



# Stonegate C of E Primary School

## Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

With Covid 19 being present in our school community, it has been an interesting start to Term 2. I would like to thank all of the children and parents for being so adaptable and supportive of our 2 bubble approach to keep our community safe. I would also like to thank my staff team, who have gone above and beyond to change timetables, cover classes and break times and ensured that ratios were met all over school and that every child continued to receive the very highest provision of learning.

Jonathan Elms

### Wonderful learning this term

This term the whole school is continuing a History Focus, with every child being encouraged to think like, and be, a historian. This term's learning journey questions are:

Pre-School – How have things changed from the past?

Reception – How do we remember, remember old and new and now and then?

Year 1/2 – How did we live in the past?

Year 3/4 – Ancient Egypt, is there anything left to discover?

Year 5/6 – How have inventions and ideas of the past shaped our lives today?

### Family Fun Visit to Bodiam Castle



This week the children from Pre-School and Reception, along with their parents, staff and our own school knight, Sir Elms of Stonegate, visited Bodiam Castle.

As part of the day, the group searched the grounds looking for evidence of autumn, explored every inch of the castle, looked over Bodiam and the surrounding area from the Battlements and finally went on the National Trust 'Bat Hunt' around the castle and discovered incredible facts about bats. This was truly an excellent day!

### Remembrance

This week every child has been thinking about the significance of Remembrance. Children have been creating Poppies and producing a number of beautiful pieces of descriptive writing. On Remembrance Day we had a whole school assembly where we had a moment to think about those who have been injured or killed in battles. I was impressed, as always, with the children's reflectiveness.



### Keep on Running

Congratulations to all of the children who represented the school at the Uplands Cross Country Event on Wednesday. Mrs Hirst reported a number of impressive individual performances. Congratulations to Agnes who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 5/6 girls race and to Imogen, Rory and Sebastian for qualifying for the next round of the competition.



### Firework Clear Up

A big thank you to the families, staff and children who volunteered to pick up litter and firework fragments after the Wadhurst Display. It was a lovely to support our community in this way and I know that the organisers were extremely grateful for our time and efforts.

### Looking good and feeling good

Thank you to all parents for enabling every child to look super smart in their winter uniforms. As the weather is beginning to get colder, please remember a suitable coat. I am delighted to say that the wonderful, PTA supplied, KS2 fruit has been extremely popular.

### Final Thought

This term we are focusing on our core value of 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."

## Upcoming Events

### Dates for the Diary

#### Term 2 2021 – 2022

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Children In Need – Pyjamas or Onesie Day for £1 donation.

3.05 – 5.30 PTA Movies In Snoozies

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Year 5/6 Visit to London

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

DR BIKE – bring broken bikes in from home and they will be repaired.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Prospective Parents Open Morning

#### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 – 10.30 – Pre-School Performance and Rec and Yr1/2 Nativity

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Image Music Theatre performance for the Whole School - £1 donation.

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day for the Whole School - £1 donation.

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Pm – PTA Christmas Present event.

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Whole School Christmas Dinner

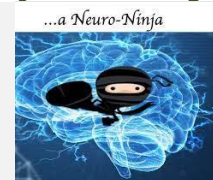
#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

7.00 - Crib Concert in the Church (Involving Wadhurst Brass band)

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Term 2 Ends

### Neuro Ninjas – wellbeing support



The links below will take you all to the current parent sessions, please watch and discuss the contents with your families.

The children have been learning the same in their classes. [Video 5: Why Is Healthy Eating Good For Us?](#) and [Video 6: Why is Being Still So Good For Us?](#)

Further information and webinars for the whole community can be found at: <https://www.actionyourpotential.org/>