



STOKE-BY-NAYLAND C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have all had a good summer break and enjoyed the glorious weather.

Some news and reminders as we start the term.

The School Grounds

The premises committee of the governing body has met and there are plans to improve some of the older and more tired looking aspects of our school grounds.

The Play Equipment: Decisions have been made by The School Council, staff and Governors about a suitable replacement for this equipment and we had hoped the work would have started by now. However, the paperwork is almost in place and we are hoping this project will start during this term

Fencing at the entrance to the playground: Last year the MAT (our Academy Trust) helped us make a bid for central government funds to replace the fencing around our entire site. Unfortunately, this bid was not successful (we needed to accrue 77 points and we had 68). Although we can't replace the entire fencing, we have set money aside to upgrade the entrance gate and fencing, as this is the priority. We are in the process of seeking quotes now.

The Quiet Area: We are likewise seeking quotes to redevelop the quiet area fencing. This area has served us really well, but is in need of an upgrade.

The Wildlife Area: Over the summer holidays some great improvements have been made to this area. With the help of the local Woodland Group, Annabel, Lisa, Jess & families (parents), Mrs King (TA) and other helpful friends, we have a new pond area which includes a newly built dipping platform. This is a great asset to the school and will be used during lesson time and by the newly formed Green Fingers Club.



Before



After



Other plans: Plans are also being considered to replace the fencing around the nursery area and repair some of our flowerbeds.

Working Party: There will be a Parents/Carers Working Party on Saturday 27th October. Further details will be sent out about this nearer the time, and the tasks that we hope to complete will include painting the fence around the outdoor classroom area (weather permitting), weeding flower beds, clearing leaves and generally making the grounds more attractive.

Green Fingers Club

This new club, which combines ECO club and Allotment Club has got off to a great start. Mrs King (and her husband) moved the planters from the allotment to outside of the wildlife area, so that we have an easier water supply to hand and children can benefit from cultivating vegetables and learning about sustaining wildlife. If you have any spare or left over bulbs, plants or planters the Green Fingers Club will be glad to receive them. The club runs on a Monday between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. There are still a few places left. If your children are interested, please speak to the office or drop them a note.

Music Clubs

- Choir for KS2, will resume shortly and will be during the school day
- We have spaces for recorder players. These lessons are free. All your child needs is a recorder and encouragement to practice.
- There are limited places for guitar tuition.
- Mrs Whymark has some spaces for piano lessons, or if your child is old enough, clarinet lessons.

If you are interested in music lessons, please speak to Mrs Le Grice or email the office.



Holiday Postcards

Thank you to all those of you who sent a postcard from your travels over the summer. If you did not get around to doing this, if possible, could you send in a postcard sized photograph of somewhere you went. If you did not have a holiday as such, somewhere you visited on a day trip would be ok. We will be using these as part of our languages and Geography work and finding the locations on a world map. Please put the location and your child/ren's name/s on the back of the photograph. Many thanks.

The Golden Mile

This term we are taking part in 'The Golden Mile' programme. We are taking time out of the afternoon to walk or run around the playground, counting the number of laps we do each session. A lap around the netball court is approximately 60 metres. Our aim is to try and walk the distance between school and Land's End! Whether running, walking or a mixture of both, it is great exercise in the middle of the afternoon.



Look out for more information to see how we are doing!

Up and Coming Dates for this half term.

A full list of dates will be sent out shortly, but here are few that have been set already:

- Tuesday 25th September
 - Friday 28th September
 - Wednesday 3rd October
 - Thursday 4th October
 - Wednesday 10th October
 - Wednesday 17th October
 - Friday 19th October
 - Saturday 27th October
- Football Tournament (Year 5/6)
Roman River Festival musicians to visit our school
Meeting for parents in Saplings and Maple (4.15pm)
Special Menu – 'School Day Favourites' meal.
Year 5/6 Initial Residential Meeting (3.45pm)
Harvest Festival (at the church 9:30 TBC)
Non Pupil Day and start of Half Term
Working Party – All welcome. (9.30am)

With best wishes

Jane Le Grice
Headteacher