



# Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

*Instilling Courage, Creativity, Compassion and Curiosity and always striving to be the best that we can be*

'APPLY YOUR HEART TO DISCIPLINE AND YOUR EARS TO WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE' – PROVERBS 23:12



18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

## Thank you

A big thank you to you all for all of your support and understanding this term. I am very proud that we have managed not to close any of our 'bubbles' and have kept our children in school learning all term.

Despite the many challenges that have arisen this term I am proud of the children and the staff at Stoke By Nayland. I thought I would share my top ten events from this half term (in no particular order):

1. Our online Harvest Service
2. Our fundraising day for 'Wear it Pink or Blue'
3. Breakfast with Santa
4. Being selected to take part in the Co-op Local Community Fund
5. Christmas Craft - all 3 classes made some amazing items and had lots of fun
6. Winning some new sports equipment and a series of PE lessons from Colchester United
7. Whole School Collective Worship for Remembrance Day on the playground
8. Oak Class undertaking Bikeability training
9. Phonics Tots starting sessions in our school hall
10. The after-school clubs that have been so busy and full of life (football, eco club and hand ball)

I look forward to the Spring half term which I am sure will prove to be just as exciting.

## Christmas Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who organised or donated prizes and to all those that purchased and sold tickets. We raised over £450 for Friends of School funds which is absolutely amazing. The winners have now been notified and most of the prizes have already been collected.

## COVID Update

As we come to the end of our first full term during this pandemic I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us by socially distancing on the playground, by supporting our different drop off and collection zones and by ensuring that your children come to school ready for PE on their PE days. Over the school holidays I will be revisiting the Current Risk Assessment and will place an updated version on the website.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

**Mrs Kelly McGrath Wells**  
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