

Stoneygate Nursery School



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Spring Newsletter 1

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

Dates for the Diary

Little Sparkles Sessions:	Tuesday's 10.00–11.15am
Valentine's Stay and Play session:	Wednesday 8 th February 10–11am and 2–3pm
Half Term holiday closure:	Friday 10 th February 3.30pm
Nursery reopens:	Monday 20 th February

Stoneygate Uniform

Our Stoneygate logo t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies are available to purchase from the school office. We currently have stock in a range of sizes, so feel free to pop in and take a look!



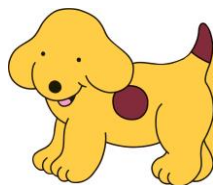
T-shirts: £8.25 Sweatshirts: £8.95 Hoodies:
£11.50



Christmas Fair SUCCESS

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped support our Christmas Fair; either by sending in donations or by turning up on the day. I am sure you would agree that we had a fantastic day and it definitely helped us all get in to the 'Festive Spirit'. We were amazed to find out that we had raised over £600 on the day, which is absolutely fantastic! The monies raised will go towards helping provide new resources and learning experiences for our Stoneygate children. Thank you once again to you all- it wouldn't have been possible without our families' support and our hard-working staff!

Story Corner For the next few weeks our Little Gems will be exploring the adventures of Spot the Dog and learning to join in with the nursery rhyme 'Wheels on the Bus'. In Jewels classroom this week, the children are reading the traditional tale of The Gingerbread Man and will be singing along to 5 Little Ducks and 5 Little Speckled Frogs. Why not scan the codes below to watch the stories with your child?



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. 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/>



Our new Walk and Talk activity 'At the Park' is here! Scan the QR code below to be taken directly to the activity card; you might even recognise the location of this activity!

At the park...listen to the sounds you can hear. Is there a bird chirping, the rustle of wind through the trees? Look around at your surroundings and point to things you can see. Is there a squirrel in the trees or any flowers in bloom? Encourage your child to try new ways of moving and talk about the actions they make such as jumping, stomping, sliding, rolling and twirling.

You could also download the bingo at the park activity for some additional fun too!

Remember, all the activity cards are available in Bengali, Gujarati, Urdu, Polish and Ukranian; let us know if you would like a copy!



[At the Park activity card](#)



[At the Park bingo activity](#)

We need your help! We are collecting cardboard waste for our junk modelling areas! Please send in any empty cardboard boxes e.g. cereal boxes, egg cartons to help us in building our amazing masterpieces!



Funded nursery places

From the term after your child turns two, you might be able to claim 15 hours a week early education and childcare up to a maximum of 570 hours per year, funded by the government. This will depend on your household and income or if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Attending sessions at a nursery, playgroup or childminder, can help your child:

- Make new friends and build their confidence
- Improve their speaking and listening skills
- Learn and develop through play
- Get ready for starting school



From the term after your child's third birthday, they can have up to 15 hours a week at a local nursery or with a childminder funded by the government.

You may be able to get up to [30 hours a week](#) of funded early education if you meet the eligibility criteria.

If you think that your child could be entitled to any of these hours, or know of anyone who you think could be, then please pass this on, give us a call, or, better still...come and visit us!

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