



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



28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a long half term it has been! The children have worked incredibly hard and have definitely earned a week and a day off! We have a PD (Professional Development) day on Monday 7th June, so the children will be back on Tuesday 8th June.

Next half term we will be focussing on DT in our 'Food Glorious Food' topic. More details about this will follow shortly. As part of the half term, we also have an art week planned which will focus on the painting 'The Finding of Moses' by Orazio Gentileschi.

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind you about our Covid-19 protocol in school. If a child develops one of the three main symptoms whilst at school, in line with Government guidelines and our school risk assessment, they will be isolated in our 'Hideout Hub' and we ask that the child is collected immediately. Government guidelines state that a PCR test should then be taken.

Following a negative result, the child can return to school, however, if for any reason a parent or child does not want to take the PCR test, the child and household will need to isolate for 10 days.

Following a positive result, we would look to see which children in school have had close contact with the child and they will be asked to isolate for 10 days.

Although we are in a whole school bubble, please remember that we still take additional measures to keep the children and staff safe. Children sit in class groups for Collective Worship and at lunchtime in a well-ventilated room. Children mix at playtimes in the open air when transmission is lower. If you have any questions surrounding this, please ask. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please notify us using the admin e-mail address, if your child develops symptoms between now and Monday 1st June, 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.

A Message from the Governors – Mrs Smith, and all the school staff, have worked extremely hard throughout the pandemic to keep all the children safe whilst continuing their education with as little disruption as possible. This includes implementing Government rules and NHS guidelines. The Headteacher has the full backing of the Governing Body, and we thank parents and carers for respecting and supporting the Headteacher and staff as they continue to do their best for the safety and education of all the children

History Artefact Trail

On Tuesday, we held our History morning, with the children going from classroom to classroom on an artefact trail to learn and discover more about what they were all learning. It was a great success, the pupils had a wonderful time showcasing everything they knew – the Saplings shared their knowledge about dinosaurs, Chestnut spoke about the Stone Age and Oak had a wonderful display laid out about the Ancient Greeks. We are so proud of how well they worked together and how confident they were about each subject area.



Class Group & Whole School Photos

Class group and whole school photos will be taking place on the morning of Tuesday 8th June. We ask that **all** children come wearing their full school uniform – including jumpers – for the photographs. Oak class usually have PE on a Tuesday, please ensure that they come with their PE kit to change into. Thank you.

Football & Premier Sports After-School Clubs

After half-term, the football club – as run by Colchester United – will be led by a new coach. There are a few available slots, please let the office know if your child would like to attend.

Premier Sports are running a new Friday afternoon club after half-term. Multi-sport introduces the children to a wide variety of sports including basketball, football and tennis. It teaches basic movement and skill and the coaches help the children understand the games in a clear and easy way. If you would like to register your child, please click the following link: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6527-654475/>

Hatched Chicks

Our chicks have emerged from their eggs and have been chirping loudly while enjoying the heat lamp. The children have been utterly delighted with the temporary additions and we would like to extend our thanks to Miss Moore and Mrs Robson for taking such diligent care of them so that the pupils can enjoy seeing it all up close.



Kidzclub

The children at Kidzclub have had a busy few weeks. They have enjoyed many arts and crafts, such as painting pots or making colourful crosses from El Salvador. They have heard the story of Easter and of María Cristina Gómez who supported and educated poor women in El Salvador.

Gold Book Awards

Well done to this week's Gold Book Award winners.



Well done too to the magazine Club Team (Bella, Freya, Lilly and Hannah), who all received a special Headteacher certificate for their efforts over the last half term putting together 'Stoke Spectacular'. You will receive a copy per family to enjoy over the break.

Diary dates

Date	Event
31 st May – 4 th June 2021	Half-term
Tuesday 8 th June 2021 (morning)	School photographs – class groups
Friday 11 th June 2021	First Stay, Sing & Play for Reception starters
Friday 25 th June 2021	Oak & Chestnut school sleepover

With best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Smith

Headteacher

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