



# 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



12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have loved having all of the children back in school this week. Thank you to all of the parents/carers for wearing a face covering, arriving promptly and following the one-way system. This is all very much appreciated in ensuring we are following Government guidelines and adhering to safe distances. We understand that parents may want to chat to one another and hope it is not too long before we can return to this.

Thank you to everyone who entered the 'Book in a Jar' competition. We had some fantastic entries, and it was very hard to choose the winners! Well done to Lewis, Quintus and Maisie. We hope you enjoy your prizes.

Every day we have a Collective Worship in School and this takes different forms. On a Monday I start the week focussing on our value for the half term, or on one of the British Values. On a Tuesday we have Nicki Dixon who comes into school and shares a bible story, encouraging audience participation from the children! On a Wednesday we have Collective Worship through song with Mrs Grist and Mrs Andrews, On Thursday Mrs McGrath-Wells shares a bible story linked to our value and on Friday we have Class Collective Worship where the children discuss a 'Big Question' such as.... Is heaven bigger than earth?

As we have changed the order of our Collective worships, Gold book awards will now be announced on a Monday, so this week's recipients will be reported in the newsletter next week.

## Big Questions

We like to encourage our pupils to think about the world around them and to develop big ideas, and to help broaden their minds. Every week, we will be asking them a big question to consider. Some examples of big questions are things such as *Why am I here?* or *What is heavier light or dark?* or *Would the world be a better place if we all looked the same?* There are no right or wrong answers.

## Eco Balloon Race

We would like to encourage you to sign up and buy a balloon (or two) in the Easter virtual balloon race. For every balloon sold, we will receive a percentage for the school and this will go towards buying some new programming equipment to support the Computing curriculum. There will be Easter eggs for those who are positioned first, second and third at SBN and there are also national prizes up for grabs too! For more details, please click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ueshadhr>

## Interactive Prayer Wall

We have a new interactive prayer wall, and this term we are thinking about the subject of 'Thankfulness'. Children are being encouraged to write or draw messages of thanks that will then be added to our wall. For example, we are thankful we get to see their bright and happy faces once again.



## Stoke-by-Nayland Parish Churches Activities

An email was circulated earlier today with links to various services and activities taking place in our churches. Please click the links below for further information. There are many things here for children to do at home, and it is frequently updated:

**Website:** <https://naylandchurches.wordpress.com>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/naylandchurches>

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Please consider supporting the school via:

