

Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School

Newsletter - 4th February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been a challenging few weeks, we would like to thank both parents and children for their flexibility and understanding. We are glad to hear that very few of our children felt seriously unwell during their isolation periods and it has been lovely to see them back in school. We anticipate that, by Monday, all staff and the majority of children will have returned to school and we will be able to offer the children a more normal view of school. Well done to all of the children who undertook home learning tasks - you really worked hard.

Children's University & After School Club

All spaces in the after school club have now been allocated and parents/carers of the children on the register should have received an email informing them of this. If there are any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school about it. We look forward to starting this new club and hope all the children are excited too!

If your child did not manage to get a space in the Children's University club, this does not exclude them from joining the Children's University itself. They are still able to do the activities at home and have them signed off in their passports either by sending in photos to Children's University directly, or asking class teachers to sign them off in the passport. The Children's University is fun for all and a great way to help your children focus during holidays.

Children's Mental Health Week

From the 7th to the 13th of February, it is Children's Mental Health week. As our families are all too aware, the last two years have been incredibly hard on all of the children and the wellbeing of our pupils, as well as families, is always something we have highly prioritised. This year's theme is "**Growing Together**". This looks at our emotional growth, and how it can be slow going but we can all help one another reach out of our comfort zones. For more resources or to read about the initiative, please click on the link below.

[Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week](#)

Clubs

All after school clubs will re-commence next week. Some of our clubs can be used as hours towards Children's University awards. We look forward to seeing the children back in school and enjoying their extra-curricular activities. If your child has decided that there is a new club they would like to join, please talk to the Office to see if there are spaces - if not, we will add them to the waiting list for when a space becomes available. Our children are very lucky to have so many club opportunities that are currently free.

Toddler Group

Plans for our toddler group are now moving forward and we hope to open after half term. If you would like to help or know of someone locally (possibly someone retired) who might like to help, then please get in touch with Mrs McGrath-Wells or Sally Fox.

COVID Restrictions

On advice from Suffolk Covid support line, we are now considered a Level One school. This means we will be removing our bubbles as of Monday. As our playground is so large we have also decided to make masks for parents optional. We would however like you to continue to use the one way system into and out of school. We would like to thank you for your support during these challenging times.

Support Your Child at Home

As part of our revised curriculum offer on our website (more news on that next week) we have also created a padlet of websites designed to support your child at home. The link to the padlet can be found here, on our website: <http://www.stokebynaylandprimaryschool.org.uk/overview>

If you are missing any passwords for Mathletics or TT Rockstars, please just ask at the Office and they will be able to arrange for them to be sent home.

Go Read

Thank you to all parents who have already signed up to Go Read, we hope that you are finding it easy to use. If you have any questions, please do ask.

The Ink Bin

If any of our parents or carers have any old ink cartridges, please do not throw them away. Instead, bring them to the school and use the The Ink Bin in front of the Office window. This enables old ink cartridges to be recycled and is a small, but effective, way of being more conscious about our plastic use and ensuring that we do our part in recycling or refilling old ink cartridges. Thank you!

Diary Dates

- **8th February**- 3:45pm, phonics session for anyone unable to attend the first meeting
- **9th February** - Children's University after school club starting
- **15th February**- Tractors into Schools, Boxford Farm tractors visiting
- **17th February**- School Celebration for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- **18th February**- Bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- **21st - 25th February**- Half term
- **1st March**- 3:45pm, meeting for Year 6 pupils & parents/carers regarding SATS

Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells - *Head of School*

Mr Andrew Frolish - *Executive Headteacher*

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