

Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School

Newsletter - April 1st 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we look around, we can finally see the signs of Spring. In our very busy worlds, it is all too easy to rush past those signs- forgetting the amazing creation that we live in. Please, over the coming weeks, encourage your children to stop and look at the buds growing, the signs of new life and to marvel at God's creation. In Collective Worship, we have been talking about new beginnings, finding things that are lost and the importance of bringing God into our lives.

Collective Worship

Our Children's Collective Worship Team are very confident in guiding both staff, and visitors, through our daily service. We have now added a new dimension to their role. Our team will now also be offering ideas and thoughts on the best bits, and the things to improve on, for each Collective Worship. In this way, we hope that the children will have a voice and the adults can ensure that Collective Worship continues to be a positive and integral part of our school day. Whilst talking to the children today, many children have commented about how they like to have Collective Worship as a moment to reflect and consider their learning and their day.

Let's Get Active - Easter 2022 Quay Theatre

A Partnership between The Quay Theatre, Suffolk County Council, and Babergh DC, this Activities Club for 8-12 year olds runs for 4 days from Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd April 2022 in the Easter break, and will be run by The Quay but based in the Scout Hall on Quay Lane. This club is *free* to children within the 8-12 age group who are in receipt of **Free School Meals**. Each day will be timetabled around creative and theatrical workshops based on an Easter theme and will include an hour's physical activity and a free lunch meal. The capacity is limited to 20 children with 3 supervisors along with external supervisors for physical activities.

Competitions

Well done to all of the Children who have so far entered the School Council Easter plate competition - you have until next Friday to get your entries in and the winners will be picked ready for Fridays Celebration Collective Worship. Don't forget there are surprise prizes to be won.

Well done to all of the children who entered the library monitors KS2 competition to create a book cover and write a blurb the winners are Jolie, Harrison and Bella. They have all received a book.

The Junior Road Safety Officers have created a Quiz about Road safety and would really like more KS2 children to enter their answer ready for the winners to be named next week. Please encourage your child to ask for a Quiz sheet if they have lost theirs.

GoRead

Feedback from parents evening is that some parents are struggling with using the Go Read app to log books. The following link shows their guidance <https://goapps.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/resources/go-read+parent+app+guide.pdf> . However, there will be a short ten minute session on Tuesday 5th April at 9.05 and then it will be repeated at 3.15 for any parents who would like a quick tour of the app and how best to use it with your child. Please note that if you are adding books that your children are reading for pleasure then they need to be identified as Home books please. Thank you

Reading with your Child

We know that reading with your child can be difficult to fit in but it benefits them hugely. If your child is very tired or struggling then you reading to them is also beneficial. In todays fast paced technological world taking the time out to read is so very important. When you are reading with your child please ask them questions about the book, the title and the content. Also encourage them to predict what may happen next. We will be providing a parent question sheet to support this next week. In the meantime please encourage your child to read as much as possible. It is important for all of our children not just the younger ones.

Pirate Writing WOW Day - Monday 4th April

A reminder to all parents and carers that our Pirate Writing Day is taking place on Monday 4th April. If any more parents are able to volunteer to come to the Recreation Ground with us, please let the Office know as soon as possible - we won't be expecting you to dress up!

Easter Garden Plates

Thank you to everyone who has already brought in their Easter Garden plate for the competition next week. Our School Council have worked hard putting everything together - if any more children have submissions, they are being accepted next week for judging on the 8th April. There will be some amazing prizes available so please make sure they come to the school!

Church Service

Reminder - Parents are welcome to join us for our Easter Service in the church at 2pm on Wednesday next week. We hope to see you all there.

Working Memory Games

Working memory games enhance and develop the neural pathways in your child's brain. These games and activities require them to stop, focus, think, plan and remember, and these are all great skills that we all need to use every single day. We would encourage you to try to play these games with your children to support their memory development.

1. Pairs - Just a normal set of playing cards work for this game - lay them all out face down and try to match the pairs as you go

2. Picture bingo - you can either buy these games or make your own
3. Kim's Game or What's missing? - Get a selection of objects and let your child look at them for one minute, get them to look away and remove an object can they work out which object is missing? Start with just 4 or 5 objects and work up to 15
4. I went shopping ... this is a good one to play in the car! The first player starts the game by saying, "I went shopping and bought a _____," identifying an item they would buy. The second player continues, "I went shopping and bought a (names the first player's item) and a _____ (adding a new item to the list)." Players continue taking turns to remember the items purchased in order as the list gets longer and longer. The winner is the last person who can correctly name all of the items in sequence.
5. The Magic Cup Game - Place three identical, plastic cups in a line on the table, rim down. Place a pom pom or small rubber ball under one cup, allowing your child to see which cup the pom pom/ball is under. Shuffle the cups around by sliding them across the table, switching their positions quickly back and forth and all around. Once you have stopped moving the cups ask your child to identify which cup the ball is now under.

There are many other brain games that will support your child's memory development

Gold Book Awards

The children who were awarded last week's Gold Book awards were:

- *Saplings* - Lily C.
- *Chestnut* - Lola-Rose
- *Oak* - Michael & the whole class

Congratulations to all the children who worked so hard and persevered with their learning.

Diary Dates

- **4th April**- Pirate themed Writing Wow Day
- **6th April** - 2pm Easter Church Service
- **5th-8th April** - Easter Gardens submitted to school
- **8th April - 25th April** - Easter Half Term

Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells

Head of School

Mr Andrew Frolish

Executive Headteacher

Courage	Respect	Peace	Justice	Creativity	Thankfulness	Perseverance	Trust	Compassion	Friendship	Hope	Truthfulness	Curiosity	Generosity	Service	Humility
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