



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of this first term – this one seems to have been especially busy! Every day, every child continues to impress with either their kindness, resilience, desire to improve, achievement, risk taking in Forest School or sporting prowess. I am so proud that we have such an amazing school with incredible opportunities from which the children can learn. Thank you all for your support.

Jonathan Elms

Harvest Festival



A big thank you for all of the generous Harvest gifts which are now supporting members of our extended community through the work of Nourish. I am sure you will all agree that the service itself was wonderful. The children from Pre-School through to Year 6 presented their learning so beautifully and the clarity of the singing was first class. Thank you to all of the children, staff and members of the church who made a success of this service.

Heritage Schools

To support the schools bid to attain Heritage School's Status, children from Years 5 and 6 have been working with Rachel, the Education Officer from High Weald AONB, to discover the history of Stonegate. As well as researching the buildings, and how the village has developed over time, the children went on a 'welly walk' to discover the history of the natural environment. As part of the walk, they discussed the importance of hedgerows, identified wildlife and the local flora and fauna. This inspired quality poetry when they returned to the classroom.



Hands on History



Last Friday, the children from Years 1/2 and 3/4 were inspired by the fabulous historical sessions provided by Hands on History. Children from both classes were able to handle artefacts, dress up in costume from the time and have the chance to think and research like a Historian. We are delighted that we are able to offer these first-hand learning experiences again, as we always find the quality of thinking and follow up work is enhanced by such activities.

Visit from our School Improvement Partner

I am delighted to say that we have had another extremely positive visit from the Local Authority. Mr Taylor, as part of his visit, looked at school documentation, scrutinised children's books and toured the school to look at the quality of education from Pre-School to Year 6. He found: The books across the school are of very high quality and pupil progress seen in these books is good. The differentiation and challenge seen, relating to the use of questioning, is very good practice. Throughout the school pupils were engaged and our staff and pupils he described as 'sparky' and enthusiastic. This is a great reflection of our school!

Footballing Success

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 footballing team on finishing 3rd in the Uplands tournament.

Looking good and feeling good

In Term 2 all children should wear full winter uniforms – see the school's website for details. Also, as the weather is beginning to get colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable, appropriate coat every day and water bottles should contain only water. We are also delighted to announce that there will be fruit available for KS2 every day at break time (see separate letter). Thank you to the PTA for supporting our healthy school.

Final Thought

This term we have been thinking about our core value of friendship. Please discuss this quote at home, it is from Winnie the Pooh: "A friend is someone who helps you up when you're down, and if they can't, they lay down beside you and listen."

Upcoming Events

Dates for the Diary

Term 2 2021 – 2022

Monday 1st November

Term 2 Starts

Thursday 4th November

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Sunday 6th November

9.30 PTA Wadhurst Bonfire Clear up

Monday 8th November

Reception and Pre-School Family Visit

Monday 8th + Wednesday 10th November

Parent Evening for all classes

Friday 12th November

7.00 – Quiz Night in School Hall

Friday 19th November

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

3.05 – 5.30 PTA Movies In Snoozies

Monday 22nd November

Year 5/6 Visit to London

Monday 6th December

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Tuesday 7th December

KS1 Nativity

Thursday 9th December

Image Music Theatre

Thursday 16th December

Eve - Crib Concert in the Hall

Friday 17th December

Term 2 Ends

Neuro Ninjas – family support

...a Neuro-Ninja



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 3: How Do I Look After My Sleep? \(R1\)](#) and [Video 4: Why Is Exercise So Good For Us? \(R2\)](#)

Further information can be found at: <https://www.actionyourpotential.org/>