be attending the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena in January 2024.



Firework Clear Up

Thank you to all of the parents who braved the rain to clear up after the Wadhurst Fireworks. The Warriors were delighted and are generously donating money to the school's PTA!

Barn Dance

I would like to thank Mrs Jackson and her barn dance team, for the incredibly enjoyable event last Friday evening. It has been so long since we have had an event which brought together the whole school community in the spirit of fun and such hilarity. This was a great success raising in the region of £500. I would like to thank everyone who supported the evening, the raffle and to Mrs Mortimer for cooking a delicious meal.



Upcoming Events

Term 2 2023 – 2024

Thursday 30th November

St Andrew's House cake sale

Friday 1st December

15.15 – Christmas disco or movie night

Monday 4th December

9.30 Open Morning

Friday 8th December

13.00 – PTA Christmas present market place

Monday 11th December

14.30 – Pre-School Christmas sing

Tuesday 12th December

9.30 – Reception and Year 1/2 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Dinner for Little Acorns to Year 6

Thursday 14th December

19.00 – Crib Service for the whole school in the church

Friday 15th December

Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Starts: Wednesday 3rd January

Finishes: Friday 9th February

Inset Day – Tuesday 2nd January

Term 4

Starts: Monday 19th February

Finishes: Wednesday 27th March

Inset Day – Thursday 28th March

Term 5

Starts: Monday 15th April

Finishes: Friday 24th May

Year 6 SATs – 13th to 16th May

Term 6

Starts: Monday 3rd June

Finishes: Friday 19th July

Inset Days - Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July

Weekly Letter

Please remember to read the weekly letter each week. This is designed to support every child with the planning and preparation for their learning.

Courage

Our focused value for this term is **Courage**.

This week's quote comes from the book Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling...

"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."