



# 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



29<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we come to the end of the fourth week of online learning I would like to say a huge well done to all of our children working at home. The quality of work that is being submitted to school shows just how hard you are all working. For parents please remember the easiest way to submit work is directly to your child's teacher on teams. I appreciate that there have been some technical issues this week but moving forward I am sure these will decrease as staff and pupils become more comfortable using the technology. Thank you for all of your support with this new way of working. Please do ask if you have any questions or if we can help in anyway. If you are struggling for devices please do let us know and we will be able to help.

## Support

During these rapidly changing times we are aware that some families may struggle. Please remember that you are still able to apply for free school meals assistance if you meet the criteria.

If you are struggling in any other ways and need financial assistance then please do contact the school and we will be able to provide you with access to grants that may help

## Children on Teams

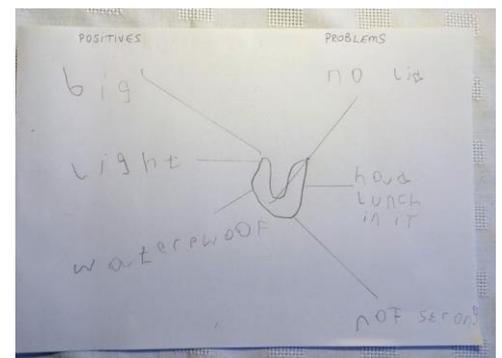
We are aware that our pupils all work at different paces and have different needs, most of all when it comes to remote learning and using a brand new platform to do so on. We have introduced two new sections on your child's Teams homepage. The first is from Children's University and the second is a Wellbeing Hub. If you find your child has finished their tasks, needs a break or a change of pace, please feel free to visit each of those and see what we are offering in addition to their school work.

## Gold Book Awards

This week, our Gold Book awards are celebrating the hard work and achievement of pupils both learning remotely and in school. Paisley, in Saplings, has worked really hard on her letter formation. At home, Isabel in Year 1 has done some fantastic experimenting. From Chestnut, Libby and Barnaby have both done some amazing home learning. Hannah and Evie S in Oak have both worked really hard – Hannah has been super focused on her home learning and Evie S has shown amazing perseverance in Maths. A big well done to all of these pupils, and to all who are adapting and making a huge effort every single school day, whether in person or remotely. We are very proud of you all.

## Super Learning

We have been looking at the Elves and the Shoemaker, and in school – some of our pupils got to work in making their own version of the shoes in Design & Technology. In Saplings, the pupils are looking at the positives and negatives of the basket in the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Harvey worked really hard at home in putting together a mind map to show each both sides. We have also had some fantastic stories and poems from Oak class that you can find on our Facebook page.



### **Remote Learning Questionnaire**

As we have fully transitioned our classwork onto Teams for all years, Mrs McGrath-Wells has composed a quick questionnaire for our parents and carers to answer that was emailed out to all today. We would love to hear your feedback, so please respond by **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

### **Church Services**

Despite Reverend Mark leaving the parish there is still a lot happening at the church. Although this week there isn't a service within the Benefice the Pew sheet (containing the Collect, readings and Prayers) and Children's Activity Page for the 31st January can still be found on the main page of the church website and on the church's website.

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

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

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school as soon as it is considered safe to do so. In the meantime, we are enjoying seeing you all in the mornings during the live meetings, and we will continue to review and amend our Home Learning offer in order to promote your child's educational wellbeing and progress.



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