



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

With Covid 19 increasing being present in our school community, the staff team and I are being required, on a daily basis, to demonstrate our skills of adaptability and creativity to ensure that we can fulfil our high expectations for every one of our children. Since the last newsletter, I am delighted to say that we have enjoyed wonderful visits, art projects, sporting events, a charity dress up day and movies in snoozies – incredible!

Jonathan Elms

Future Politicians from Stonegate?

To enhance their learning about democracy and how the country is governed, the children from Mighty Oaks visited The Houses of Parliament. As part of this educational experience, the children toured the Palace of Westminster, the House of Commons and the House of Lords and concluded with a workshop where they had to debate and then electronically vote on a number of important issues. They were extremely fortunate to meet local MP, Huw Merriman.



Our fantastic PTA

Over the last couple of weeks there have been some very well supported PTA events. In the first event, a large number of the school came together to eat popcorn, sweets and hot dogs and then enjoy watching the film Luca. This raised £330. At the second event, it was tremendous to see all of the textiles which were donated, thank you to everyone who had cleared out their wardrobes to support this. £120 was raised. The PTA this year are supporting the redevelopment of our Library – thank you!

Sporting Success

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 girls and 3/4 boys in the recent Uplands tournaments. Whilst playing some very good football, both teams showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship and were awarded a trophy to recognise these key sporting attributes.

Congratulations to Agnes and to Imogen who have qualified for the Sussex Schools Finals of Cross Country.



Delicious Fruit for Key Stage 2

The fruit in Key Stage 2 continues to be a great success. I would like to the Artful Grocer in Wadhurst who supplies us each week with high quality and delicious fruit. The company charge us nothing for delivery and do zero waste products, all of which supports our eco-conscious, community minded learning.

Supporting others

In addition to raising £246.57 for Poppy Appeal and collecting £150 for Children in Need by wearing pyjamas and onesies, we have been supporting our local community.

Every child in the school has written their Christmas Wish or Dream on a ribbon, which can now be found on the Christmas trees in Wadhurst.

In addition to this, last Friday we welcomed the ESCC DR Bike team, who despite the terrible weather, fixed a number of bikes for our school and wider community.



End of term events

It is our hope to find a way to keep on all of the end of term events, however we may need to limit audience sizes and change arrangements at very late notice. Please note that the Pre-School Performance and KS1 Nativity is now on Tuesday 7th December and will be limited to 2 tickets per family, however the performance will be recorded. There will not be a KS2 (Yr 5/6) evening performance this year, this may be a class assembly– details to follow soon.

Final Thought

With Advent now upon us, I am drawn to the thought: 'It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.'

Upcoming Events

Dates for the Diary

Term 2 2021 – 2022

Saturday 4th December

From 5.00 pm – The Ticehurst Light Switch on – Ruston Interiors unveiling.

Monday 6th December

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Tuesday 7th December

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

Thursday 9th December

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

Friday 10th December

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

Monday 13th December

Pm – PTA Christmas Present event.

Wednesday 15th December

Whole School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th December

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

Friday 17th December

Term 2 Ends

Neuro Ninjas – wellbeing support

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

The children have been learning the same in their classes.

[How Do My Emotions Affect My Brain?](#) and [Why Is Walking Outside in Nature So Good For Us?](#)

Covid 19 Update

Due to the rise of cases we are:

- Re-introducing 2 Bubbles during the school day
- Advising that all parents, carers and visitors wear a face covering at all times in the school grounds.
- Enhancing our cleaning procedures.
- Encouraging children to wash hands.

If your child or another person in your household develops COVID19 symptoms, your child MUST not come into school, they should get PCR tested as soon as possible and you MUST inform the office of your situation.