



# STOKE-BY-NAYLAND C.E.V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*Dear Parents and Friends,*

## **Caveman Experience**

Just before the end of the spring term our field was commandeered by two cavemen to support our work on the Stone Age. Inside their cave each class learnt about how Stone Age Man lived through the interactions of two actors, who remained in character for the whole day. The children learnt how to make fire, gut fish, cook fish, make tools and sampled the fruits and grains that were part of the staple diet. This was an excellent way of bringing history to life.



## **Mathletics**

We are still having a focus on maths throughout the school and 'Mathletics' is part of this. We are able to see who is using this fun learning tool at home and school and how they are getting on. Certificates are generated for completing each level and we have a class award each week. We are also nominating Maths Champions each half term. This accolade goes to children who have made good progress and shown effort and resilience in their approach to maths. Last half term our Maths Champions were:

Ruby Champ , Elizabeth Collins, Charlie Knox.

Please encourage your children to use this programme at home to hone their maths skills.



## **PE KIT**

**Please, please make sure your children have PE kit in school every day.**

At this time of year it is especially important as we do extra PE lessons to catch up. As well as making sure children are safe when doing PE, a change of clothing (including footwear) is expected to promote fluent movement and, especially for older children, their understanding of hygiene (if they work hard they will get hot!).

We are losing PE lesson time sorting out spare kit so that children can take part.

Thank you for your help with this



## **Water Bottles**

Another plea....

Many children still do not have water bottles in school. We have some cups for those that occasionally forget, but we cannot supervise large numbers of children drinking one at a time. They can refresh their bottles as often as necessary during the day. Please make sure bottles are named.

## Suntan Lotion in School

Well...we have had a little sunshine.

If your child uses suntan lotion, if at all possible, **please apply in the morning before the start of the school day**. If this is not possible and your child needs to be topped up during the day, please follow this procedure:

- Suntan lotion must be labelled with your child's name.
- Please put it in the box in your child's classroom
- Please show your child how to apply it themselves
- Please tell your child not to share suntan lotion with another child.



I have decided to tighten up on these procedures as recently a child used suntan lotion from another which resulted in an allergic reaction.

### A message to year 6 and their parents

#### **Congratulations to all our year 6 children on tackling the SATS so well!**

*All the staff are very proud of the way all the year 6 children approached SATS week. Breakfast club provided a good start, to eat, listen to music and chat with friends before using immense concentration during the tests.*

*I'm sure all of you tried your very best, and, although there are many more things to do before the end of the summer, you can put these tests behind you now.*

*Please also remember these important things:*

- ✚ *SATS only measure a small amount of what you know and can remember on a certain day and are just a part of your journey*
- ✚ *There is so much more that you are good at*
- ✚ *Sometimes you will just need a bit more time to 'get the hang' of things- but you will get there!*
- ✚ *Supporting others, sharing, being responsible, being thoughtful, practical skills, artistic & musical skills, sporting skills, speaking skills and many other things are important too and help to make you the people you are now and will be in the future.*

*Well Done!*

*Mrs Le Grice*

### Events Diary

Everyone should have had a copy of the diary by now, but if you think you have missed it, it will be on our website shortly. Please do watch out for updates in individual letter though.

### Toddlers

Please note the change of day to Monday. If you know anyone who may be interested, please pass on the attached flyer.

### Parent View

If you would like to record your general views of our school, our website has a link to 'Parent View' for you to use it. It is under the 'Links' tab.



*Best wishes-Jane Le Grice*