

Stoneygate Nursery School



January 2024

Spring Newsletter 1

A big welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you all had a well-deserved rest and managed to spend some time catching up with your families and friends over the Christmas break. Spring Term always flies by and this one will be no exception we are sure!

Dates for the Diary

Little Sparkles Playgroup Sessions:	Tuesday's 10.00–11.15am – £2 per family
Valentine's Stay and Play session:	Tuesday 6 th Feb 10–11am and 2–3pm – all welcome to a session!
Parent's Meetings:	to be held this half term... updates on Class DOJO to follow
Nursery closes for half term:	Friday 9 th February 3.30pm
Nursery reopens:	Monday 19 th February 8.30am

Winter Clothing

Please make sure that your child is sent into nursery with suitable, warm clothing. Even though the temperatures are low, we will still be venturing outside to play and learn, so warm coats, gloves, hats, scarves and footwear is a must! Thank you!

We also have Stoneygate sweatshirts and hoodies that can be purchased from Janet in the school office. We currently have stock in a range of sizes, so feel free to pop in and take a look!



Sweatshirts = £8.95

Hoodies = £11.50



Christmas Fair SUCCESS

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped support our Christmas Fair either by sending in donations, turning up on the day, organizing or helping to run the event itself. It was another huge success and along with helping get us into the festive spirit, we managed to raise over £600! Amazing! Funds raised will help towards purchasing some new resources for our children – thank you once again!

School Places deadline 2023



Is your child due to start primary school in September? If so, you need to make sure you have applied for a school place by January 15th 2024. Applying is straight forward, (click on the link below), however if you need to talk to anyone or need a little advice, then please feel free to pop in or call us up!

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

Packed Lunches...Just a reminder... we do not have the facilities to store your child's packed lunch in the fridge and therefore advise that you use an ice pack to keep your child's lunch both safe and cool!

Thank you!

Winter Bugs!

With the drop in temperature, illnesses are more common. At Stoneygate, we understand that it can be tricky for you as parents deciding whether or not to keep your child off nursery when they're unwell and knowing which advice to listen to can be quite confusing at times!

The government guidelines for schools and nurseries are outlined clearly on the NHS website and there to help make your life a little easier when dealing with an unwell child. Please visit the link/scan the code below to be taken directly to the advice.



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is too ill for nursery and you do decide to keep your child at home, please remember to call us prior to their session and let us know that they will be absent that day and the reason why.

Thank you for your cooperation and here's to a healthy Winter!

LOOK WHAT WE
ARE LEARNING!

Little Gems Class

Our Little Gems will be exploring the adventures of Spot the Dog and learning to join in with the popular nursery rhyme 'Wheels on the Bus'.

In the classroom, there are lots of Winter themed activities and provision set up for the children to enjoy exploring too! Brrrrrr!



Jewels Class

You might not recognise your child if they are in the Jewels classroom as they have all been busy turning into Scientists! 'Ice' is the learning theme for the next few weeks and the children have loved conducting science experiments with water; watching it change into ice upon freezing and then revert back to water whilst melting. Lots of ice related activities and provision is also available for the children to explore, along with snow themed stories being explored in Carpet Time sessions. Why not try making some fun ice cubes at home? You could add objects, fruits or food colouring, then watch the magic happen as they melt!



Friendly reminder! Please can we remind you that we do not allow mobile phones to be used on the school site in areas where children are present. This includes, but is not limited to, the classroom areas and playground during drop off and pick up times. We hope you understand that this is part of our safeguarding approach and that it is within our duty of care to keep all of the children in our care, safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Newsletters are available on our school website: www.stoneygate-nursery.co.uk

Advance Notices! We are saying farewell to our school mobile as of February 8th. If you need to contact nursery, please use our main telephone number – 01772 257865, send us an email (see below) or send us a message via the Class DoJo app. Thank you!

We are currently in the process of introducing the Parent Pay system into nursery. Parent Pay is a cashless system that we can use to take payments and send out forms for completion on. Please keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks for your email or letter of invitation, which will include all your account information. Thanks!



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