



# 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 magnificently 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

The Stonegate Eco Team and Eco Club were visited by Cleo from the Sussex Wildlife Trust. This visit directly supported our joint project with Stonegate Church on biodiversity in our local community. In the session, we learned about how bats communicate, travel and live. It is the aim of this working group is to support our local bat population by providing bat boxes for bats to live and breed in. We are extremely thankful to Cleo for helping us to plan where we could place our bat boxes and what type of flowers we need to provide to attract the prey for bats to survive.



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Christmas Light Switch on Ticehurst – 6.00pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Open Morning for Prospective Parents

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Reception and Year 1/2 Nativity - 9.30am

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Children's Christmas Shopping Event - am

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Key Stage 2 Choir Performance - 6.00pm

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Pre-School Christmas Performance – 9.00am  
Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Hamper Draw – 3.15pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
School Visit to the Pantomime (Not PS)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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