



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,

Curriculum Maps

Each class teacher has put together a curriculum map for their class, outlining what the children will be learning about this half term, so please check emails for this. They can also be found on the school website on the class pages for your convenience. As we are currently learning all about **Our Amazing Bodies**, our governor Angela Colclough came into our school to teach Chestnut class ways of checking their health and how to take care of themselves. They found their pulse points and felt their heartbeats in their chest.



Premier Sports – Handball

Our after-school sports club, run by Premier Sports, will be handball for this term. The school will be covering the cost of the club this term, but there are limited spaces available, so this will be on a first come first served basis. The first session starts at **3:30pm** on Friday the **18th September**. To book a place, call 01953 499040 or visit the website <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6527-653605/>. All of the necessary precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Harvest and Christmas Celebrations

As the season approaches, the staff have been considering how we can celebrate our Harvest Festival and Christmas production in the current situation and we have decided that our best and safest option is to record this and then share it with parents. More information regarding this will follow.

Friends of Stoke by Nayland Meeting

Friends of Stoke by Nayland will be meeting on the 17th September at 2:30pm to discuss how to organise an open Christmas Market style event safely in open air, practising social distancing. The meeting is open to all and everyone is welcome to attend. We would be grateful for support or any ideas to help raise essential funds for our school at this time.

New Behaviour Policy

Our teaching team worked collaboratively to update our school Behaviour Policy – this can be found on our website under 'Key Information,' so you are aware of the path we are taking in order to encourage and nurture safe learning environments for our children. Our school rules ask that children are 'Ready, Respectful and Safe', so we remind children about following these rules in the first instance, warn them that there will be a consequence if the rules are broken and then issue a consequence if this is necessary. A conversation always follows any consequence, so that we can talk about how things could have been done differently and how things can be 'put right'. Please ask if you have any questions surrounding this, we are grateful of your support.

Home Learning Grids

Home learning grids are given out half termly, and we encourage the children to do as many of the tasks as they can. Each child should have come home with a home learning book on Friday, so that any completed tasks can be added to this. We ask that the books and signed grids are brought back in the last week of the half term so that these can be celebrated in school. These activities can also contribute towards Children's University hours.

Music Lessons

Sarah Whymark (our peripatetic music teacher) has one 20-minute slot free for music classes. She teaches recorder, clarinet or piano so if you would like to know more details or sign your child up for this, please let us know as soon as possible.

Diary dates

Date	Event
Thursday 17th September 2020	Friends of School Meeting @ 2:30pm
Friday 18th September 2020	After-School Handball starts 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Mon & Tues 28th September 2020	Bikeability Years 5 & 6
12th – 15th October 2020	Book Fair at school
Friday 23rd October 2020	Non-pupil day
26th – 30th October 2020	Half term

With best wishes



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Headteacher