



Stoke by Nayland CofE Newsletter - *Friday 26th November 2021*

Dear Parents & Carers,

As the nights get darker and we are indoors more it can be easy to forget what else is happening in the world. We are so proud of our pupils who threw themselves into mad hair day and huge thanks goes not only to the parents who donated cakes but also to those who purchased them. Our total of £100 (yes it has increased to a round figure!) for Children In Need has now been banked - Well done everyone a true team effort.

Oak Class had a truly amazing evening yesterday star gazing (despite the clouds they were able to spot some planets including Saturn plus many stars). The children were engaged and excited to be able to use such an advanced telescope and had lots of interesting and thought provoking questions to ask the team from North Essex Astrological Society. A huge thank you goes to all three volunteers who gave up their time to develop the children's understanding and curiosity about the planets and space.

Children in Need - Money Raised



We are so proud to let our parents and carers know that in total, the donations received from our families for Children In Need was £100! What a fantastic effort from our small school, all money raised will make such a difference to another child's life.

Job Vacancy - Caretaker

Please find a job vacancy on our school website. We are currently advertising for a caretaker, all information can be found by following the link:

[Vacancies - Stoke by Nayland CofE Primary School](#)

Christmas Jumper Dress Down Day - Monday 29th November



All children participating in the event on Monday should come dressed in their favourite festive clothes in exchange for:

- **Saplings** - Festive Jars. Fill a jar with small festive gifts/sweets for the Saplings Tombola.
- **Chestnut** - Chocolate, for the Chocolate Tombola.
- **Oak** - Bottles - Anything from bubble bath to drinks(No Alcohol please)

Raffle Tickets



A letter was sent to all parents and carers regarding the Christmas Fair on Friday 3rd December. Raffle tickets were attached, we ask that all tickets and money be returned to the Office once sold. The draw will take place on **Thursday 9th December**, all winners will be contacted regarding their prizes to arrange collection.

Kingswood Residential Trip - Year 5 & 6

Thank you to all parents and carers who have paid the deposit and returned reply slips to the school regarding the Residential Trip in 2022. If you have not yet managed to return replies or deposits to the school, the deadline for both is **Wednesday 1st December 2021**. Please ensure that both are completed to secure your child's place on the trip. If you need to discuss payment or have any concerns, please let us know so we can help in any way.

Oak Class Sleepover & Astronomy Evening



What a wonderful evening we had, drinking hot chocolate and looking up at the sky. The children managed to see Jupiter, and are full of wonderful knowledge about our solar system. We hope that they had a lovely time that they will remember for many years to come. Many thanks to to the [North Essex Astronomical Society](#) for their expertise and for engaging the children's imagination. A special Thank you to Mrs Locke for giving up her time so the children were able to do this and a big well done to all of the children we had lots of compliments about their behaviour. If we would like to find out more about our night skies then the North Essex Astronomical Society do several public events throughout the year.

Open Morning Flyers

All the children will be coming home with two flyers advertising our Open Morning next week on Thursday December 2nd. Please feel free to give these to any parents with children starting school in the next year. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair - Friday 3rd December 3.30-5.00

We are looking forward to next weeks fair but for it to be a success we need volunteers during the afternoon please to set up stalls and get things ready. Please sign up on the sheet in the office if you are able to help. Help welcome from 1.30pm onwards. We will also need parents to stay at the end of the fair to help clear everything away - Thank you

KS1 Christmas Play

Please ensure you have returned your ticket request form to the Office in good time. Each family can have a maximum of 2 tickets per performance. We need to ensure we keep to this strict level of numbers to keep inline with our COVID risk assessment. The children have been working very hard on the play and their singing is beautiful.

KS2 Carol Service - Oak Class

All of the Children in Oak are singing in this years Carol service in the church on 9th December at 6.15 pm. We would like to welcome all families to join us in the church were the children will be performing well known carols and telling the Christmas story. There will also be performances on the piano by some of the older children. Please make sure you are ready to join in with one or two well known carols too.

Financial Support

As we get closer to Christmas financial worries can play a huge part in how we feel about the season. If you are struggling with basic living costs or are in need of a particular items (perhaps your washing machine has broken) please do not hesitate to contact us as we can help you access support.

Preloved School Uniform

We run preloved school uniform sales during the Summer term. However, we also understand that your children grow throughout the year. If you need access to the preloved school uniform rail please just ask at the office and they will be happy to help you. Items are priced between 50p and £2. If your child has outgrown school uniform then we always appreciate donations to the rail to help others. Thank you

Diary Dates



- **29th November** - Christmas Jumper Dress Down Day
- **2nd December** - Open morning for 2022 Reception Starters. 9.30-11.30am
- **7th (2:30pm) & 8th (6:00pm) December** - Christmas Play
- **9th December** - KS2 Christmas concert at the church
- **15th December** - School Christmas Lunch
- **17th December** - Cinderella Pantomime in Bury St. Edmunds
- **18th December - 5th January** - Christmas break

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1 - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosbn/>

