# Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School Newsletter - 29th April 2022

### Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to what we hope to be an exciting Summer Term. We hope that you all had a lovely and restful Easter Break. The children have definitely returned ready to do their best. We are very pleased with the learning behaviour development of our children who are all clearly showing the behaviours of perseverance and focus. Our children are developing their skills to reflect upon their learning and we would appreciate it if, during your evening conversations, you ask your child to reflect on their learning and if they feel they were the best they could be today or what they could change for tomorrow.

# **Suffolk Farm Fair - 28th April**



Year 3/4 had an exciting time at the Suffolk Farm Fair yesterday. They learnt about how animals were cared for and bred, as well as how they help keep our countryside alive. They also learnt about staying safe with the Police, the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Fire and Rescue Service. The children asked lots of questions and participated in all of the activities they could. Well done, Year 3/4 your behaviour was amazing.

## **Early Starters**

We currently run our Early Starters club from 8.15 every morning. Children can be pre-booked or, if necessary, just turn up on the day. During the session, the children have an opportunity to colour, read, or play games. The sessions are popular and children do enjoy them. Each session is £2.00.

#### **Phonics**

Children in EYFS will be receiving their half term assessments today, KS1 will be sent home next week. Inside there are also key tricky words and suggested activities for your child. We would appreciate it if you help your child practice these so that they are fluent. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.

#### **Arrival Times and appointments**

We appreciate that sometimes difficulties arise that make arriving before 9am challenging. However, we are also noticing that arrival times are slipping. Please try your hardest to ensure you arrive at school with time for your child to come onto the playground before the bell is rung at 8.58. This is ensures that your child is able to maximise their learning time in school. It is particularly

difficult for your child if they arrive in school after the teacher has started the lesson, as they feel they are behind for the rest of the lesson.

We understand that, for many, medical appointments are tricky to arrange out of school time - but we do encourage you to try to achieve this if at all possible. We are also happy for the children to be sent into school either side of medical appointments so that their learning is as uninterrupted as possible.

# Reading

A big *well done* to all of the children who are now reading at least 4 x a week at home and are marking it on the Go Read app. Please can we encourage all of our children to do this. Reading with your child has huge benefits for them, both academically and mentally, and is the perfect time to not be on a screen. Please keep reading with your child.

## **Reading Area**





Our Librarians - Freya, Evie and Quintus - have now set up two book trolleys with picnic blankets and a wide range of new books. The trolleys are out in our quiet area each lunchtime, for the children to enjoy some quiet time relaxing and sharing books. If you have any waterproof cushions you would like to donate for this purpose - we would love to receive them.

#### **Dates**

We have sent out a separate email with all of the dates on for this term. We hope that this will support parents to plan ahead for events that they would like to attend. Please be aware that the list is a guide and there may be additions to this as we move further through the term. We will also continue to update the Diary Dates at the bottom of each newsletter, so keep an eye on those too.

#### **PE Kits**

Please ensure that your children have both shorts and tracksuit bottoms in school for each PE session.

School PE kit consists of a white round neck t-shirt (these can either be plain or a school logo T-shirt purchased from the office), blue PE shorts and dark bottoms. Trainers are also required. These need to be in school every Friday, as well as Thursday for Saplings and Chestnut, and every Tuesday for Oak. Please also ensure that earrings have been removed.

## **Diary Dates**

- 2nd May- Bank Holiday Monday
- 3rd May- Semi-Finals Suffolk Farming School of the Year (Oak Class)
- 6th May- Final Kingswood Trip Payment Due
- 16th May- Crucial Crew
- 16th-20th May- Suffolk Walking Challenge
- 24th May WOW Writing Day
- 30th May-3rd June- Half-term & Jubilee Bank Holiday
- 6th June- Non-pupil day
- 7th June- Residential Trip Meeting (Years 5/6)

## Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells

Head of School

#### **Mr Andrew Frolish**

Executive Headteacher

