

## **Welcome Back!**

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all our pupils and their families for another exciting and busy year at Stoke Holy Cross Primary. I would also like to extend a big welcome to our new Reception class, too.

### **Class Assemblies Autumn Upper School**

Parents of the class are invited to attend on the dates below. All assemblies are on a Wednesday and start at 9.05am for approximately 20 minutes.

Y3 Ms Bateman – 19<sup>th</sup> October

Y6 Mr Berry – 9<sup>th</sup> November

Y5 Mrs Lockley – 16<sup>th</sup> November

Y4 Mr Claxton – 30<sup>th</sup> November

**(Lower School will do their assemblies in the spring term – dates TBC.)**

### **Reading Cafes**

Lower School will begin this year's round of cafes. We invite the parents (only one due to space in the rooms) of each class to spend time having fun with Maths and other subjects, with their child.

Reception – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am

Y2 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am

Y1 – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am

**(Upper School will offer Writing Cafes in the new year – dates TBC.)**

### **Individual Photos**

The photographer is in school on the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, to take individual pupil photos. More details to follow.

### **Policies**

Our policies are on our school website. This is where you will find the newly approved Safeguarding and Attendance policies, and our Behaviour for Learning policy amongst others.

There is a cycle of review for all policies and statutory policies have to be approved by the Governing board.

### **Safeguarding at Stoke Holy Cross Primary School**

At Stoke Holy Cross, all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Chaney.

If you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult in Norfolk and want to speak to someone, you can also contact 0344 800 8020 – Call CADS (Children’s Advice and Duty Service).

### **School Security – help us to keep your children safe**

Related to the above item, I would ask all parents, carers and visitors to exit the school premises as quickly as possible after drop off and to slide the bolts (top and lower bolts) on the gates, so staff are able to manage keeping the children safe.

If you have permission to use the car park, please ensure you leave as soon as you can and the car park gates are shut.

Thank you for your support with this important matter.

### **What do our staff do to ensure they are always learning too?**

Our staff are continuously attending courses, updates and reviewing practice.

We have teachers who have been working hard on external accredited leadership courses this year – 21-22 and 22-23. Mrs Spencer Smith is in the middle of her NPQLBC (National Professional Qualification for Leading Behaviour and Culture).

Mr Berry is just about to begin working towards NPQLT (National Professional Qualification in Leading Teaching). Their study not only strengthens their own practice, but they also contribute to school on leadership projects.

### **Book of Condolence**

I had the privilege of taking a group of children to the Church Hall, to represent their class and to sign the book of condolence for the sad passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II.



### **Emergency Contact Information**

Have you .....changed job?..... moved house?.....got a new mobile number?  
Have you told us?

### **Parking outside school**



The beginning of a new school year is a good time to give reminders about safety on the roads outside school:

- Please do not park on the pavement
- Please do not park close to junctions
- Please do not turn in the school car park entrance or use the staff car park (unless given specific permission from the school).

Thoughtful parking means our children will be safer and our neighbours happier.  
Thank you.

In the next newsletter, there will be information about the work each class are doing this term. In the meantime, our website is being updated with the curriculum overviews for each class. These will show the learning focus for the autumn half term or term.