

Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life



Where has the time gone? I cannot believe we are already at the end of week 3 of this school year! I would like to thank you all for your continued support and the way you have all supported us in settling every child in to our school routines and at the start of this term.

Our School Day

I have had a number of very positive comments regarding our extended school day. Just to remind you all that the Main school and Pre-School **start at 8.45am** and **finishes at 3.15pm**.

Classes and Learning for Term 1 2022

This term we are developing and applying our knowledge as Investigators and Historians. There is a focus on Science, Computing and History linked to our local area. Our learning journeys are:

Pre-School (Little Acorns) and Reception Class (Acorns Class) – Marvellous Me

Year 1/2 (Seedlings Class) - What makes Stonegate and London different?

Year 3/4 (Saplings Class) – What did the Romans ever do for us?

Year 5/6 (Mighty Oak Class) – Does Adversity make us Stronger (WW2)?



This week our enrichment activities included - Year 3/4 had a hands-on Roman Workshop, the Year 5/6 were 'evacuated' (but they were given back) and Year 6 passed their Level 2 Bikeability course.

Class Information

We have made the decision not to have start of the year class parent meetings this year. Instead, we have emailed each parent the information letter relating to their child's class and a copy of this has been placed on a class page on school's website:

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

We have moved Parents' Evening to Term 1, this will enable parents to have an earlier opportunity to look at children's learning and speak to their child's teacher about the start of the year.

Supporting our pupils at Stonegate

We are incredibly fortunate to have an experienced and highly trained staffing team at Stonegate. Through our continuous classroom assessment, we may identify children who require 'catch up' or specific intervention (eg Speech, Language and Communication) to maximise their learning. To support this, Mrs Mortimer has been given the task to lead / support these interventions throughout the school – this means that Mrs Mortimer is no longer assigned to just one class.

School Clubs

I am delighted to say that our wonderful set of **free** after school extra-curricular activities have all been booked up this term. It is testament to the commitment to our school team and community that we are able to provide: Choir, Netball, Games, Lego, Eco, Science & Engineering, Mindfulness, Story, Digital Leaders/Purple Mash, Gardening, French and Multi Sports clubs. Thank you to our School Officer Manger Miss Keeler for coordinating this provision and communicating club choices to every parent.

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 give staff adequate preparation time, **we ask parents NOT to come into the school building in the mornings unless necessary.**

Safeguarding

Please take the opportunity to read our school's safeguarding information. This can be found at:

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

This term we are supporting the children to be safe by improving their knowledge about online safety. Excellent information to support families can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Final Thought

This term we are thinking about friendship. Please discuss the meaning of this Bible quotation by St Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5.11 – "Encourage one another and build each other up". How does this help us to be a good friend?

Upcoming Events

Term 1 2022 – 2023

Monday 26th September
Clubs to start

Monday 26th September
Yr 5/6 Commonwealth Graves enrichment day

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).

Saturday 1st October
Stonegate Flower Show – artwork is on display.

Wednesday 12th October
Harvest Festival Service – 2.00pm

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

Wednesday 7th / Thursday 8th December (TBC)
Reception and Year 1/2 Nativity

Monday 12th December
Key Stage 2 Choir Performance - 6.00pm

Tuesday 13th December
Pre-School Christmas Performance – 9.00am

Thursday 15th December
School Visit to the Pantomime (Not PS)

Friday 16th December
Crib Service in the Church – 7.00pm

Friday 16th December
Term 2 Ends

Term 3 2022 – 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Inset Day for Pre-School and School

Wednesday 4th January 2023
First Day of Term 3