



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



22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been lovely to see the children engaging with their teachers and peers during the live daily catch up sessions. As we continue to focus on our theme of Courage this half term I have been enjoying catching up with the children on the things they have needed courage to overcome. I am proud of the progress all of our children are making both those in school and those at home in these very challenging times. Well done to all of them.

Lateral Flow Testing within Primary Schools

As a school, we are committed to doing everything in the best interest of our pupils and the community at large. Part of the Government's strategy in breaking the chains of transmission is that all primary schools have been asked to begin the asymptomatic testing of staff from Monday 25th January. Staff will be tested twice weekly, part-time staff will be tested once weekly.

Staff will administer the tests at home and contact school if they have a positive result. This is another step towards ensuring that the virus is not passed unintentionally from one person to another.

Should a member of staff test positive, they will need to remain at home and take a PCR COVID test. If that comes back positive, the bubble will have to isolate for 10 days. There is a chance this will happen at short notice. If this is the case, we will send an email to all parents to inform you.

Home-Schooling via Teams

I would like to extend a big 'Well Done' to all the parents and pupils of Oak class for a fantastic and successful first week of remote learning through Teams. It was a pleasure to interact with the children and to have real-time feedback from them.

The offer is now being extended to pupils from **Saplings** and **Chestnut** classes. In the interest of developing our Home-schooling offer, we have decided to try to move to Teams Classroom learning. This will mean instead of receiving an email with your child's work for the week, their work will be posted onto the Class Teams page and they will be able to work on it from there. They will be able to join in whole class conversations, upload their work for marking as well as complete challenges that are set. Initially, we will also send the learning out by email, as we have previously, to ensure that we have a backup and then we will move entirely to Teams Classroom once any issues have been ironed out. We hope that this will help your child to feel more connected.

Please look out for your child's personalised email address which was sent out today. If you experience any issues, please contact the Office.

Gold Book Awards

Despite being in Lockdown, we still want to celebrate the achievements our pupils are making – either at home or in school. If you are learning remotely, please ensure you send pictures or copies of their work to us so they can be a part of the experience. This week, we are celebrating Deven in Nursery for his hard work with handwriting, Robyn in Year 1 for her incredible DT work, Michael for

persevering with his learning, Daisy for her great focus and effort in maths, and Lizzie for being brave enough to ask questions in the Teams classroom.

Learning from Home

There are many ways our pupils can learn from home. Completing and submitting schoolwork is an important aspect, but so are the experiences your child can have while outside of the school setting. One of our Year 1 pupils had great fun this week going to the woods and building a wonderful den. We are so impressed with how creative he was, using the materials he found around him to make it. If you and your child have done anything to enhance their learning outside of their set work, please let us know, we love to receive all updates.



Devices

Please remember that we are able to help if your child is struggling to access their home learning. Please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mrs Kelly McGrath Wells".

Mrs Kelly McGrath Wells
Senior Teacher