

# Stoneygate Nursery School



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Autumn Newsletter 3

**Welcome back to all our families** after the half term break; we hope you all managed to enjoy some time together on the few nice days that we had! This term is always a really busy one at nursery, with lots of celebrations crammed in along the way! Please take the time to look at the dates below to make sure you don't miss out on anything important...

## Dates for the Diary

Little Sparkles Sessions:	Tuesday's 10.00–11.15am £2 cost
Bonfire Craft Stay and Play Session	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 10.00–11.00 am and 2.00–3.00pm
School Book Fair:	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Fair	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (more details to follow!)
School closes for Christmas holidays:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 3.30pm
School reopens for Spring term:	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 8.30am
Parent's Meetings:	January, date to be confirmed

## The Book Fair is coming to Stoneygate!



We are really excited to be hosting a visit from the Scholastic Book Fair here in nursery! The Book Fair will arrive on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and will be staying with us until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. There will be lots of lovely books for you to explore and with special prices, perhaps make some early Christmas purchases! Do please pop in with (or without!) your child and take a look.



We are also holding a special competition too... we have 5 x £5 vouchers to be won to spend on a book at the fair! You can enter our competition in one of two ways...

1: Upload a video/picture to DOJO (or email in to nursery) of your child reading or enjoying a story book. The picture/video can be of just them, or of them with a family member– as long as they are sharing their love for a book, we don't mind!

2: Your child can draw a picture of their favourite story book or character and bring it in to nursery!

Please submit/hand in all entries by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November– good luck!



## Stoneygate Uniform

Our uniform is proving to be very popular at the moment and is lovely to see so many of our children wearing it!

We still 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 you can ask to take a look... the hoodies are perfect for the winter weather that is definitely around the corner!



T-shirts: £8.25

Sweatshirts: £8.95

Hoodies: £11.50

## Polite reminder...

Please can you do your best to ensure that your child is dropped off and collected at the correct time for their nursery sessions; being late can cause unrest for your child and also puts added stress on our wonderful staff who are busy teaching too! Thank you for your cooperation with this!

Morning sessions 8.30/9 – 11.30

Lunch session 11.30 – 12.30

Afternoon session 12.30 – 3.30



## Introducing... Bertha the Book Barrow



We will soon be welcoming a new member into our Jewels pre-school room... Bertha the Book Barrow! Bertha will be filled with books for you and your child to choose from which you can then take home to share. Because Bertha is on wheels, she will be using her travelling skills to manoeuvre around the different classroom areas to try and catch your attention. Make sure you look out for her appearing soon! Rumour has it, she may roll in next week...

Emma, our Jewels teacher, will be uploading a video to Dojo soon, with more information on the beautiful Bertha....

## Our Home Corners Need You!

- We are hoping to add to our resources in our Home Corners! If you have any:
  - old, small electricals we can cut the cords off, pictures, frames, old phones, clothes, hats, shoes for dressing up, glasses, kitchen utensils, old jewellery, old empty make up containers and brushes, hair brushes and anything interesting to make our home corner look more homely, we would be very grateful! You may even get invited into it for a lovely cup of (fake) tea!
- Thank you in advance!

## Wonderful words to help us grow!

Communication and language is one of the most important building blocks for all areas of a child's development. If communication and language is not developed early, it's difficult to achieve later. Words help your child to make sense of the world around them. Children's speech develops from babble, to words, to simple sentences through hundreds of hours of interactions with adults. Studies show that once babies begin to understand words their vocabulary increases quickly:

- by age 1, children recognise about 50 words
- by age 3, children recognise about 1,000 words
- by age 5, children recognise about 10,000 words

As well as all the work we do in nursery, you can help your child extend their vocabulary too! By encouraging your child and modelling the use of simple words for everyday objects, such as 'apple', 'chair' or 'coat', your child will find life, and learning, that much easier! If you would like any further advice or tips, please pop in and speak to a member of the Stoneygate Team.