

Stoneygate Nursery School



September 2023

Autumn Newsletter 1

A huge (sunny!) welcome back to all our families and friends after the summer holidays. It has been lovely to see some familiar faces, and lots of new ones too! We are positive that those smiles will continue all year long as we have lots of wonderful learning, exciting activities and new exploring planned for the year ahead...

Dates for the Diary

Little Sparkles Sessions:	Tuesday's 10.00–11.15am £2 cost
Meet the Teacher session:	Wednesday 20 th September 10.00–11.00 am and 2.00–3.00pm
Bonfire Craft Stay and Play Session	Wednesday 18 th October 10.00–11.00 am and 2.00–3.00pm
October Half term:	Monday 23 rd – 27 th October inclusive
Christmas activities/celebrations	dates/activities to be confirmed

Meet the Teachers dates above. Please pop in to one of the sessions and come along to meet your child's teacher and key-workers! We are looking forward to meeting you and will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have!

Polite Reminder Please make sure that you drop off and pick up your child at the correct session times. Disruption to your child's learning day can cause them upset and also means they could miss valuable learning time! Thank you for your cooperation!

Nursery Clothing notice

Please can you make sure that your child is sent in to nursery in suitable clothing that complements our ever-changing Great British weather! Please also ensure that you use sun-cream on your child before their session if needed and send this is with them, in their bag, so that it can be re-applied. Your child also needs to have a bag with a spare change of clothing kept in nursery at all times. Thank you for your cooperation!



Stoneygate Uniform

It has been lovely to see so many of our children in Stoneygate uniform! We have a range of different items in various sizes, so if you are interested in purchasing any for your little one, then please feel free to pop into the office where there is a range on display or our lovely Office Manager, Janet, will be happy to help you!



T-shirts: £8.25

Sweatshirts: £8.95

Hoodies: £11.50

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Childcare Eligibility Check



Want to help your child get ready for primary school but not sure what you are entitled to? Funded places for children for 2 (and 3-4 year-olds) are available here at Soneygate Nursery.

As the only Lancashire Maintained Nursery School in the Preston area, meaning that we always have a full time qualified teacher on site, you can be sure that your child will receive the best start to their education in an inclusive, friendly and fun learning environment.

2-year-old children who meet the [gov.uk eligibility criteria](https://www.gov.uk/eligibility-criteria) are entitled to an early learning and childcare place up to 15 hours per week (570 hours per year). Scan the QR code below to take a look at the short video below to find out a little more information by; just scan the QR code for a direct link.



September 2024 Primary School admissions

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024? If so, please remember to apply online for a place (link below). The deadline is a while off yet – 15th January 2024 – but you may wish to start exploring the options that you have for your child.

<https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/education/da/ta/e-admissions/>



Please look out for our letter regarding snack money donations, coming home soon. Payment is now being welcomed for this half term– thank you!



Toilet Training

We have noticed lots of children in nursery indicating to us that they need to use the toilet. Although the thought of potty/toilet training can be daunting for parents, a child showing that they are aware of the sensation to need to use the toilet is a fantastic first step and often the indicator that they are more than ready! Please take a look at the NHS website (QR code above) that shares lots of useful information, tips and a video on how to approach this stage with your child. You can also pop in and chat to our staff with any concerns, questions (or updates!) should you need!



Class Dojo at Stoneygate

We use Class Dojo here at Stoneygate as a way to communicate with you at home. Class Dojo is a great platform that we can use in partnership to share information about your child. The app can be used to receive/send information and share photographs and achievements of your child. Easily accessible, the app can be downloaded free to your smart phone/tablet or can be accessed via the internet. Please check your emails for further information about how to set this up. If you have any problems, need new log-in details, or need help setting this up, please just ask us!