

Stoneygate Nursery School

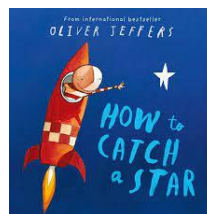


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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... well, it will be doing very soon! Behind the scenes at Stoneygate, our fantastic staff are in the full-swing of preparing for all of our planned Christmas activities, and our decorations around Nursery will be going up very soon! Meanwhile, life in the classrooms continues to be very busy and lots of fun! This week our Little Gems are enjoying exploring Michael Rosen's 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' whilst our Jewels are reading 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. Both of these stories are linked underneath – why not scan, watch and share with your children?

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury

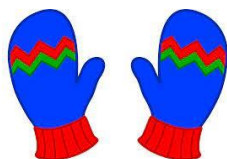


Dates for the Diary

Little Sparkles Sessions:	Tuesday's 10.00–11.15am
Christmas party day:	Wednesday 7 th December (please note the date change!)
National Christmas Jumper Day:	Thursday 8 th December (wear your Christmas jumper/clothes)
Christmas Fair:	Wednesday 14 th December 8.45am & 12.45pm (please note new date!)
Christmas holidays:	Wednesday 21 st December 3.30pm
Spring Term begins:	Monday 9 th January 2023

A friendly Reminder...

Now that the weather has become much colder, please ensure that your child is sent into nursery in suitable clothing. Warm coats and shoes/boots, hats, scarfs and gloves should do the trick! Thank you!



Christmas Calendars



Our personalized Christmas Calendars are proving to be very popular (we are not surprised... have you seen them!?), but don't worry... we are still taking orders! If you would like to pop into to see your child's calendar or place an order for a copy, then please pop into the office to see Michelle. The calendars are on sale for £2.50 each and we think you will agree, are well worth the pennies!



Stoneygate Christmas Fair!



Our Christmas Fair will be held on December 14th, here in nursery. We are opening our doors up to the festivities at both 8.45am and 12.45pm, with entrance tickets costing £1 on the day, or only 50p if you purchase from the Office beforehand (available from next week!). We have lots of fantastic activities planned, promising fun for all the family! Here are just some of the FESTIVE EVENTS that we will be hosting:

Photo Booth

Santa's Grotto

Chocolate Tombola

Cake Sale

Face Painting

Bauble making

Craft Activities

Carol Singing

Bric-a-Brac Stall

We are kindly asking for donations in support of our Christmas Fair. We would particularly welcome donations for our chocolate tombola, bric-a-brac stall (the perfect excuse for a pre-Christmas clear out!) and cake donations for our cake sale. All proceeds made from the Christmas Fair will be ploughed straight back into nursery and benefit all of our children. Thank you in advance for any festive contributions!



Scan this QR code to access the first Walk and Talk activity – At the Shops. Have fun!

Walk and Talk is a fantastic, new, year-long initiative, designed by Lancashire County Council, to inspire families to go outside and communicate more, in order to help contribute towards improving your child's communication skills.

At Stoneygate, we champion the importance of communication and language, and think this new initiative is great! We all know that by simply talking to young children during everyday activities, we can help them learn vital communication skills such as **listening**, **attention**, **turn taking in conversation** and, best of all, the learning of **new and exciting words!**

Being outside is so good for children's wellbeing as well as your own too, and we are so lucky here in Lancashire to have lots of beautiful places to walk and talk. Things you might wish to talk about whilst out and about include:

- listening and describing the traffic as you drop children off to school – what sound do they make?
- looking at the ducks in the pond at your local park – what do their feet look like?

Each month, a new Walk and Talk activity will be added on to our newsletter, alongside a Top Tip that you may wish to try. Scan the QR code above for the first activity 'At the Shops'. Let us know if you try any of the suggested activities and we will celebrate this with the children! The activity cards are also available in Bengali, Gujarati, Urdu, Polish and Ukranian; just let us know if you would like a copy (these will also be available in our entrance from next week!).

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