



# 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

**Dear Parents and Friends,**

## **Welcome back!**

We hope everyone has had a wonderful break over the half term. As we come back to school, we are facing new challenges as the country enters a second Lockdown. You will have received an email from us regarding some of the changes we will see in the school. We are sorry to say that our after-school clubs have been cancelled in order to keep our pupils, staff and the people who come to run these clubs safe. Appointments to speak to teachers will be telephone only unless it is an exceptional circumstance. We also ask that parents wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up children if a 2m distance cannot be maintained. We hope we have your support over this period, as we strive to keep our thriving learning environment growing for our pupils.

## **Phonics Lessons**

The wonderful 'Nat in a Hat' is coming to the school every Friday to do phonics catch up sessions with our Year 1 and Year 2 classes. They are kept separate in the Base Camp, with all windows and doors open so both groups can enjoy her fun, interactive, lessons. They had a wonderful time, using their bodies to learn the different letter sounds and playing games to encourage their learning.



## **Co-op Community Cause**

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, the school have been chosen by the Co-op Community Cause to receive funding from its members. This is an exciting opportunity for us, all money raised will go towards crafting an accessible outdoor learning area (by the big chestnut tree) for the most vulnerable members of our village community to come and pass their knowledge along to our pupils. If you are already a Co-op member, we ask that you please choose our cause to support. If not, please find our linked store in Canhams Road, Sudbury, where tokens can be used to vote for us. Please let members of your family know and spread the word! You can find further information here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4df9cfk>

## **Parents' Evening**

Our Parents' Evening week was originally going to be held during the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, but with the current restrictions in place, we have made the decision to instead offer telephone appointments to discuss your child's progress. Each call is allotted roughly 10 minutes, though pupils with EHC/Additional Support Plans will be given a slightly longer allocation. You will be contacted with your time slots in the coming week, but if there any concerns or queries, please contact the school office.

## **Data Collection**

A gentle reminder about the Data Collection sheets, which were given to pupils two weeks before half term, need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. These are important for the school to receive, even if there are no changes to any details we have on file for your child, as it enables us to confirm that we have up to date information. If you have misplaced the sheet, please let the office know and we will provide your child with another copy.

## **Gold Book Awards**

It is our first week back at school and, already, our pupils have had a wonderful week of learning and are working hard. In Saplings Class, Aimee was chosen for the Gold Book, Cerys was chosen in Chestnut Class and Freya was chosen in Oak Class. Well done to all of you, you have been amazing.

## **New Member of Staff**

We are delighted to let you know that a new staff member has joined us at Stoke by Nayland. Mrs Hamilton-Page is an experienced language teacher and will be teaching our pupils French on Fridays. Let us all extend a very warm *bienvenue* to her!

## **Diary dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Photographer – 8:30am (individual & sibling pictures)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Telephone appointments for parents' evening to be held with class teachers – times to be confirmed.
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Breakfast with Santa
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term

**Mrs Sarah Smith**



Headteacher