

Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School Newsletter - *28th January 2022*

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of a very challenging week, we would like to take a moment to pray for all of our families who are currently struggling due to covid infections or illness or other issues that are surrounding them. We hold them in our hearts and pray for healing and peace.

Throughout the week, as usual, the children have been our highlight - with children both in school and out of school producing some amazing work. We hope that next week, as more staff are able to return, things will begin to feel a little more normal but in the meantime, we thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Go Read

This week saw us begin to move towards an electronic recording system for reading. All children who have been in school should have brought home a personalised log in letter to access the app, unfortunately the COVID-19 situation in school has meant that not all children have received their letter yet, however the letters will be given to all children as soon as we are able to. The app can be used to log all reading at home and it shows if it has been logged by the child themselves or by the parents/carers. In school, we will be using the app to log reading too, so parents will be able to quickly see when children have been heard reading and any focus points for them to develop with their child. We hope that the children will then be able to use it to share their reading journey with their peers and the adults around them. If you have any questions about the app, please come in and talk to us.

Mums and Toddlers

We are hoping to open a Mums and Toddlers group once a week within the school. We have one kind volunteer already, and we are looking for someone else who would like to join them to organise the chairs and get toys out etc. The group will run on a Thursday morning from 9.30am-11.00am term time only. Please talk to Sally Fox (Reuben in Receptions Mum) if you would like to be involved.

PE Kits and Forest School Clothes

Thank you to all parents for working so hard to make the transition back to having PE kits and Forest School clothes in school. Attitudes to learning have improved and the children are now dressed in safe, and appropriate, clothes. For some children, organising themselves from school to take their things back home is proving to be a little challenging. We are happy to help create tick lists for the children to check they have all of their items or have found these that some parents might find useful.

Children's University

Details of how to join will be given to the children next week. In the meantime if the children would like to start collecting children's university hours then the Marble Roller Coaster Challenge set on all classes teams yesterday would be a good place to start. All children over the age of 5 are welcome to join the Children's University. Other challenges can be found on the Children's University link <http://suffolkchildrensuniversity.co.uk/assets/Uploads/New-Year-New-Challenges-January-2022.pdf>

Help and Support

If you are struggling with anything including finances then please talk to us as we may either be able to help directly or point you in the direction of someone else that can. Please do not suffer in silence. We are all part on one school family and working together we can try to make things a little easier. Sometimes just talking about things helps.

Phonics Session

We will be offering a repeat of the phonics session, for parents who were unable to attend on the first date, on Tuesday 8th February at 3.45. We will be sharing the slides and answering any questions you may have. Parents who attended the first session do not need to attend again unless they have any questions that they would like to raise.

School Website

Our school website is currently being updated and, over the coming months, will have lots of exciting changes. It is a place where lots of information can be found. Over the coming weeks, we are going to highlight different aspects of the website to help you navigate around it and so that you know where to find useful information. This weeks guide is to the 'SEND pages'.

<http://www.stokebynaylandprimaryschool.org.uk/information/send>

Here you can find information on how we support children with SEND within our school. You can also find a link to our *padlet* which offers you lots of information from outside agencies, so if you have a concern or would like to develop your skills in a specific area then the padlet might be able to point you in the direction of a course, or support, within Suffolk or Essex.

<https://en-gb.padlet.com/kellymcgrathwells/th6fju8mnr5h1o6b>

We are also always here to help, so please share any concerns with the staff team.

Diary Dates

- **31st January**- Kingswood Residential Second Instalment due (Years 5/6)
- **2nd February**- Children's University club starting
- **8th February**- 3:45pm, phonics session for anyone unable to attend the first meeting
- **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

Courage	Respect	Peace	Justice	Creativity	Thankfulness	Perseverance	Trust	Compassion	Friendship	Hope	Truthfulness	Curiosity	Generosity	Service	Humility
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