

Stoneygate Nursery School



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Spring Newsletter 2

Where is January going? The weeks seem to be flying by in nursery and it will be half-term before we know it. Not only have we been busy taking part in lots of fun activities in the classrooms, but we have also been welcoming lots of new faces into our Stoneygate family too – wonderful!

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:	Please see Class Dojo for further information
Nursery closes for half term:	Friday 9 th February 3.30pm
Nursery reopens:	Monday 19 th February 8.30am
SEND Coffee morning:	More information to follow

Bertha the Book Barrow

Thank you to all of the parents who have been using our Bertha! Lots of lovely books have been chosen by you and your child/children to take home and enjoy which is exactly what Bertha wants you to do! Please remember to bring your book back once you have finished with it and take a new one home with you to enjoy!



Parents Meetings

Thank you to all of those parents that have managed to book in/attend a Parent's Meeting with the Class Teacher/Room Leader. We understand that finding the time can be difficult, but these are really valuable in terms of receiving an update on your child's development and progress. The meetings also provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. If you still need to book an appointment or would like a different time/day, please just contact us and we will do our very best to accommodate you!

Class Dojo



We use Class Dojo app here at Stoneygate as the main way to communicate with you and share your child's learning. It is also used to send out reminders/information about nursery and has the facility for you to message us directly too. Easily accessible, the app can be downloaded free to your smart phone/tablet or can be accessed via the internet. If you don't yet have Class Dojo, or need any further information or help with setting it up, then please just ask and we will be happy to help.

Forest school

You may have noticed that a little bit of work has started on improving our Forest School area at Stoneygate. Although still in the very early stages, you may have spotted our new Mud Kitchen, Bird Lookout and Willow Dome appearing. A new tree swing will be spotted soon too!

Forest School sessions benefit children (and grown-ups!) in so many different ways; they support play, exploration and supported risk taking whilst developing confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

If you have any old pots, pans or resources that you think might compliment our outdoor space, then please send them in! Equally if you are a keen gardener and would like to lend a hand, then please let us know!

LOOK WHAT WE
ARE LEARNING!

Little Gems Class

Little Gems are still exploring the adventures of Spot the Dog and becoming really good at learning the words to the nursery rhyme 'Wheels on the Bus.

In the classroom, lots of Winter activities are being enjoyed such as exploring the sensory snow and glitter sand, fishing the animals out of the water and painting Winter scenes.

The Talk Box is also full of winter resources such as gloves and hats, for the children to enjoy talking about.

Jewels Class

In the Jewels classroom, the children have been learning lots of facts about penguins! How they swim, what they eat, where they live and why they can't fly very well are just some of the things they are now experts at knowing – why don't you ask them to tell you all about them?

In Maths this week, lots of hard work has been going into exploring the relationship between the numbers 0-3 and 0-5 and developing the understanding that 0 has no value.

Next week the children will be celebrating Chinese New Year, with lots of fun activities planned for in class. The children will then be getting ready to explore the meaning of Valentine's Day and helping prepare lots of lovely crafts ready for their Valentine's Stay and Play sessions.

Parent Pay

We are now up and running with our new online Parent Pay system in nursery. A big thank you to all those parents who have successfully signed up – extra thanks to those who have managed to use it! We have had lots of positive feedback about the system which should make payments easier to make. If you haven't signed up already please do so! If you have any problems accessing your account or questions about the system, please pop in and ask us!

Advance Notice:

We are updating both our data collection forms and photograph consent forms in nursery. Please look out for these coming home with your child/children soon. We would appreciate these being filled out and returned to us at your earliest convenience so that we can update all our records. Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome! We have a new Welfare Assistant that has joined our Stoneygate Team. Sara started with us at the beginning of the year and has settled in really well! She is enjoying helping the children over the lunchtime session and has made lots of little new friends already!

The UKHSA are urging parents to follow these 5 simple steps to protect your children and communities, amid the rising levels of winter illness this year. Scan this code to be taken directly to the link:



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