



Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School Newsletter - *12th November* **2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the middle of November preparations for Christmas are in full swing. The casting of the KS1 play is complete and rehearsals have started, KS2 are busy learning carols for their Carol Concert and selection of children who have piano lessons with Mrs Whymark are learning new Christmas songs ready to perform. The children are still working hard and this week we have focused on Remembrance culminating in a Whole School walk to the War Memorial in the Church (see below for more details and pictures). The children are working really hard in science with EYFS and KS1 developing their knowledge of Seasonal change whilst KS2 focus on the Earth and the planets.

We have also begun thinking about our Learning Behaviour big ideas - Focus, Perseverance and Reflection. We are encouraging the children to reflect on the effectiveness of their own behaviours and how they may need to develop them. We are celebrating their successes in their learning behaviour each week so please ask your child if they have been spotted demonstrating our Learning Behaviours throughout the week.

Data Collection Sheets

We have handed out Data Collection paperwork to every child in the school. We ask that these are returned to us as soon as possible so that any outstanding details can be updated onto our system. It is important that we have up to date information for our pupils, and would appreciate all your help with this. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 15th December



Please be advised that letters regarding the Christmas Lunch were circulated to the children this week. Please ensure all reply slips are returned by Monday 15th November so we have enough time to let the kitchen know what to order. If you would like a vegetarian option, please just include that on the reply slip when it is returned to us. You can pay directly to the school via the app, or bring cash to the Office. Children who are Free School Meal or Universal Free School Meal age will not have to pay.

Choir



Choir restarted on Wednesday this week for any child in Key Stage 2. It was lovely to see an enormous uptake and we would like you to encourage your child to stick with Choir at least until Christmas. The choir will be performing some carols at the Christmas Carol Concert on the 9th December. Parents and carers are welcome to attend - as long as they promise to sing!

Remembrance



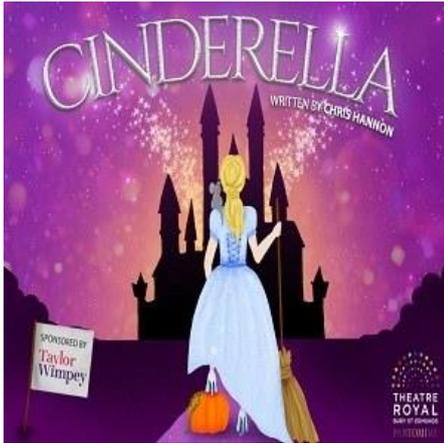
To complete our work on Remembrance this week all of the children walked down to the War Memorial in the church yard to reflect upon those who have lost their lives due to war. A special well done to all of the children in Oak class who were willing to lead the service - you were all amazing. Thanks also to the Governors who kindly gave up their time to walk with the children to the War Memorial and join in with our service. We hope the children will reflect upon the wishes for Peace that were talked about during the service.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents who attended parents evening this week (or who are booked in for next week). It was lovely to be able to see parents face to face and we hope that you felt that this was more beneficial than a telephone call. Please do remember if you have any concerns you do not need to wait until parents evening to discuss them with us.

Year 5/6 Residential

The letters for the Year 5/6 residential have gone out this week and we hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday 17th to find out more about the residential and what it can offer for your child. If you have any worries please do come and talk to us.



Pantomime

This year we are going to see Cinderella at Your child will have brought home a letter about this this week. Please ensure reply slips are returned by **19th November**. If you have any questions or concerns please do come in and discuss them.

Diary Dates



- **15th November** - School Photos
- **17th November** - 3:45pm Kingswood Residential Meeting (parents, carers and children welcome from Years 5 & 6)
- **19th November** - Children in Need - Mad Hair Day and Bake Sale
- **25th November** - Oak Class Stargazing & Sleepover evening
- **2nd December** - Open morning for 2022 Reception Starters. 9.30-11.30am
- **7th (2:30pm) & 8th (6:00pm) December** - Christmas Play
- **9th December** - 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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