

# Stoneygate Nursery School



November 2022

Autumn Newsletter 4

**What a spooky start** to the new half-term we have had this week! The children have loved exploring the fantastic activities on offer in their classrooms this week and have hopefully told you all about them! Making play-doh pumpkins, potato-printing ghosts, brewing Witch's potions and clawing through spooky spider-spaghetti have been just some of the things they have been up to this week...



## Dates for the Diary

Little Sparkles Sessions:	Tuesday's 10.00-11.15am
Christmas Fair:	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (more details to follow!)
National Christmas Jumper Day:	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas party day:	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas holidays:	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 3.30pm
Spring Term begins:	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023



**Christmas Calendars...** This year we will be selling personalised 2023 calendars – featuring your child! Watch this space for an example calendar appearing on Class Dojo soon. Calendars will be on sale for £2.50 each ( they would make a great Christmas present!) and order forms will be available from early December.

Newsletters are also available on our school website: [www.stoneygate-nursery.co.uk](http://www.stoneygate-nursery.co.uk)



## Punctuality and Attendance

There is a clear link between good attendance and how well a child achieves in both their academic learning and their social development.

Here at Stoneygate Nursery, we promote good attendance and aim for all children to achieve at least 90% attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 85%, then we will contact you to ascertain if there is a problem or a need for support that we can help with.

Attendance and punctuality is recorded daily, tracked and monitored and it is evident that those children who will a high level of attendance do make better progress here at nursery. Children who do not attend regularly, find it much more difficult to sustain friendships with their peers and have gaps in their learning.

Whilst we do appreciate that there will be occasions where it is not possible for your child to be attend nursery (illness/ appointment), please can we ask that you endeavor to ensure that your child is here, on time, so that they are ready to learn and grow with their friends!

### Once Upon a Time...



We are really focusing on developing and fostering a love for books and reading amongst our children. In class we're doing lots of reading activities and enjoy listening to, discussing, and acting out lots of the books that we explore.

As well as reading at home with your child, you could try listening to a story together to add a little variety. The CBeebies website/ app is a great place to start and offers a new Bedtime story for you to listen to each evening. Why not give it a try tonight? Clcik on the link below or download the free app to your smart device.

[BBC iPlayer - CBeebies Bedtime Stories](#)

### Home Library

Just a little reminder about reading and returning your reading books! These are sent home every week with your child in their 'Book Bag' for you to share and enjoy!



**Thank you** to all those who came to our Crafty Stay and Play last week– what a great turnout! Thank you to the staff for all their hard work and preparation too!

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