



## 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**



**16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of what can only be described as another challenging year we would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your children for all of the hard work and dedication you have put in to their learning at Stoke-By-Nayland this year. Our children have shown huge resilience and determination as they have encountered face to face learning, home learning and a return to face to face learning. Often, having to do so with little warning. We are so proud of all of the things that they have achieved and hope that they all enjoy a much deserved holiday. We are hopeful that next year will hold less challenges in terms of COVID-19 and that we are able to be together for the whole of the year.

As we look back over this year we need to take a moment to reflect on the achievements of our amazing children. At Christmas they all performed in our Christmas events (plays for the younger ones and a musical extravaganza for the older ones), we still managed to have our breakfast with Santa and a sad but very lovely farewell was said to Reverend Mark. During the spring term we moved to online learning and the children very quickly adapted to class meetings daily online and seeing each other through their screens. The children engaged well with their home learning and the children in school quickly adapted to the changes. As we returned to face to face teaching our children were excited and pleased to be back with their school family.

Their commitment to their learning has shone through. As we reach the end of the Summer term we have been able to offer trips out (to the post office, the church and an activity day amongst others), KS2 have successfully completed our Three Little Pigs Play (the recording will be sent out to Oak and Chestnut Children next week), we have completed a whole school take one picture art project and are, as we speak, reaching the end of a very busy and exciting transition week. Our children are amazing and we would like to take this moment to thank them and you for all of their hard work this year.

### **COVID 19 Information**

Please notify us using the admin e-mail address ([admin@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk)), if your child develops symptoms between now and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July, as we would need to potentially let families know to isolate.

Thank you for your understanding and help to keep everyone as safe as possible.

### **Grand Summer Raffle**

We held our summer raffle draw on Thursday and have contacted all of the lucky winners. Congratulations to all who had their name picked out during Collective Worship. All of the children took part in the draw and had great fun seeing who each winner was. With all of the money raised from the Fayre and money raised from the raffle, we can now announce we raised **over £1000!** This amazing achievement would not

have happened without all of the work by Friends of SBN and the unfailing support of our families. Thank you so much, all of this money will go straight back to the children to enrich their days at the school.

### **Transition Week**

This week was our whole school Transition Week. Our new Reception pupils came and spent every morning with us, exploring the school and getting to know their brand new teachers. Oak and Chestnut class have had a fantastic week exploring their new topics. Chestnut class have begun their topic on the Great Fire of London and Oak class have started learning about The Mayans. We look forward to developing these topics in September. Most of our Year 6 children were on Transition to their secondary schools this week, we hope that they found them exciting and welcoming and are excited to join them in September – We shall miss them.

### **Wellie Boots in September**

From September, we would like the children to bring a pair of Wellie boots to keep at the school, on our brand new Wellie racks. Could parents and carers please ensure their child has a clearly named pair when they return. Thank you.

### **Challenging times**

We understand that this year may have been particularly difficult financially for some of our families. If you are looking to September with dread as to how you are going to arrange and pay for school uniform please do come and talk to us as we are able to link you to people and places that can offer you support in this area.

### **Collective Worship – Democracy**

During Monday's Collective Worship, we looked at the topic of democracy. We achieved this by putting the topic of wearing PE kits all day on PE days from September to a vote. The children overwhelmingly voted in favour of it, and against changing when they come into school. The staff think this is an excellent choice too!



### **Gold Book Awards**

Well done to the Gold Book Award winners.



## Diary dates

| Date  | Event  |
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| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 2:30pm                            | Leaving Celebration for Mrs Klimowicz  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021                                    | 9.15am Year 6 Leavers' service followed by Year 6 Leavers' BBQ & disco in the afternoon. |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – 1:00pm-2:00pm                   | Uniform sale   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September | Summer holiday   |

With best wishes,

**Mrs Sarah Smith**  
**Headteacher**

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