



Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Instilling Courage, Creativity, Compassion and Curiosity and always striving to be the best that we can be

'APPLY YOUR HEART TO DISCIPLINE AND YOUR EARS TO WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE' – PROVERBS 23:12

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we come to the end of another busy week, we look back on the children's successes. Groups of our children have met with Governors to discuss their learning within school, they have talked about the things they find challenging and the things they love. They have shared their ideas with confidence and have enjoyed the opportunity to share their opinions. We are so proud of them.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all of the children for the way they have welcomed new children into their classes. We have seen many examples of our school value compassion as other children have worked hard to ensure new children have been welcomed. Well done everyone!

Toys

We understand that the children like to bring toys into school to show their friends and to make them feel more secure. However, at times, these are impacting on the children's learning. So, we are asking you to support us to ensure that they do not distract the children from their learning. Therefore, if toys need to be brought into school, we ask that they are then either left in your child's bag or on the teacher's desk for the day. We have had several instances of lost toys recently and this would help decrease the distress for the children. If your child needs a toy due to sensory issues then please discuss an appropriate toy (we can often provide a school item) that will meet this need for your child. Thank you for your support in this area.

Harvest

This year, we are lucky enough to be having our Harvest Festival back in the church, and we are able to welcome families to come and join us to celebrate this special time. Each class will be sharing a small part of their learning surrounding Harvest and we would love you to join us to celebrate with them. The service will take place on 14th October at 9.30 am. We look forward to seeing you there. We are also asking you to donate food items to school on this day so that we are able to create our harvest gifts for the elderly within the village.

Free School Meals

We are once again encouraging parents and carers to check their eligibility for Free School Meal entitlement. If you would like to know more, please follow this link:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Children's University

As many of you are aware as a school we participate in the Children's University. Children's University is designed to celebrate all of the hard work and achievements that our children complete outside of school. As so many opportunities for developing are now reopening we are having a relaunch of the Children's University and would like to invite parents to join us on Tuesday 19th October at 9.10am to learn all about the opportunity from Debbie Bennett the Children's University manager for Suffolk.

Parent Governor – Election Forms

Please be advised that election forms for the parent governor roles were emailed and a copy sent home with the children today. We ask that parents please read through the statement for each candidate and vote accordingly. We believe parents play an important role in the running of our school, so please return these forms by Monday 18th October to the Office in a sealed envelope.

Healthy Snack and Lunches

We are asking parents to ensure that your children’s lunchbox offers them a balanced healthy meal and that their snack is a healthy snack rather than chocolate if at all possible. We think this balance is really important so a small treat is fine but we would like to encourage all children to eat as healthily as possible. During the run up to Harvest all classes will be considering healthy eating and the impact it has on us. Thank you for your support.

Saplings— Max for **super piano playing** &
Cody for **careful colouring**

Chestnut— Aurelia for **enthusiastic reading**

Oak— Alfie for **worrying about others**



**GOLD
BOOK
AWARDS**

Diary dates

Date	Event
1 st October	Closing date for parent governor applications
4 th and 5 th October	Bikeability – Oak Class (Year 5 and 6 only)
14 th October	Harvest Festival in Church – 9:30am
18 th October	Parent Governor Election Forms – deadline
19 th October	Debbie Bennett from CU for parents – 9:10am
11 th November	Flu Immunisations – please ensure forms are returned
2 nd December	Open Morning for 2022 Reception Starters – 9:00-12:00

Mr Andrew Frolish

Executive Headteacher

Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells

Head of School

Please consider supporting the school via:



