



## Newsletter

**May 2022**

KS2 SATS – We were so proud of our Y6s and their approach to the tests this term. We had two groups, either working in the hall or their classroom, with two members of staff in each room, to oversee. The children focussed in, worked through and checked their papers several times. I am sure the wide array of mascots worked some magic in keeping everyone calm! They ended their week with a film and refreshments and a day of ‘do what you like (within reason)’ – there were very happy Y6 pupils everywhere!

KS1 SATs – Similarly, our Y2 children completed their papers this week. They worked in much smaller groups than KS2, with an adult assigned to each test group. The Y2s took the test papers in their stride, too. The results will inform the Teacher Assessments across the year, to give a picture of what the children can typically do.

Still to come are the Multiplication Check for Y4 and the Phonics Infant Check for Y1. Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 will sit standardised test papers in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. A good night’s sleep, breakfast and being at school on time will all help to prepare your child to do their best during their tests.

### Platinum Jubilee Picnic

The picnic was a success and we are grateful to all those parents – 150 in all – were able to join. We apologise for the short notice and understand that not all parents are able to arrange time off from work or other commitments.



As the picnic was such a lovely occasion to come together at school, we have a series of picnics organised across next half term. Put the dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you again!

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July



For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, Stoke Holy Cross Church members have organised and run the prayer space for our pupils, in the run up to the KS2 SATs. All the children had an opportunity to experience the activities, which aimed to give the children a chance to express their feelings, reflect and find an 'inner calm'.

## **Foundation class:**

*"I've been having some calm-down time."*

*Doing the scratch art activity, "I was thinking that I am loved",*

## **Class 1:**

*Children queued up to spend time in the tent, saying "I was so relaxed I nearly fell asleep"*

*The scratch art activity about darkness and light started some interesting conversations, including one about the environment and nature – one child wrote a prayer about orangutans being endangered.*

## **Class 2:**

*Some children were very engrossed in the self-portrait activity, and chatted about how they would describe themselves, using words like "precious", "forgiving" and "creative".*

*One child said, "I did the rock activity and it made me feel better".*

## **Class 3:**

*They liked it because "it was so colourful in here", and "it made my worries stop"*

## **Class 4:**

*Making self-portraits, children talked about "taking time to put all the details of me in", and how it felt good to "choose words about myself".*

*One child wrote a prayer for a poorly grandparent, and was able to express her worry and upset to helpers.*

## **Class 5:**

*Some children were very focused on the self-portrait activity, and one said "My picture shows who I really am on the inside, not just on the outside".*

*The rock activity was also popular, as children took a few moments on their own to think about letting go of problems. One child said "The rocks really worked for me. I had a worried feeling that I don't like, but when I dropped the rock the feeling went away". Another one said "It got rid of most of my troubles".*

## **Class 6:**

*Children appreciated having the chance to choose what they did. One child said, "I am not normally quiet in class but I felt quiet in the tent". Another said something similar – "I mastered being still in the tent!"*

We are very grateful to the church members for giving their time to support all of our children.



Please take a look at Facebook, where you'll find pictures for our Egyptian Day for Y5, Art Club for Lower School, etc.

## **Crossing Patrol**

Please note – Grace will be away from her post from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, so please ensure your children cross the road safely.

## **Bike ability Level 3**

Many Y6 pupils are about to embark on L3 Bikeability training. This will support their ability to calculate risk when travelling on the road, for school or recreation. We are very grateful to Simon Edwards from SJ3 Outdoors for providing this funded support for our pupils as they transition to high school.

## **Norfolk Summer School Games 2022**

### **County Bee Netball Finals**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, we took the Netball Squad to participate in the County Bee Netball Tournament at the UEA.

There were ten teams from the County split into two groups.

Our first match was a draw against Browick Road (1-1) with Elsie levelling the score.

Match number two was a win against Alington (1-0) thanks to Eden.

Our third game was against Tacolneston, where Mahroosh took us to a (1-1) draw and the final game we played was against a very strong team - Wreningham Vipers, where we unfortunately lost (0-6).

By the end of the matches, the children were very appreciative of the break for lunch and the chance to recharge their energy levels.

The final games for the placings of the competition took place after lunch.

Thanks to some great passing skills, teamwork and some precision shooting from Mylo, Bethany and Ethan, we won our last game (7-0) against Wreningham Asps.

We didn't take home a medal or the cup; but what the team did take home with them was the achievement and the success of playing good netball, being supportive of one another, showing resilience and having faith in their own ability. The team represented themselves and the school so incredibly well.

Thank you to all of you in the netball squad as both Mr Hutchinson and myself had a brilliant day in your company.

Mrs Roe.

**(Thank you to Mrs Roe and Mr Hutchinson for accompanying the team)**



## Eastern Daily Press Books Tokens

Thank you to everyone for collecting the book tokens from the EDP. We were able to purchase £100 worth of high quality fiction books for our library.



We are now collecting the Sports equipment vouchers; the collection box is located in the library – please help us collect as many as we can!

Tokens will be daily in the Eastern Daily Press (two on Saturday), Norwich Evening News (two on Saturday), the final token will be **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**



## ESPO My School Fund

Many parents have signed up to the fundraising scheme, that gives you a discount/cash back on your shopping while also raising money for school. Your purchases have enable us to receive vouchers to buy equipment for our Food Technology lessons.



Details about the scheme will be sent in a separate email.

## School Council

School Council have met with Mr Claxton, to discuss behaviour, anti-bullying and safety at Stoke. The Governors are going to meet the School Council, too, to listen to their ideas for improving life at Stoke Holy Cross Primary.

Thank you to the School Council for representing all the children at school.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

There have been a number of clubs offered this term:

Art club – provided by Mrs Du Plessis, a parent of Stoke Holy Cross Primary, who is sharing their specialism with us. We are grateful for Mrs Du Plessis for sharing her enthusiasm!

Science club – run by Mrs Spencer-Smith, enabling pupils to get more ‘hands on’ opportunities for experiments. This has been very popular and always over-subscribed. Thank you to Mrs Spencer-Smith for giving her time.

Music club continues with Mrs Housden, our music in residence teacher. This club has used digital media, djembe and other instruments, including the voice, to experiment with sound.

Football, provided by CSF (Norwich City Football Club’s charitable provider), has continued for Y2. There has been a good take up.

With the warmer weather and lighter evenings, Messrs Claxton, Berry and Scott have ventured outside to run cricket club for Y5 and 6, after school.

The provision of extra-curricular opportunities supports pupils’ personal development by:

- Building pupils’ confidence, resilience and knowledge so that they can keep themselves mentally healthy;
- Promoting pupils’ understanding of how to keep physically healthy and maintain an active lifestyle.



## **Inset Day – 19<sup>th</sup> April**

This is now a distant memory for most of us but this day involved most of our Stoke staff, both teachers and teaching assistants along with Governors.

Our morning was spent discussing our curriculum offer, re-arranging subject studies to the right year groups, to ensure acquiring knowledge has a logical progression throughout the school. For the afternoon, pupil well-being was the focus, including anti-bullying, listening to pupils and supporting pupils' needs.

## **School Association News**

The children loved receiving their Easter eggs before the holiday. Thank you to the Committee for organising. Also, thank you to the following for donating the Easter eggs: Tesco Harford Bridge, Mill Electrical, Riverdale Ecology and Lexham Insurance.

Thank you to all the parents for the Platinum Jubilee tea towel and tote orders. They should be arriving after the half term break.

The Committee are now busy planning for the **summer fair**, on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – put the date in your diary!

This is the main fundraising event of the year and has been greatly missed over the last few years.

**If anyone knows a band that would be able to join the fair and play for a bit, please get in touch.**

**Our scarecrow is on the map!** The children have made a scarecrow to join the village scarecrow trail, as part of the community Platinum Jubilee commemoration events. The creation is currently keeping the birds off the raised beds, which have been planted up by the Nurture Group.

## **Pond Development**

Our pond fencing was upgraded during the Easter holiday. Miss Laniado is looking forward to using this area with groups of children in the coming months.

## **Communications**

Our phone system has been updated, ahead of the 2025 'switch off'. The system should now be more efficient in enabling messages to be left, etc., which was a source of frustration for people.

## **Reminder**

The school gates open at 8.35am. Please do not drop off pupils earlier than 8.35am.

However, when children arrive after 8.45am, their minutes late are logged and could add to their absence record.



What's on the horizon...? Dates for your diary

## BioBlitz – Y5 and Y6

Friday, 27 May

## Half Term

Friday, 27 May

## Stoke Holy Cross Jubilee Celebration

Saturday, 4 June

## YF Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing

Wednesday, 8 June

## Headteacher/Chair of Governors - Parent forum meeting

Friday, 10 June afternoon

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

## Reception 2022 Parent Induction Evening

Tuesday, 14 June 6.30-8pm

## Year 6 Trip to Hautbois House

Wednesday, 15 June

## Class photos

Thursday, 16 June

## Year 4 Trip to Amazonia Zoo

Monday, 20 June

## Year 5 Trip to How Hill

Wednesday, 22 June

## Y2 multiskills

Thursday, 30 June

## Lower School Trip - Sea Life Centre

Tuesday, 5 July

## Annual Reports to Parents

Thursday, 7 July



## Summer Fair-Music Festival theme

Friday, 8 July

## Y3 Trip to Time and Tide

Monday, 11 July

## U.S. Sports afternoon

Tuesday, 12 July 14:00 – 15:00

## L.S. Sports morning

Wednesday, 13 July 10:30 – 12:00

## Fram Intake Day

Monday, 18 July

## Superlearning Day-Fram (only Y6 transitioning to Fram)

Tuesday, 19 July

## Move up morning/day for YR-Y5

Tuesday, 19 July

## Y6 Farewell Assembly

Wednesday, 20 July 1.30pm

## Y6 Leavers event

Wednesday, 20 July 4-6pm

## End of Year

Thursday, 21 July

## Inset day 5

Friday, 22 July

## Church Summer Club-Stoke Holy Cross Primary School Hall

25 – 27 July 2022



## **Inset day 1**

Friday, 2 September

## **Inset day 2**

Monday, 5 September

## **Autumn term, 1<sup>st</sup> half**

Tuesday, 6 September – Friday, 21 October

## **Autumn term, 2<sup>nd</sup> half**

Monday, 31 October – Friday, 16 December

## **Inset day 3**

Tuesday, 3 January

## **Spring term, 1<sup>st</sup> half**

Wednesday, 4 January – Friday, 10 February

## **Spring term, 2<sup>nd</sup> half**

Monday, 20 February – Friday, 31 March

## **Inset day 4**

Monday, 17 April

## **Summer term, 1<sup>st</sup> half**

Tuesday, 18 April – Friday, 26 May

## **Bank holiday Monday, 1 May**

## **Summer term, 2<sup>nd</sup> half**

Monday, 5 June – Friday, 21 July