



# STOKE-BY-NAYLAND C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

### **A warm welcome back**

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas break - it has been lovely hearing about what the children got up to over the holidays and what they got for Christmas. All of the staff would like to thank you for your kind gifts and cards. I would like to apologise that I have not seen as many parents/carers as I would have liked this week, but I have hurt my back and am struggling to walk at the moment, so hopefully I will be able to see those of you who I have missed next week.

### **Class Name Change**

As Silver Birch class and Maple class are now going to be together for the whole day, the children have decided upon a new name. Children in Years 2,3 and 4 will now be called Chestnut Class.

### **New topic**

The term has started well with the new whole school topic of 'Traditional tales'. Miraiker's World of Puppets came into school on Tuesday to perform puppet shows which really enthralled the children. The younger children watched Goldilocks and the Three Bears and then completed a workshop. Years 5 and 6 watched George and the Dragon and then completed a puppet workshop and re-enacted their own stories. It was a very enjoyable and creative day for all the children, which was funded by money raised by the Friends of School.

As part of this topic there will be a DT focus - children in Saplings class will be designing and making houses, Chestnut Class are going to be designing a tower for Rapunzel and Oak class are going to be designing and making puppets to retell a story from Shakespeare!



### **Trip to see the Ark in Ipswich**

A letter is being sent home today with details of a whole school trip on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to visit the Ark at Orwell Quay in Ipswich. This is a great opportunity to see the world's only floating exhibition of Bible stories.

### **Cornet Lessons**

We are excited to let you know that the children in Years 5 & 6 have started to learn the cornet as part of their music lesson on a Tuesday afternoon. Vince Taber, a brass specialist teacher from Suffolk County Music Service, was impressed with the musical knowledge the children brought to their lesson on Tuesday - confidently talking about ostinato rhythms and what a canon is! The children will also receive a cornet to bring home and practise in the coming weeks as they begin to read music.

### School Shoes

Please make sure that your child/children do wear school shoes to school. We do not want standards of presentation to slip and feel that it is very important for children to wear their school uniform with pride. The children can continue to either wear their school shoes in school and change into trainers if they wish to go on to the field, or they can wear their school shoes outside and bring slippers to wear inside. Thank you for your support with this.

### Forest School

Lots of children have enjoyed their Forest School experiences this week. Saplings continue to have 'Wild Wednesday' with Miss Moore and due to our change in class structure, Miss Moore is now able to offer additional Forest School sessions to other groups of children this term. It is hoped that at some point over the year, all of our children will experience some Forest School sessions.

### Small boxes needed

Miss Moore has made a request for small empty boxes for a DT tower building project that Chestnut class are doing. If you have any spare boxes of shoe box size or smaller, please bring them into school.

### School Clubs

Afterschool clubs re-start next week. We have football and Eco-Club/Greenfingers on Mondays and Premier Sports are running Archery sessions this term.

Please note that Kidzclub will not be running this term until February at the earliest, as another regular leader is needed. If you are interested in becoming a leader, please speak to Rev'd Val on 01206 262814 or Katy Hay on 07729 769439.

### Meeting Times

If you require a meeting with one of our teachers, SENDCo or myself (in addition to our parents evenings), please do feel free to make an appointment. Our door is always open.

### Open Morning

Thank you to all of the parents who came into school on Thursday to see the learning taking place. I hope it was a useful insight into some of the things that go on.

### Spiritual Garden

Thank you very much to Peter Drew and Joe Walker for all their hard work with improving the spiritual garden/quiet area. It is really starting to take shape and the School Council are eager to start thinking about how the area can be organised. We hope to have a grand opening once it is all completely finished.

### Diary dates

| Date  | Event   |
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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                      | Ark visit at Orwell Quay, Ipswich                   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020                    | Football tournament (re-arranged) (Year 5 & 6 boys) |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                      | Boccia competition (Years 5 & 6 mixed)              |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                    | Sportshall Athletics at TGS                         |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                   | Bags to School Collection                           |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                   | Swimming Gala in Hadleigh                           |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                     | PD Day – (Non pupil day)                            |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2020      | Half term holiday                                   |
| Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 | Parents' Evenings                                   |

Best wishes

