



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

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Dear Parents and Friends,

We have already had a busy half term. Here is some news, reminders and details of future events.

Lower School Christmas Play

Saplings and Maple are about to embark on rehearsals for their Christmas Play-‘Call the Midwife!’

The performances are as follows:

Monday 7th December 9:45am - Final dress rehearsal to school (*If you have pre-school children who would like to see their siblings, this is the time to come*)

Monday 7th December 6:30pm -performances for parents

Tuesday 8th December 2:00pm-Performance for grandparents and other members of the community (*you may know a more senior neighbour that would enjoy the play*). This will be followed by tea and biscuits, served by some of the children.

Wednesday 9th December 6:30pm-Performance for parents

School Nurse Drop-in (20th November from 9:00am)

If you have any concerns about your child’s behaviour or a medical worry that you would like some advice about, the school nurse will be available to talk to you in confidence. In particular she is happy to talk about sleep issues. Sometimes just talking things through can alleviate a worry.

Bikeability (Years 5 & 6)

This begins next Wednesday. If you would like your child to take part and have not returned a form, please do so by Monday. If you have already returned the school form, you will also be receiving a form from County today which must be returned before your child can start the training. If you have not already done so, please ensure that your child’s bike meets the requirements of the course as set out in the initial letter.

Roman River Music Festival

Children in KS2 have worked with a professional composer/musician, Anthony Bailey this term. During his sessions he taught a song he had composed, based on the classical piece ‘The Lark Ascending’ by Vaughn-Williams. He also led the children to compose their own song based on 2 birds (heron and crow).

The culmination of this excellent work was taking part in the finale of the Roman River Festival concert at Stoke church. The children sang, accompanied by a professional orchestra (along with 2 other schools) and also performed their own compositions. The children were absolutely amazing in their performance and exemplary behaviour and a real credit to parents and the school.



Harvest Festival

We had a short service to mark Harvest at Stoke church. It comprised songs, artwork, poems, stories and prayers. Thank you for your contributions of food which the year 4 children delivered to the seniors in Polstead and Stoke by Nayland.

Christmas Dinner

You should have all received and responded to a letter regarding Christmas dinner which is on **Thursday 17th December.**

Photographs

Please make sure you have returned your requests for school photographs **by Monday** please.

Book Fair

This will be in the hall in the mornings and after school from Monday to Thursday next week.

Theatre Visit

We are going to the Mercury Theatre on Wednesday 2nd December. Details to follow.

Early Starters Club

A reminder that we do run an Early Starters club either from 8:15am or 8:30am.

For the time being we are holding the price at a very reasonable £1.50 from 8:15am and £1.00 from 8:30am. Please book in the week before and pay in advance, as we are only able to offer spaces at short notice if they are available and there are staff in place.

FOS Reminders

Christmas Fair –Thursday 26th November at 3:30pm

Bags to School- Friday 4th December

Christmas Dress Down Day (in exchange for a contribution to the Christmas hamper raffle)
Thursday 3rd December

Please do try and support these events as you are able as they raise money to support your children in school and subsidise school trips.

Parents Meeting

Thank you to the parents that attended the meeting about how the New National Curriculum will be assessed and how we are approaching this. I hope it was informative and useful. Some of the information is on the website if you would like to see it again.

All parents should have received information about what your child should be covering in each year group for reading, writing and maths.



Best wishes, Jane Le Grice