



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

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Dear Parents and Friends,

As we arrive at the end of our first full week, we want to take this opportunity to say a huge "Well Done" to all of the children. They have all spent the week focused on their learning and have arrived in school ready to learn. The atmosphere within the school has been a calm, purposeful hum. Children both old and new, have settled well into new classes with new teachers and new routines and all of them have excelled.

It has been lovely to chat to parents at the gate and to catch up with all of the children's summer holiday news. Please remember that if you are worried about anything, however small we are always here to listen and help if we can, if not we will signpost you to the support you need.

We hope the children have enjoyed art week this week – we will be sharing some of their amazing creations with you next week so please watch the Facebook page.

Parent Forum – New Chair of Governors & Executive Headteacher

We would like to invite parents to an informal forum with our new Chair of Governors, Karen Harman, and our Executive Headteacher, Mr Frolish. It is an excellent opportunity to meet them and discuss your hopes and expectations of the school. This will take place on **Thursday 30th September** from 2:45pm. Further information will be circulated closer to the time.

Support During Challenging Times

We understand that with all of the COVID lockdowns many families are still struggling with their finances and their mental health. As a school we are able to help parents access financial support for specific items (essentials ranging from school shoes to a washing machine) please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs McGrath-Wells if you need this help. We will also be able to signpost you to more support if this is necessary.

Celebration Collective Worship

This will now take place on a Friday, children are invited to bring in certificates and awards achieved from outside school for us to celebrate these achievements together. In the past these have ranged from swimming certificates to horse riding awards and rosettes or reading challenge medals. We love sharing your child's successes both in and out of school. These awards can also often be used towards Children's University hours (more details about this will be coming soon).

After school clubs

Thank you for all of the interest in our after school clubs and for signing the children up so quickly. Unfortunately Kidzclub on Thursdays is now full, however we do have a waiting list so if your child would like to be added to this then please ask at the office. If parents and carers would like to send their child to Tea Bird club, please let us know at least two weeks in advance so that we can get the provision ready. Copies of all forms are available in the office.

Packed Lunch Menu

After a week of running the packed lunch menu, offered by eats., we are delighted with the response. The children are enjoying a wider variety of lunch options, and we hope that this will continue for the next few weeks as we continue the trial. A reminder that there are times alternatives will be provided to what is stated on the menus. For example, the kitchen will not normally order salmon fishcakes, and instead fish fingers or fillets will be available, due to most children preferring them.

Safety – Earrings and Long Hair

If your child wears earrings, please ensure that they have been removed for PE days or that your child is able to do this themselves and that they have a small pot to store them in. Unfortunately staff are unable to help them with this. If they are unable to do this then unfortunately they will be unable to participate in activities that day. This also applies to swimming lessons and after school sports clubs. If your child has long hair please ensure that they have either had it put up at home on PE days or that they come to school with their own hair bands

School Gateway

Another reminder to all parents and carers, the school uses the School Gateway app in order to manage payments as we begin going cashless. We encourage all of our parents and carers to download it in order to get acquainted with how it functions, and to make any payments they wish to using the app. Please contact the school office if you encounter any issues and we will work with you to fix it to the best of our abilities.

To download the app for iPhone, follow this link:

<https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload>

To download the app for Android, follow this link:

<https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload>

Diary dates

Date	Event
30 th September	Parent forum with Karen Harman & Mr Frolish
4 th and 5 th October	Bikeability – Oak Class (Year 5 and 6 only)

Mr Andrew Frolish

Executive Headteacher

Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells

Head of School

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