



# 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 I sit here to write this I can't believe how quickly the week has gone by. A huge thank you to all of the children who have been carefully washing their hands and ensuring that they try their hardest to 'Catch it and bin it' when they have sneezed and coughed. Hopefully after our deep clean and our careful separation of classes we will be able to join back together as a whole school next week for Collective Worship.

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported us during this time to have come this far through the pandemic and only now have cases that have impacted our school community is a feat in itself and we wish the children who are off with a positive result a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing them back in school as soon as possible.

## **Parent Questionnaire & Forum**

A survey was circulated on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September regarding parental views on how the school operates and to gather thoughts and opinions from all parents and carers. All responses are anonymous, the link for the questionnaire is: <https://forms.office.com/r/EAdcaYyA2a>. The survey will run until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and only needs to be completed once by any parent or carer. The information gathered will help our new Executive Head and Chair of Governors understand any areas for discussion at the parent forum on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2:45pm.

## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

Please be aware that an email was sent today with a letter and application for any parent or carer who would like to be a parent governor. If you would like a paper copy of the application, or further information, please come to the Office. Forms must be completed and returned by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## **Eco Garden**

A huge Thank you to Annabel and Jess who have been working really hard to get the shed up in the eco garden. They just have the felt to add next week so well done it looks fabulous.

## **Head Lice**

A letter was emailed to parents and carers regarding head lice, please ensure you have read the information provided. Please ensure that you check your child's head regularly so any lice can be dealt with quickly and to avoid the spread. We encourage you to check your child's hair today as a precautionary measure. More information can be found: <http://www.headlice.org/>

## Outdoor Maths

Oak class enjoyed some outdoor maths this week, using leaves in groups of three to help them understand multiplication. As well as using leaves in other configurations for other times tables practice. The older children were busy hunting out questions on an outside trail to help them practice their place value knowledge. Well done Oak class you all worked really hard.



## Strawberries from Boxford Fruit Farms

We had a lovely visit from Boxford Fruit Farms on Thursday, as part of their initiative to create more links within the community. They donated boxes of strawberries for the children to enjoy and to take home.

## Financial Support

Please remember that we have avenues of financial support available to us for all of our families so if you are struggling please do not hesitate to talk to us. We can support the purchase of school uniform, shoes as well as household items such as washing machines.

## Open Mornings

We will be again opening the school to potential new parents. Our first open morning is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, and we have a second open morning on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We look forward to welcoming all prospective new parents to our school, and are so excited to meet all the new children.

## Diary dates

Date	Event
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent forum with Karen Harman & Mr Frolish
1 <sup>st</sup> October & 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Open Morning for 2022 Reception Starters
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for parent governor applications
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> 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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