Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School Newsletter- 4th March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term 2022. Already, the children have been hard at work, developing their knowledge and skills. Well done to the Year 6 children who have started their early morning SATS Boosters - you are really working hard, we are super proud of you all for your commitment and your attitude to learning - keep it up.

Parent Forum - 10th March

We would like to invite parents to a forum next Thursday 10th March at 9:00am in the hall (immediately after dropping children off). This will be an informal opportunity for Mr. Frolish to talk about the school and for parents to come into school to ask questions and give any feedback they wish to. Parents do not need to come along; it's just a chance to talk if they would like to. Of course, there may be parents who would like to ask questions but can't attend. We shall organise similar opportunities at different times to accommodate other parents. Alternatively, questions can just be emailed to the school office.

Staffing Changes

After Easter, there will be an internal change amongst the teaching staff in the Early Years (Saplings class) and Key Stage 1 (Chestnut Class). We shall continue to provide for these children in separate classes in the mornings during the summer term, so that they continue to benefit from learning in smaller groups.

However, from the start of the summer term, Miss Durrant will job-share with Miss Moore in Saplings Class. On other mornings, she will continue to teach Chestnut Class as she does at the moment. On the days when Miss Durrant is teaching Saplings all day, Mrs Roots will take Chestnut Class for the mornings. This just means that there is an internal movement of staff whom the

children are already familiar with. We are not aiming to change the class structure or employ a new teacher.

| | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | |
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| | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM |
| Saplings | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss |
| | Moore | Moore | Moore | Moore | Durrant | Durrant | Durrant | Durrant | Durrant | Durrant |
| Chestnut | Miss | Miss | Miss | Miss | Mrs | Miss | Mrs | Miss | Mrs | Miss |
| | Durrant | Moore | Durrant | Moore | Roots | Durrant | Roots | Durrant | Roots | Durrant |

LoveReading4Kids

We understand that sometimes it is difficult to entice children to try a new genre. LoveReading is a fantastic resource to use to support this. Children can read extracts from books to get a taste for what they are about before committing to reading them, and all ages are covered. It is also a really good place to find books written in similar styles to an old favourite to help develop your child's wider reading. To find out more, please visit the website. LoveReading 4 Kids

The Big GoReadathon: 3rd March - 31st March

Our children are participating in The Big GoReadathon, please encourage them to *read*, *read*, *read* - and don't forget to log it all on the app. The Big GoReadathon will be running from the 3rd of March until the 31st of March, with a host of prizes available. More details can be found here: <u>The Big</u> <u>GoReadathon 2022</u>

If you have any problems accessing the app please ask your child's teacher for a new copy of their log in details.

School Vision Quote

An email was sent to all parents and carers yesterday regarding the changes to the Bible quote we currently use to promote our school vision. We believe that it is time to find one that reflects are values more clearly, and have created a very brief questionnaire to seek opinions from our parents. If you have not read the email yet, please do so. Thank you to all of the parents who have already completed this.

Pirate Day - Monday 4th April

After the success of our Dragon writing Day (please do come and look at the display in the hall next time you are in school to get a taste of the amazing writing that the children created) our next theme will be Pirates. The Writing Wow Day will be happening on Monday 4th April. To support the day we are asking all children to come in dressed in their best seafaring costume. We do ask that all hooks and cutlasses be left at home, they will need both hands to take part in all pirate-y activities we have planned!

Toddler Time

We are offering a new toddler group on a Thursday morning from 9.30 to 11am. The sessions will run twice a month on the first and third Thursday of each month during term time. The dates will also be published on our Facebook page in advance. We will be offering the opportunity to use the EYFS facilities within the school for your little ones to explore together with specific topic weeks which will include literacy and numeracy games. There will also be toys, drawing, messy play, sensory and outdoor activities (weather dependent). We will be offering an optional healthy snack for each child along with hot and cold drinks for parents. Please contact us on admin@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk or sally.fox@sbn.suffolk.sch.uk if you are interested, and please spread the word to any toddler parents you may know.

Clubs

Just a quick reminder that if your child has signed up for an after school club, but no longer wishes to attend, please inform the office so they can be removed from the list and other children can be offered the space. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Cookery Club

A huge *thank you* to Annabel Thorogood (Quintus's Mum in Oak) for organising and running Cookery Club. The children have had an absolutely amazing time, and the results have been incredibly tasty. The last week for Cookery club is this coming Monday, 7th March.

Eco Club

Eco Club restarts on Monday 14th March. If you would like your child to attend, then please let the office know. If the club is over subscribed, we will take names out of a hat and create a waiting list. Please inform the office if your child wishes to attend by Wednesday 9th March so that we are able to allocate spaces.

On Monday 14th March, the children attending Eco Club will be planting wildflower seeds as part of a project to create a wildflower garden area on the recreation ground. Julia Stansfield, a former parent of the school, will be joining the children to show them how to plant the seeds. She will be providing all of the pots, seeds and compost required. Once our seeds have grown, the whole school will have an opportunity to go over to the recreation ground and plant the flowers in the new wild garden area. Watch this space for more details of the great planting event.

Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

To celebrate and raise money for Red Nose Day, the children are invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 18th March. They can challenge themselves to wear as much red as they possibly can or just clothes that they find comfy. Please ensure that they bring in £1.00 for the day, thank you.

Diary Dates

- 8th March- CUFITC World Book Day Find Eddie the Eagle
- 10th March- 9:00am, Parent Forum
- 18th March- Red Nose Day, dress up for £1.00
- 22nd March French Day Whole School
- 29th March- CUFITC Maths Afternoon Code Breaking Challenge
- 4th April- Pirate themed Writing Wow Day

Mrs Kelly McGrath-Wells

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