



# Stonegate C of E Primary School

## Love of Learning for Life

I hope that you have all had a really good summer; it may not have been as hot or as sunny as we would have liked, but I am sure you have been able to create happy family memories.

### School Starts

Just to remind you all that school is starting for Pre-School and Years 1- 6 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am. Reception will be starting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am.

### Arrangements

To reflect the national advice, we will aiming to re-open the school using the 'normal' procedures we had in place before COVID 19. This will enable us to further promote positive relationships between children from all of the classes and enable a true 'community' feel.

#### Morning

- 8.30am Parent and Child pedestrian gate opened. Parents and children of years Rec – 6 to walk to the rear playground. (Playground supervised by school staff).
- 8.45am Teacher on duty rings bell. School Day Starts. (Children and Parents will not be able to enter the school building before this time).
- 8.45am Pre School gate opens for the start of their day
- 8.55am Pedestrian gate closes and any child arriving at school must go to main gate.

#### Afternoon

- 2.55pm Parent and Child Gate opened. (Closed 3.15)
- 3.05pm End of school: Parents to meet children in the front playground. (Reception at the wooden gate, Year 1/2 mains school entrance, Year 3/4 pedestrian gate and Year 5/6 by the steps outside their classroom).
- 3.15pm Pre-School finishes. Children are met at the Pre-School gate.

Face coverings at pick up and drop off and when entering the school building are now optional.

### Messages

It is vital that we receive any and all messages related to your child(ren).

Your messages can be communicated with us in a number of ways:

1. On the clipboard in the morning.
2. Via email to Miss Keeler in the School Office – [office@stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk)
3. Or on the telephone between 8.15am and 4.15pm – 01580 200415.

Meetings with teachers will normally be arranged for after school to enable us to give the matter the time it may require.

### Addresses and contacts

If any of your details have changed over the holiday, please can you inform Miss Keeler as soon as possible so that we can update all of our records.

### School Dinners

The way that school dinners are organised is changing slightly. Our wonderful cook Mrs Knight will now be in charge of all school dinner bookings.



**Payments and bookings should still be made by 8.30pm the day before the meal** using the Parent Pay System. Any missed or late bookings should be made directly to Mrs Knight using the kitchen entrance (by the adventure playground) between 8.30am and 8.55am.

For this year, school dinners are priced at £2.15 for children in the Pre-School and Years 3 to 6. (Meals are free for Reception, Year 1 and 2 but must still be booked).

Menus can be accessed on the school website by clicking:

<https://www.stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk/esussex/primary/stonegate/site/pages/parentsarea/schoolmeals>

**We ask that packed lunches and snacks are healthy and that to keep everyone safe they DO NOT contain any nuts.**

## Upcoming Events

### Term 1 2021 – 2022

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

First Day of School – Ps and Yrs 1-6

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

First Day of School – Reception  
9.00am Reception parents are invited into the Hall for tea and cake.

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Reading Week – Roald Dahl  
Dressing Up Day TBC

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

School Clubs to start  
Volunteers may start

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Year 5/6 Hands on History Workshop

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

European Language Day celebration for KS2 (Separate Letter).

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Year 1/2 castle visit

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Am - Class and individual photographs for all classes and Little Acorns – (SUMMER) UNIFORM PLEASE

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Influenza Vaccinations (not Pre-School)

#### Week of 11<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival Service – date TBC

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Year 5/6 to complete Heritage School project on the High Weald

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Hands on History for Year 1/2 and 3/4

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Whole School and Pre-School Photograph – (SUMMER) UNIFORM PLEASE

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Last Day of Term 1

### Term 2 2021 – 2022

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Term 2 Starts

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

Term 2 Ends

## Attendance

Over the last two years we worked really hard to improve our attendance. In line with our attendance policy I would like to remind you all of a couple of items.

- **If for any reason your child is off in either the School or Pre-School, it is your responsibility to inform the School Office by 9.30am EVERY DAY of the absence.**
- **Any family who now arrives after 8.55am will be asked to complete a 'Late book' in the School Office.**
- **You MUST tell us if somebody different to yourselves are picking your child up at the end of the day (further letter to follow). If we have not had this communication we will hold your child at school until you have given us verbal permission.**

## Parking

Now we are going back to our 'normal' school arrangements, we must make a concerted effort to ensure our parking and driving etiquette around the village is as perfect as it can be. Therefore we are suggesting the following arrangements:

### Morning

If you will wait with your child in the playground, please park at the Village Hall.

If you are dropping your child off, please use the front of the school.

### Afternoon

Parents from Pre-School, Reception and KS1 to park at the front of the school.

KS2 parents to park at the Village Hall and walk around to the school.

Please can we not park on the corner of Cottenden Road or use Stonegate Court – thank you.

## Uniform and Equipment

Children will be expected to attend school in full summer school uniform, including sturdy plain black school shoes, suitable for the rigors of outdoor learning.

School uniform and school PE kit is available from Phillips Mans store:

<https://phillips-mans-shops.co.uk/>

## Classes and Learning for September 2021

This term all classes will be developing their skills as historians. Each class team will be providing opportunities for children to explore artefacts and compare their life with those from the past. They will use reading, writing and a number of other areas from across the curriculum to ensure that history comes to life.

Pre-School (Little Acorns) – Led by Miss Sanchez and supported by Mrs Cassé and Miss Crouch.

Reception Class (Acorns Class) - Taught by Mrs Crush (Miss Pope) and supported by Mrs Wiggins.

Year 1/2 (Sprouts Class) - Taught by Mrs Jones and supported by Mrs Mortimer and Mrs Pitts.

Year 3/4 (Saplings Class) - Taught by Mr Page and supported by Mrs Ritchie.

Year 5/6 (Mighty Oak Class) - Taught by Mrs Bull and supported by Mrs Baigent and Mrs Hirst.

Wider Curriculum – will be supported by Mr Broad, Madame Greenwood, Mrs Williams and Active Sports.

School SENCO – Miss Sanchez will be working as SENCO on a Tuesday and Thursday morning.

School Office – Miss Keeler will be available in the office each day between 8.15am and 4.15pm.

## First Aid

During these Inset days, the staff have all undertaken and passed Pediatric First Aid training.

## Value for this term



### Our value for this term is Friendship.

We shall be exploring through all of our learning what makes a good friend and how, at the beginning of this school year, we can best support each other.

In the first term of this year, we will be introducing our buddy programme, playground friends and sports leaders.

## Final Thought

During the first two weeks of this term we will be thinking about the word 'community' and the following quote by Helen Keller "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." What does the word community mean to you and your family?

## COVID 19 Parent Support

The guidance for schools have been changed during the summer holiday. Below is information which you may find useful:

### Adults and Children

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, individuals will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

**We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.**

Unvaccinated members of the community who are informed as a contact for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- must stay at home and self-isolate for a period which includes the date of their last contact with the person who had a positive test result for COVID-19 and the next 10 full days.

### Feeling Unwell?

If your child (or yourself) are feeling unwell with symptoms which could link to COVID 19, we ask you to urge on the side of caution when deciding to attend the school.

### Risk Assessment

The School and Pre-School Risk Assessment can be found in the Covid 19 area of the website.

### Cleaning the School

Mr Smith will continue to rigorously and thoroughly clean the whole school each evening.

### Volunteer Readers

Thank you to all of the parents who have offered support with reading. We are looking forward to inviting them into school from week 4. All volunteers will need to have a new DBS check.