



# STOKE-BY-NAYLAND C.E.V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

### Staffing News

I am delighted to say we have been able to appoint 2 new TA's to join our team. Mrs Hayhow and Mrs Carver will be working mainly in Maple and Silver Birch Classes.

Miss Self is due to return from maternity leave at the end of this term now her son is almost 10 months old. Mrs Roberts will then be leaving us and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the work and support she has given the school since last April, and wish her well with future schools.

Sadly Mrs Tate will also be leaving at the end of this term as she and her family are moving to accommodate her husband's work. Mrs Tate has been at our school in various classes for a few years now and we will miss her. I hope that she may still be available for some supply work from time to time. Mrs Sarah Pilkington will be joining us to work alongside Miss Self. Mrs Pilkington is an experienced teacher and very at home in small family based schools. She will be visiting before the end of term so the children will have a chance to get to know her.

### Gainsborough House

Oak and Silver Birch had an interesting trip to Gainsborough house and a guided tour of the area as part of their work on local history and geography. The guides commented on the excellent behaviour of our children and how knowledgeable they were. The exhibitions in the galleries added an extra dimension to their cultural learning.

### Rowley Wood

We are so lucky to have this resource 'on our doorstep' and great, fun learning has taken place with orienteering and map work...and it has to be said, enjoying getting thoroughly muddy!! It has been good exercise too.



### New Football Kit



Many thanks to the FOS for our new football kits. The team have played at Stratford St Mary and Colchester in a big tournament with schools from Essex.

A high fives netball tournament is coming up soon.

### Mathletics

We are continuing to highlight maths fluency in our school and Mathletics is a key part of this. All children from year 1 upwards have login details and can develop their maths skills at home as well as in school. Please encourage your child to use this website. We have weekly class awards for the most practice!



### Share Mornings

It was good to have parents and grandparents join us for Maple Class' 'Share' morning. The theme was based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and there were a range of maths, science and design activities...and yes...they did involve tasting chocolate!



Silver Birch 'Share' morning was based on maths games to play at home. As I write parents are working with their children.

Inevitably some parents can't make these mornings owing to work commitments, but a lovely inclusive feature of our school is that all children are included and adults temporarily 'adopt' others so that no-one is left out.



Oak class will will have a similar morning after SATS.

### Swimming Gala

Well done to the children in Oak class who took part in the swimming gala. We were up against schools where many children attend the Hadleigh Swimming Club, so it was tough competition. Our children showed great sportsmanship and did their very best for the school-well done!

### Sainsburys Vouchers

If you shop in Sainsburys, please collect and send in your vouchers. We can redeem them for useful school equipment



### Toddler Group

Do you know anyone who may be interested?

**Baby and Toddler Group...**  
**starting Tuesday 23rd February**

**WHERE:**  
Stoke by Nayland Primary School

**WHEN:**  
Tuesday 9:10-11:10

**INTERESTED?**  
CALL 01206 262418  
Or call into the office

**TOYS, TEA, AND A TIME TO CHAT**

Leaflets will be in book bags soon for you to pass on to anyone who may like to come. It is run by Mrs Walker (Lizzie's Mum).

### Tractors to School

Farmer James from Suffolk Agriculture- 'Tractors to School', brought a large tractor into school. He talked to Oak and Silver Birch about farming and crop diversity. This linked to their science work on plants and the environment. Of course everyone wanted to sit in the tractor too!



### And Finally....

#### MAT (Multi-Academy Trusts)

You will shortly be receiving a letter about government plans concerning academy status for all schools. Please take the time to read this letter as it is an important issue for all schools in Suffolk and there will be a meeting for parents to explain more and ascertain parents' views.

*Jane Le Grice*