



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,

Autumn Term

Since the start of term, the children have been eased back into school life with our 'Recovery Curriculum' here at SBN, which has been sharply focused on supporting the children's well-being, assessing their learning and re-establishing school expectations, rules and routines. As part of this, we have focussed on our '7 Building Blocks for Brilliance' which are designed to help the children to be 'the best that they can be'. Our building blocks promote: *persevering, managing distractions, working independently, working collaboratively, being reflective and empathetic and becoming absorbed in learning.* Today's collective worship was about persevering, so we would like to encourage parents and carers to talk about this at home too please.

Opening the Computer Room

This Wednesday, we opened our brand new Computer Room! This is a project that has been in the planning stages for several months. Mrs McGrath-Wells has had lots of involvement in this, so many thanks go to her. Our previous computer suite was very small and our equipment was in need of an update. It has now been moved into a larger space and we have invested in lots more computers and tablets. If you haven't seen our Facebook page - there is an article about the opening in the Suffolk Free Press this week.



If you haven't yet joined our **Facebook page** – please do, as we use this as a way to communicate different events and news as it happens.

Football Club

Colchester United Football Club is currently running every **Tuesday**, and we still have spaces available. It is open for both girls and boys, from Reception onwards. Children from both bubble groups can attend but they will be kept separate as far as possible. It starts at **3:30pm** and finishes at **4:30pm**. If your child is interested in joining, please let us know as soon as possible. The school will be covering the cost of this from our Sports Premium Grant so there will be no charge for this club.

Premier Sports – Handball

Our after school sports club run by Premier Sports, is handball this term. This club is also offered free of charge, but there are limited spaces available, so this will be on a first come first served basis. Sessions run from **3:30pm** until **4:30pm** every **Friday**. To book a place, call 01953 499040 or visit the website <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6527-653605/> .

Safeguarding Policy

We take safeguarding very seriously at SBN and our school policy has just been updated. This can be found on the website under “Key Information” and then in the “Policies” section. Alternatively click “[Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy](#)” to access it. Mrs Sarah Smith is our Designated Child Protection Officer and Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells is our Deputy Child Protection Officer should you have any concerns. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mr William Akast.



Friends of Stoke by Nayland Meeting

Following our recent Friends of Stoke meeting on the 17th September, we are pleased to say we have agreed that an outdoor, socially distanced, Christmas fete will be able to take place on the **11th December** straight after school. We will make available a copy of the meeting minutes, and our next FOS meeting will be held on the **5th November**.

Saplings Class – Welcome Mrs Grist!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the newest member of the Stoke by Nayland team. Mrs Grist will be working in Saplings Class on a Monday and Tuesday.

Diary dates

Date	Event
Friday 18 th September	After-school handball 3:30 – 4:30
Mon & Tues 28 th September	Bikeability Years 5 & 6
12 th – 15 th October	Book Fair at school
Friday 23 rd October	Non-pupil day
26 th – 30 th October	Half term

Mrs Sarah Smith



Headteacher