



# Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School Newsletter

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*15th October 2021*

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*Dear Parents & Carers,*

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*We would like to thank you all for your kind words and support this week. The children have tried their best and have coped well despite some of them finding the number of new adults in classrooms quite challenging. Well done to all of the children.*

*As we move towards half term we will be talking to the children about staying safe over half term and how their behaviours both in the real world and online can put them at risk. In this new look newsletter there is some information and National Online Safety Campaign to help raise awareness of some current issues online.*

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## *In this Newsletter...*

As you may have noticed, this week's newsletter looks a little different. It is a more dynamic and immersive way of receiving news from the school and we hope that parents and carers find it more enjoyable. To quickly skim through sections, please click on the bottom right hand image on your screen and a timeline of contents will be displayed. Thank you.

## School Uniform



Can we ask that parents ensure that their child comes to school in the correct school uniform. This means that children should be wearing smart school trousers or skirts with tights rather than leggings. Leggings and tracksuits are suitable for PE days and Muddy Mondays but we would politely request that during other times children come to school in the correct school uniform. School uniform is available from the school office , however if you are struggling to purchase school uniform please speak to us as we can help with this. We would also ask that children wear school shoes to school and not trainers except on PE days when trainers are suitable. Can you also please ensure that long hair is pulled back off of the face. For PE days hair needs to be tied back and earrings removed for safety please.

## Parent Governor Forms

A final reminder that the deadline for all Parent Governor voting forms is **Monday 18th October**. Please ensure these are handed into the School Office so that your vote counts. Once votes have been counted, parents will be informed of who was elected.

## School Teddies

A warm *welcome* to the newest members of our team: our school teddy bears! These will be coming home with the children who receive the Gold Book awards so they can share some of the exciting things your children do at home. We are also sending some off to the local nurseries so that they can share books about our school and the lovely things our children do.

## Developing Our Love of Reading



At Stoke By Nayland, we believe that it is vital to develop a life long love of reading in all our pupils. Over the past few weeks we have revamped our school library to develop its use and to encourage our children to use it. Children are now able to bring home two books from school. One is their reading books designed for them to be able to read it to develop their reading fluency, and one for them to share with you as parents and carers. We want our children to be enthusiastic and to enjoy talking about what is read to them.

We will also be focusing on different authors each half term. This half term we are highlighting the amazing work of Julia Donaldson.

## Competition



As part of our push to encourage reading we are running a competition to catch the children reading in extreme places! Please encourage your children to read in unusual places take a photo and send it in - we will be creating a display in the library of the photos. There will be a prize for the most unusual place in KS1/EYFS and in KS2. Closing date **13th November 2021**. Please send photos into the admin email address [admin@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk). Thank you.

## Friends of the School Updates

*Light Disco* - Please keep watch out for an email from the Friends of the school regarding the postponed Light Disco that they had planned for next week. The new date will be just after the half term holiday. We hope that all parents will support the friends of the school in this fundraising venture.

*Christmas Fair* - Meetings to start planning this event will commence after half term. If you would like to help with the organisation or on the evening itself please talk to Michelle Robinson (Michael in Oak Classes Mum). More details and dates of meeting to follow.

## Clubs Resuming



We are pleased to tell parents and carers that we are hoping that clubs *will* be restarting next week from Monday. This will be assuming that we have no more COVID cases over the weekend. Please be aware that Thursday and Friday are non-pupil days, therefore Kidzclub and Premier Sports after school sports club will not be running. However, Eco Club and Football club will be on as usual. We have rescheduled the parent meeting with Debbie Bennett of Children's University for after half term, however, the date is tbc.

## Reminder - Harvest



Although sadly we were unable to have our planned Harvest Festival at the church, we have received some lovely donations for our deliveries around the village. If anyone else would like to donate tins or fresh produce, could you, please bring them into school by Tuesday so we can deliver them before half term. Thank you

## 'Squid Game' - Information for Parents



The National Online Safety campaign has released information relating to a new craze trending across platforms. Please ensure that you read the following article and always monitor what your children are accessing on computers or mobile devices. Thank you.

[National Online Safety - Squid Game](#)

## Upcoming Events

*Children in Need* - The School Council are voting next week on how we will be supporting this event this year - will it be dressing up, wearing yellow, mad hair or something else entirely? The school council will write to let you know themselves.

*Christmas Plays* - The dates for the KS1 and EYFS Christmas plays will be in the next Newsletter, we are just waiting for the KS1 and Early Years team to announce their production for this year.

## Diary Dates

- **18th October** - Parent Governor Forms deadline
- **21st - 22nd October** - Non-Pupil days
- **25th - 29th October** - Half term
- **11th November** - Flu Immunisations. Please ensure all forms are returned
- **19th November** - Children in Need (the school council will be voting next week on their plans for this event so watch this space!)
- **2nd December** - Open morning for 2022 Reception Starters. 9am-12pm.

**Mr Andrew Frolish**

*Executive Headteacher*

**Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells**

*Head of School*

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