



# Stonegate C of E Primary School

## Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

A belated happy new year to you all. It has been a wonderfully creative start to the term and I have seen every child fully immersed in developing their skills and knowledge in their new learning topics. As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school.

Jonathan Elms

### This term's learning

This term, the children in Little Acorns are being Artic Explorers. As part of their learning, they will be thinking why the Artic is important, what lives in these conditions and how we can protect this environment.

Reception Class are on the other hand journeying through Africa. In addition to reading a wonderful selection of diverse stories, they will discover what animals live in Africa and how they are suited to their environment.

The children in the remainder of the school will be continuing to use Kapow Primary, to build their knowledge and skill bank across the whole curriculum.

Year 1/2 have a mini focus on animals including humans.

Year 3/4 are reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and have a focus on the Antarctica. Year 5/6 are looking at the stories and challenges of the Windrush generation and also thinking about the characteristics and achievements a person should have to appear on a banknote.

### Young Voices



Last week our Key Stage 2 choir attended the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena.

Along with 8,500 other primary school pupils, our choir sang a medley of songs from pop and the theatre.

This was an incredible evening of singing, dancing, laughter and fun and I am delighted that we were able to offer this experience – our children were so brave!

A big thank you to Mrs Young and Mrs White for preparing the children so well and to Miss Heard for ensuring everything went without a hitch. Already looking forward to next year!

### Thank you for your thoughts

I would like to thank all of the parents who responded to our online questionnaire's relating to wraparound care and safeguarding.

After analysis of the wraparound survey, it has again been determined that we do not have the demand to make this provision financially viable. However, we will continue to develop our range of after school clubs to ensure that families have options for an extended day until 1615. We were delighted to see that all children feel safe and are happy in our school. The safeguarding survey also highlighted that our children knew who to talk to if they were having challenges. The survey did indicate the need for further teaching and parent workshops in online safety. A session and additional learning materials will be arranged as soon as possible.

### Movies in Snoozies

Thank you to the members of the PTA for arranging the movie evening last week. The children had a wonderful time watching Nanny McPhee whilst enjoying delicious snacks.

### Final Thought

This week we are focusing on the school's core value of Trust and we are thinking about the quote from Corrie Ten Boom: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

### Upcoming Events

#### Term 3

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Netball Festival for Year 3/4

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Reception and Year 1/2 Safari Day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

0900 - School Talent Show and Young Voices Concert.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Term 3 Ends

#### Term 4

Starts: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Dressing up for World Book Day and PTA Disco.

Finishes: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Inset Day – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

#### Term 5

Starts: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Finishes: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATs – 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May

#### Term 6

Starts: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Finishes: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Days - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

### Talent Show and Young Voices



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 0900 Talent Show and Young Voices celebration.

We are looking for individual children or groups of children to showcase their talents in front of their friends, their teachers and parents.

As a treat the Young Voices choir will showcase their favourite songs from the O2 throughout the assembly.

Children will be asked to pay £2 on the day for non-uniform and the chance to vote for their favourite act.