



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*

11.06.20

**'Apply your heart to discipline and your ears to words of knowledge'
Proverbs 23:12**

Dear Parents and Friends,

School Re-Opening

What a strange few months we have all had! From the 2nd of June, we opened our doors up to more pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and started to establish a new 'normal' with a set of temporary rules. We have special handwashing stations outside where we are all washing our hands regularly with lots of soap and water, and we are also encouraging the children to clean their own toys - which is proving to be a very popular activity! All of our pupils have their own desk and resources and our playground is divided up for the different groups to play in with their own play equipment.

Our children have had collective worship in their groups each day, and each week Oak class have planned and recorded their own collective worship, which the other children in the school have really enjoyed watching virtually and taking part in. Our intention is to start sharing these with you at home. For those of you who are on Facebook, you may have seen last week's collective worship posted on there. I have been conducting a virtual collective worship for everyone on a Friday, so this has been a lovely opportunity to come together as a school, albeit under different circumstances.

Children are learning at a slightly more leisurely pace currently, as we understand that it will take some time to get back up to speed again. Children are having extra breaks and time to talk when they are needed. That said, there is some super learning going on in school. Oak class have been getting creative with a mini pop art project – I wonder if you can recognise a former President in the picture?



Our Keyworker group have been learning about all of the different layers of the ocean and next week they will be finding out what 'plastic pollution' means and all the different ways we can recycle through art and craft. **If you would like to make a donation of any plastic bottles to the school to help us, we would be very grateful.**

Saplings have also started to learn about our beautiful planet for World Ocean Day and have been finding out about recycling. They have also had a lot of fun combining their Maths and PE lessons, learning about positioning and turns, as well as creating board games using ordering and instructions.

We are very excited to be welcoming more of our pupils back next week. Please remember that if you would like to send your child back to school if your child is in Nursery, Year 1 or Year 6 or if you are a Keyworker family or have a child with an EHCP, you will need to let us know by **Wednesday** for them to start the following week.

Returning Cornets

Mrs McGrath-Wells is very sorry to say that the music lessons we had planned for the rest of the term will not be able to go ahead due to the current situation, so for all pupils who took a cornet home, she asks for them to be returned to the school as soon as possible. Please bring them to reception where we will keep a note of who has brought them back to the school.

Year 6 Leavers

Plans are currently underway for a special Year 6 leaver's celebration before the end of the school year, taking into account Government guidelines. Once our plans are firmed up, we will of course let you know.

Marquees for Sale



We currently have 8 white 3x3m waterproof marquees for sale, they are brand new in the box and come with weights. They are £60 new and we are offering them to anyone who may be interested for £40 each. If you would like to purchase one, please ring through to reception first so we can confirm availability and set up a good time for you to pay and pick it up. Thank you!

Diary dates

Date	Event
12th June 2020	Payment & reply slips for leavers' hoodies due

Mrs Sarah Smith

Headteacher