Stoneygate Nursery School





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Autumn Term Newsletter 3

Welcome back

after the half-term break; we hope all of our families enjoyed the week and managed to get some rest! This is always a busy half-term so please make sure that you take note of any diary dates; these will be added to as the term goes on. We will also send out any important dates via our Class Dojo app too.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th November	Bonfire Stay and Play session	10.00-11.00am or 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 18th November	SEND Parent drop in advice service at Stoneygate Nursery	9.30-11.30
Wednesday 9th December	Stoneygate Christmas Performances and fair	9.30-11am and 1.30pm-3pm
Thursday 10th December	National Christmas Jumper Day – feel free to wear one!	All day
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas Break	11.30am
Monday 4th January	School reopens for Spring Term	8.30am

Bonfire Stay and Play

Thank you to all the parents who managed to join us for our Bonfire Stay and Play session this morning! Remember there is another session this afternoon at 2pm! I am sure you will agree that there were lots of wonderful activities available and we hope you enjoyed exploring these with your child/children.

A special thank you to all our Stoneygate staff who always work extra hard to make these events a fun experience for all!





Parent Governor Vacancies

Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor at Stoneygate Nursery School?

Do you think you could make a difference? Would you like to be part of our Governing Board and help contribute to the continuous improvement of our nursery school?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Board here at Stoneygate Nursery School. If you would like some more information about what the role of being a school Governor entails, then please scan the three codes below for more details, or alternatively, pop in to school for further information!

Please visit our school website: www.stoneygate-nursery.co.uk

Let's talk about...bedtime routines



Establishing a consistent, predictable bedtime routine helps young children wind down, feel secure, and fall asleep more easily. As your child grows, their sleep habits will most likely change... a lot! Just when you think you've cracked it, they start waking up every two hours or refuse to sleep at all. No matter what your routine looks like at the moment, there are some things you can try to bring a bit more 'calm' to this time of the day...

1. Start 30 to 45 minutes before sleep: Give a gentle warning 30 minutes ahead so the transition isn't an abrupt surprise.

2. Turn off all screens: Switch off tablets, TVs, and phones at least 30 to 60 minutes before bed to protect natural melatonin production.

3. Dim the lights: Lower household lighting in the evening to signal to your child's body clock that it is time to sleep.

4. Calming hygiene steps: Brush teeth, use the toilet or change into a fresh nappy/pyjamas.

5. Quiet wind-down activity: Read a short story, look at a picture book, do a simple puzzle, or listen to soft music.

6. Connection and sleep cue: Share a final hug, kiss, and use the exact same short goodnight phrase every single night.

We hope these tips might help! There is also lots of information available online; BBC Tiny Happy People have some great advice: https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/z7cw2fr .

School Places 2027

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2027 is 15th January 2025.

Apply now at:

It is the parent's responsibility to apply for primary school places. Where possible, take the time to visit a few schools before deciding upon the one that is most suited to you and your child; If you need any advice, please do pop in and ask a member of staff. School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis and all applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority. If you do miss the application deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

Bertha the Book Barrow

Keep a look out for Bertha the Book Barrow appearing in our playground area soon! Bertha will be full of reading books for you to enjoy.

Our Class Teacher, Emma, has uploaded a video onto Class Dojo that explains how you can use Bertha to enjoy reading with your child at home. We hope you have lots of fun sharing the books together!



Here is Bertha enjoying some fresh air whilst she waits for you to come and choose your first book to take home!