



Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

I hope that you have all had a really good summer. What a scorcher! It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school this week and listening to all of their adventures.

Our School Day

Just to remind you all that the Main school and Pre-School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm.

Classes and Learning for September 2022

This term every class will be developing their skills as Investigators and Historians. There will be a strong focus on Science, Computing and History linked to our local area.

Pre-School (Little Acorns) will be led by Mrs Jackson and supported by Mrs Cassé and Miss Crouch. Reception Class (Acorns Class) – will be taught by Mrs Hazeldine and supported by Miss Jenner and Mr Hampson (a big welcome to both).

Year 1/2 (Seedlings Class) - Taught by Miss Sanchez and supported by Mrs Pitts and Mrs White.

Year 3/4 (Saplings Class) - Taught by Miss Benford and supported by Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Williams.

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

Wider Curriculum – Madame Greenwood will be teaching French, Mr Luckhurst will be teaching PE and welcome to Mrs Vinson who will be teaching Music and leading our School Choir.

School SENCO – Miss Sanchez will have dedicated time on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

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

School Caretaker – Mr Butler is our new Caretaker, he will be in School every afternoon.

School Focus

We have identified a number of areas to focus on this year. They include:

- Reading and Phonics throughout the school.
- Further ensuring that children are involved in the decision making of the school.
- Using questioning and the Chris Quigley materials to deepen the learning for every child.
- To continue to embed the RSHE curriculum and ensure the children have a greater understanding of equality, diversity, British Values and how to keep safe on and off line.

Building Works and New Chromebooks

Everyone has been working extremely hard over the summer to declutter the school.

Following a generous donation from Dalehill Golf Club, I would like to thank Mr Crispin of Topwood for supplying and installing the new imaginative play chalet and shed in Reception Class.

Clive Hodder and Neil Saunders were amazing in supporting us to create a new storeroom - this has enabled us to create a safe, sensory space in the school.

Mr Butler has worked tirelessly throughout the holiday building new shelving and enabling a new space for Forest School learning on the Field.

I am hoping to share details about a significant addition to our school site in the next few weeks. A really big thank you to the PTA for buying the school 30 new Chromebooks, these in addition to our freshly updated laptops, means every child will have access to our computing curriculum.

Messages

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

1. The clipboard in the morning and at the end of the day.
2. Via email to Miss Keeler in the School Office – 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.

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 using the absence line (a message is fine) by 9.30am EVERY DAY of the absence.
- Any family who now arrives after 8.55am will be marked as 'Late'.

Safeguarding

Please remember that 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 safely at school until you have given us verbal permission.

This term every child will be thinking about how to stay safe online.

Final Thought

Our challenge to every member of our school is to live our vision: Stonegate Church of England Primary School is a community founded on Christian Values, which embraces every child and their family. We provide a safe environment, where a lifetime love of learning begins, the whole child is nurtured and each child is valued and able to thrive.

Upcoming Events

Term 1 2022 – 2023

Monday 5th September

First Day of School – Ps and Yrs 1-6

Wednesday 7th September

First Day of School – Reception

Monday 12th September

Forest School to start

Volunteers may start

Monday 26th September

Clubs to start

Thursday 29th September

Am - Class and individual photographs

for all classes and Little Acorns

– (SUMMER) UNIFORM PLEASE

Friday 30th September

European Language Day celebration for KS2 (Separate Letter).

Week of 11th October

Harvest Festival Service – date and time TBC

Thursday 13th October

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th October Parents Evening – 2.45pm – 6.00pm

Friday 21st October

Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 2022 – 2023

Monday 31st October

Inset Day for Pre-School and School

Tuesday 1st November

Term 2 Begins

Wednesdays throughout Term 2

KS2 Swimming

Thursday 3rd November & Monday 5th December

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Friday 16th December

Term 2 Ends

Friendship

Our focused 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.