



# 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,**

## **School Councillors**

We would like to extend a big congratulations to the pupils who have been awarded a position on the school council – Albert, Cerys, Valentina, Byron, Freya and Maisie. We value the opinions of our pupils and feel it is important to give them a say in school matters; our council will be meeting biweekly to discuss matters they have reviewed with their classmates which will be then addressed to the school council with Mrs Hayhow present.

## **Parent appointments**

We are currently looking at the best way to run parents' evening after half term, we will notify you about this as soon as we have made a decision. In the meantime, if you do have any worries or concerns, please make an appointment to speak with the class teacher in the first instance. We are always seeking ways in which we can improve things, so your feedback is very welcome. We want to work in partnership with you and do the very best for our children.

## **Gold book award**

We celebrate the children's learning and achievements each week during Friday's collective worship, this includes children who make it into the Gold Book, children who have achieved Athletics certificates and those that have received awards in French and PE. If your child receives an award or certificate outside of school please do let us know so that we can give recognition to their achievements in school too.

A child from each class is selected to go into the 'Golden Book' for having demonstrating qualities we all aspire to. In Saplings, David worked hard to join in with his friends and was always happy all week. In Chestnut, Barnaby persevered with his learning and was enthusiastic. In Oak, Mia showed a lot of independence. Congratulations to all!

## **Colchester United FITC Prize**

We are so happy to report that our school has won a prize in the Partners School Competition as run by Colchester United's Football in the Community. We have been awarded free PE lessons for our school, which will be taken by Chestnut class after half term, and sports equipment. We are very excited to be given this opportunity and hope our pupils will take a lot of joy from what we have been awarded.



## **Book Fair**

The Book Fair is coming to the school on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. It is being held a little differently this year due to the current restrictions. Once it has arrived, it will remain with us for a week, during which time we will be enacting a schedule so various classes can go and look before and after school. This means children will remain in their bubbles while being able to enjoy viewing the available titles. Books and orders will be collected on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, and payment can be done via phone or using gift vouchers as found on the Book Fairs website (<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>).

There will be hand sanitiser available prior to entering the activity room where the books will be set up and parents who are coming are asked to wear masks. Saplings will be the first class to visit it after school between **3:30** and **3:45**. Mrs Humphries will be supervising it for that afternoon so the office will be shut from 3:30pm.

We are also hoping that some parents may please be able to volunteer their time and help us man the fair during the morning on the following days for each class:

Monday	Chestnut
Tuesday	Oak
Wednesday	Saplings
Thursday	Chestnut
Friday	Oak

Further information will be sent via email closer to the time.

## **Friends of Stoke – Newsletter**

Please find attached to this newsletter one for FOS too. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** and an email will be sent out should you wish to attend.

## **Diary dates**

Date	Event
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Eco club starts</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Book Fair at school</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half term</b>

**Mrs Sarah Smith**



Headteacher



# FRIENDS OF STOKE NEWSLETTER

## FOS Summary...

Friends of Stoke are always looking for new ways to fundraise for our school. Last year, we held the following events:

- ★ A Christmas Fayre with Santa, lots of fun games and a raffle – raising over £700
- ★ Special Mother's day jars made by volunteers and the pupils

As you know, our efforts were limited meaning that we were unable to hold our usual Summer Fayre, yet with what we raised, we still managed to put money towards:

- ★ Swimming lessons for a term
- ★ Subsidising school trips, such as the mobile planetarium and visiting the Ark
- ★ The Y6 Leavers Recollections books
- ★ An annual subscription to First News, a newspaper for children
- ★ Year 6 Leavers BBQ & Disco

We recently had our first committee meeting of the new school year on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September** where we discussed various plans for raising more money for the school. Attending these meetings is not compulsory, however if you should have any ideas for fundraising opportunities or activities we can hold during the school year, please speak to Mrs Robinson (Daisy & Michael's mum) as we are always ready to welcome different voices or opinions. Our next meeting will be taking place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Times will be confirmed closer to the date, so please keep an eye on your emails if you are interested.

## Christmas Events

With Christmas soon approaching, we have decided that we will be holding an outdoor, socially distanced, **Christmas Fete** straight after school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Please look out for further information regarding this.

## Easy Fundraising

To make fundraising even easier, you can find **Friends of Stoke by Nayland Primary School** on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Simply create an account, follow the instructions and you can support us while you shop!

