



STOKE-BY-NAYLAND C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the new school year. This term we welcome Ms Moore to our teaching staff and Miss Lewis to our teaching support staff. Children have settled down well and are working hard and playing well.

End of the school Year 2017

We had a very busy end of school year in July which culminated with our Leavers Assembly. Year 6 leavers received their record of achievement, and gifts from the school, the church and the FOS. Some children also received awards for attainment and progress, including sports awards for those in all year groups. The children have achieved so much over their time at our school, not just academically, but in the growing and learning socially and emotionally. Well done to all our leavers and to all the other children whether they gained an award or not. There are so many examples of your children striving to be the 'Best They Can Be'!



Mathletics

We hope the information sent out to you (and on the website) explained how Mathletics certificates are gained. Remember that your children have a log in and can access this maths resource from home as well as at school. Many children are now receiving bronze awards but here are some of the first silver winners from this term.



Diary Dates

You will have all received a copy of the diary for the term (and it is on the website), but please do look out for additions and changes.

Harvest Festival

This will be on 11th October. We ask that you send a contribution of food for this event, which the year 4 pupils will distribute to some of the elderly in Stoke by Nayland and Polstead. It would be helpful if contributions were sent in on the Monday or Tuesday before the service so that they can be divided into parcels.

Dogs at the School Gate

As you know, dogs are not allowed in the school grounds, but can I also ask you not to wait with them close to the school gate, as some children are not comfortable with dogs so close and leaving the school grounds onto the road is a point at which we need to ensure children are concentrating on traffic.

Parking

We are lucky to have ample parking at the recreation ground. May I remind you to use this facility rather than park on the road opposite the school yellow lines. At times it is very dangerous for those leaving the school as cars pull out whilst pedestrians are trying to cross to the car park. It is especially dangerous when parked right on the corner as this then obscures the view of those leaving the car park. Thanks in anticipation for your help with this.

School Trips

Maple and Silver Birch have already had their first trip of the year. It was to Bury St Edmunds, where they made comparisons with Stoke by Nayland as part of their work in geography.

Up and Coming Trips:

Residential

We have just held a meeting for year 5/6 parents about the residential trip in the summer term. This year we are going to The Kingswood Outdoor Centre in West Runton, Norfolk. All our residential trips have been highly successful with children coming back very tired, but having learnt so much.

Highgate Visit

Plans are being made for a return trip to Highgate Primary School in North London. You may recall that the Highgate pupils visited us in the summer term. This trip will be linked to work in geography, art, PSHE, maths and British Values.

Modern Foreign Languages Day

You will receive a separate letter about this event which takes place on Friday 6th October. Alongside our regular work in French lessons, the holiday homework project and other opportunities created to practise languages, this will contribute to our bid to gain the Silver Linguamarque Award.

School Dinners

A reminder that school dinners are £2.40 and should be paid for in advance or at the latest on the day, preferably in a sealed named envelope. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please speak to the office staff in confidence, or apply online. This Thursday is census day for schools. The more children who have meals on this day the better (you will have received a note about this last week)

Attendance

A reminder that the bells ring at 8:58 and school day starts at 9:00. After this time your child may be recorded as 'late'. If they arrive after 9:30, the attendance rules state that this is an unauthorised absence-even if your child is at school for the rest of the day. Please do your very best to ensure that your children are at school on time.

Best wishes

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