Newsletter 1 September 2023

Stonegate C of E Primary School

Love of Learning for Life

Dear Parents,
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 – I cannot remember a calmer start to a year.

Jonathan Elms

Learning for Term 1 2023

This term we are introducing learning journeys from our new scheme Kapow curriculum - https://www.kapowprimary.com/. This curriculum will further develop every one of our learners by:

- Being knowledge-rich, building skills and ensuring retrieval opportunities.
- Carefully sequencing a cohesive curriculum with a clear rationale of links between subjects.
- Providing diverse and inclusive resources - Videos, interactive presentations, knowledge organisers, songs, quizzes and assessment materials.

Our learning this term is:

Pre-School (Little Acorns) and Reception Class (Acorns Class) – Who is a Superhero?
Year 1/2 (Seedlings Class) - How am I making History?
Year 3/4 (Saplings Class) – What are rivers and how are they used?
Year 5/6 (Mighty Oaks Class) – What does the census tell us about our local area (Victorians)?

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend last week's 'Meet the Teachers' events. Please remember to refer to your child's class page to find out more details about their learning for this term. https://www.stonegate.e-sussex.sch.uk/esussex/primary/stonegate/site/pages/ourlearning/classpages

This week our creative activities have included – Year 1/2 explore patterns using lines, Year 3/4 testing their cardboard cars, the Year 5/6 have been designing bridges.

Bikeability

Congratulations to our children in Year 6 who braved the wind and rain to pass not only their Level 1 but their Level 2 Bikeability Awards. The trainers were impressed at the resilience and quick learning of these children.

School Focus

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

- **The Quality of Education** - embed the Kapow curriculum to ensure learning progression, key skill acquisition and accurate assessment.
- **Leadership and Management** - development of the use of peer review and feedback.
- **Behaviour and Attitudes** - to revise the behaviour policy to enable all learners in the school to demonstrate highest expectations for behaviour for learning (independence, resilience, self-confidence, self-control).
- **Personal Development** - to provide opportunities for all members of our school community to celebrate the equality, diversity and history of British culture.
- **Early Years Education** - to fully embed phonics practice (Little Wandle) across both Little Acorns and Acorns class to support, encourage and improve communication skills.

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

We have been thinking about Paul's writing about the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5: 22-23: 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'. We have answered the question: Do your friends show these fruits?

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 26th September
European Language Day celebration for KS2 (Separate Letter).

Thursday 28th September
Am - Class and individual photographs for all classes and Little Acorns
– (SUMMER) UNIFORM PLEASE

Thursday 5th October
KS2 Cross Country Event

Thursday 5th October
1900 – PTA AGM in the School Hall

Friday 6th October
Commonwealth Gold Medallist Ryan Scott to visit all classes

Monday 9th October
Harvest Festival Service – 2.00pm

Thursday 12th October
Open Morning for prospective parents

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October
Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Friday 20th October
Last Day of Term 1

Term 2
Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

Term 3
Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February
Inset Day – Tuesday 2nd January

Term 4
Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

Term 5
Tuesday 16th April – Friday 24th May
Inset Day - Monday 15th April
Year 6 SATs – 13th – 16th May 2024

Term 6
Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July
Inset Days - Monday 22nd + Tuesday 23rd July

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.