

Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life



Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school this week, either during parent consultations or supporting the learning of our children. I have had a large number of positive comments from parents who have enjoyed our assemblies, events, having a chance to visit classrooms and looking their child's books and the progress they have made this term. Thank you for your support.

Mr Elms, Headteacher

Super Science Week

As you all know we are extremely passionate about developing scientists in Stonegate School. At the start of this term we held our annual Science Week where we encouraged every child from our Pre-School to Year 6 to think and work scientifically. Our week included:

The Sublime Science Experience – The Sublime Science facilitator, Atomic Anna started our week with a bang. As part of these sessions every child in the school created sticky slime, succulent sweets and were able to perform magic tricks involving the polymers in cups and also with the forces created by air cannons.



The Mobile Planetarium – Day 2 introduced the children to the amazing features found in Space. The Planetarium Dome took the children on a journey from Herstmonceux, through the layers of the atmosphere to the moon. After the moon they travelled to Saturn, Jupiter and Neptune before focussing on the stars, the constellations and then back to the beautiful planet Earth.



Rocket launch – Mrs Hirst, our resident science expert, designed an air powered rocket launcher and this was put to the test by the whole school. Using the fundamentals of air resistance, the children made rockets from paper and cardboard, which were then propelled up and across the playground at 40psi. We do apologise to our neighbours as some of the rockets did fly over our fencing!

Forensic Investigation – Children in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 were given the opportunity to solve the mystery of the stolen teddy bear. Under the instruction of Emma from Fab Science, and their teaching teams, the children developed their knowledge and skills in fingerprinting, DNA testing and footprint and fabric analysis. Emma stated that she was impressed at the children's attention to detail and the way they closely focussed on the evidence to solve the crime.



Our Super Science Fair – The conclusion of our wonderful week was the Science Fair. 60 children presented and then described their chosen home science projects to the large crowd of parents and peers who attended the event. One parent emailed to say 'My Wife and I attended the science fair today and absolutely loved it. We were highly impressed by the knowledge of all the children and their confidence in communicating. You and the staff should be really proud.'

This has been a wonderful week and I would like to thank all members of our staff team for their support and commitment to planning engaging activities for every child.

Soft start

Our morning routine of starting from 8.30am will continue in Term 4. Children should not arrive at school after 8.45am.

After School Clubs

This term, from Monday 27th February, our extended provision will be running the 4 weeks. I would like to thank the staff and parent volunteers for leading these clubs free of charge to our parents. Also, a big thank you to Miss Keeler for coordinating this – it is a very painstaking process.

Perfect Parking

Please remember to follow the Highway Code when parking, and driving, in and around the village.

Final Thought

This term we are thinking about the school's core value of Trust. Please discuss at home this quote from Connie Ten Boom – 'Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.'



Upcoming Events

Term 4 2022 – 2023

Tuesday 28th February

Year 5/6 Uplands Netball Tournament

Wednesday 1st March

St David's Day

Children in St David House to wear yellow and bring cakes for a sale.

Children to bring in 50p / £1 for cakes

Thursday 2nd March

School open as normal

World Book Day

Children to bring in their favourite books to share.

After School - PTA Book Swap and Café

Thursday 9th March

School having a Health and Safety Audit

Tuesday 14th March

Year 5/6 Uplands Hockey Festival

Friday 17th March

St Patrick's Day

Children in St Patrick House to wear green and bring cakes for a sale.

Children to bring in 50p / £1 for cakes

Friday 17th March

Year 5/6 Battle Abbey Football and Netball Tournaments

Evening – PTA Music Quiz Night

Wednesday 22nd March

Saplings Class Visit

Friday 24th March

Year 3/4 Battle Abbey Football and Netball Tournaments

Monday 27th March

Easter Music Festival led by Mrs Vinson
2.00pm - Parents invited

Wednesday 29th March

Church Easter Service – 2.00pm

Thursday 30th March

Open Afternoon PTA Easter Egg Hunt and Café and Grand Opening of the Pre-School and New Learning Space – from 2.00pm

Friday 31st March

End of Term 4

Safeguarding

Congratulations to Mrs Jackson for completing the 2-day Safeguard Lead training. She will now be added to the school's safeguarding team of Mr Elms, Mrs Hazeldine and Miss Sanchez.

Mr Millington our safeguarding governor, will be on the school gate on Wednesday 1st March for any discussions parent's may wish to have.