# Stonegate C of E Primary School

# Love of Learning for Life

The next 2 weeks of school will be a time of self-evaluation and reflection as every child has their last 12 weeks' of learning assessed. Every class team is looking forward to celebrating the progress made in reading, writing and maths as well as the knowledge acquired in history, science, design and technology and across the whole curriculum.

#### **Sponsored Walk**

A big thank you to everyone who braved the mud and the rain to be part of our sponsored walk.

It was a wonderful event for the whole school community and an important opportunity for everyone to take time out of their busy schedules to 'walk and talk'





Currently the walk has raised over £1,000 for St Michaels Hospice and our other chosen school projects.

#### **Ruston House Interiors**



The children from Year 6 have been involved in a wonderful community-focused project to design and create two Christmas windows for Ruston House in the village of Ticehurst.

The children produced a set of ideas for how the windows could look based on the poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas' and this was brought to life by Joe and Trish from the shop.

This week the children painted and created items and then visited the shop to construct the windows.

The windows will be unveiled on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 5.30pm, if you are in the village, then please come and join our Year 6.

# **Sending Christmas Wishes**

Every child in the school has been able to support Wadhurst Warriors with the decoration of their tree in the center of the Wadhurst.

Each child was given a piece of ribbon and wrote a Christmas wish.

As always, I was delighted at the depth of thought and the compassion children from Stonegate have.

It was extremely evident that the key ideas from our core school values and RHSE curriculum resonate very strongly within every one of our children.



# St Andrew's Day

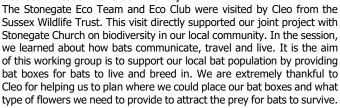




This week the children of St Andrew house celebrated the special day given to their Patron Saint.

Tia and Harry, from Year 6, led the day magnificiently by leading Collective Worship, providing information on the life of St Andrew and then arranging our bake sale (£100 raised). It was great to see all of the children from this house coming together to have fun.

#### **Eco Committee in the Community**





# **Safeguarding**

The school is delighted to be part of Operation Encompass. This is a Police initiative, to inform schools within 24 hours, when there has been an incident of Domestic Violence or Abuse involving a pupil at Stonegate School. By informing the school of any incident, we can be better equipped to utilise the wonderful resources and team members to support any child.

# **Final Thought**

With us now in the period of Advent, I would like you all to consider the words in this quote - "What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future."





#### **Upcoming Events**

Term 2 2022 - 2023

**Wednesdays throughout Term 2** KS2 Swimming

# Saturday 3rd December

Christmas Light Switch on Ticehurst – 6.00pm

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

# Thursday 8th December

Reception and Year 1/2 Nativity - 9.30am

# Friday 9th December

Children's Christmas Shopping Event - am

#### Monday 12th December

Key Stage 2 Choir Performance - 6.00pm

# Tuesday 13th December

Pre-School Christmas Performance – 9.00am Christmas Dinner

#### Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Hamper Draw - 3.15pm

# Thursday 15th December

School Visit to the Pantomime (Not PS)

# Friday 16th December

Crib Service in the Church - 7.00pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Term 2 Ends

#### Term 3 2022 - 2023

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Inset Day for Pre-School and School

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 First Day of Term 3

# Neuro Ninjas

Andrew Wright from Action Your Potential visited our assembly this week.

He showed us how our amazing brains work and why it is important to be kind and think of others.

After Christmas, every class will be starting a series of online teaching sessions designed to support them to be even better learners and then develop strategies to reduce anxiety and build resilience.



Andrew will be hosting a parent's session to support anxiety and resilience on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

This will be in the Stonegate School Hall. https://www.actionyourpotential.org/

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