

Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary

School Newsletter - 21st January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

We just want to say a huge 'thank you' to all of the parents, from the staff, for all of their kind words and support this week. As we continue forward on our journey of improvement, we look forward to working with you all to show everyone what an amazing school Stoke By Nayland is. On Thursday, we had our relaunch of the Children's University - a huge 'well done' to Byron who single-handedly ran the whole show, explaining all of the many exciting things he had done to achieve his Children's University hours and the awards he has received so far.

As you are all aware, we currently have rising COVID cases. The cases are amongst both children and staff. We will work hard to keep as much continuity as we can over the coming week, but please understand that there are staff shortages and we are doing the best we can. If your child is worried by a change in adults in their classroom, then please come and have a chat. We hope to keep the disruption to a minimum.

Meeting for Parents – Ofsted Report

Many thanks to the parents and carers who joined us on Wednesday for a meeting about the school's recent Ofsted report. As you know, the areas for development highlighted in the report were to improve the school's phonics provision and curriculum and the children's learning behaviour. We had already identified these areas and have been working hard to improve them. Most importantly, the teachers are now trained to deliver a new phonics programme and there are lots of new phonics resources and books in school. We are determined to continue to improve and give your children the best education we can offer. We are pleased that Ofsted recognised that the children at Stoke by Nayland are safe, happy and well-behaved and that their personal development is a real strength of the school.

Parents and carers have been enormously supportive and we are so grateful for all your kind and positive comments. The support and strength of the school community is really important to us and will continue to be essential as we strive to improve the school in partnership with you. If any parents or carers have any further questions or comments, please return the slip from the Ofsted covering letter. Also, do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office or talk to us on the playground. Over the coming weeks, we shall ensure that there are further opportunities to share your views.

Thanks, once again, for your valuable support and encouragement.

Children's University Zoom Meeting

Thank you to Debbie Bennett who arranged our zoom meeting yesterday. During the meeting Byron excelled at presenting to the children and sharing all of the wonderful experiences he has had that

have gained him Children's University hours. More details about Children's University are to follow separately.

Y6 SATS - Morning Booster Sessions & Meeting

A letter should have come home with Year 6 children this afternoon, and emailed to parents, regarding the Year 6 SATS Booster Sessions running on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00am after we return from half term. These will start on March 1st, and will primarily be run by Mrs McGrath-Wells. Tuesday sessions will initially focus on Maths and Wednesday sessions will focus on Grammar and Punctuation.

On March 1st, at 3:45pm (after school), there will be a meeting in Oak classroom for parents and children to attend to prepare for the upcoming SATS. We encourage all Year 6 parents and children to attend this, as well as the Booster sessions in the morning, to give them the best possible means to prepare.

COVID Close Contacts

A letter was circulated earlier this week in response to the rising positive cases we have seen in the school. We hope that all our families are keeping safe and well. If you need to inform us of a positive test, please email covid@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk to let us know as soon as possible. Home learning is being made available to the children who are unable to come in at the moment.

Phonics Parent Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Phonics Meeting on Monday. We hope that you found it informative and helpful, and that you will help us promote phonics learning at home with the materials provided. An email was sent out on Tuesday with the handouts from the session attached. If you have any further questions or suggestions, please contact the school.

After school Clubs

Please check your emails for further information regarding the after school clubs for next week. We are aware that the cancellation of them may be prove difficult for some of our families, so if any parents or carers need help with childcare, please email the school at admin@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk or call the Office and we will try and assist in any way we can.

Kingswood Residential (Y5/6) - Second Installment

A reminder that the second installment for the Kingswood Residential trip is due by the 31st of January. This can be made payable by cash or cheque to the Office, or using the School Gateway app. If any of our parents or carers need help with making this payment, please let the school know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Diary Dates



- **31st January**- Kingswood Residential Second Installment due (Years 5/6)
- **2nd February**- Children's University club starting
- **15th February**- Tractors into Schools, Boxford Farm tractors visiting
- **17th February**- School Celebration for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- **18th February**- Bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- **21st - 25th February**- Half term
- **1st March**- 3:45pm, meeting for Year 6 pupils & parents/carers regarding SATS

Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells

Head of School

Mr Andrew Frolish

Executive Headteacher

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