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Stibbard All Saints CEVA Primary School
Flourish Federation



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Dear Parents,

I apologise for not getting a letter out last week. It was prepared on Monday, but I didn't distribute it and only realised on Thursday! No one said a thing!

We have some staffing news. Firstly, welcome to **Miss Melanie Curtis**, who has replaced Mrs Nicky Forest as second teaching assistant in Lions class at North Elmham. Good luck to Mrs Forest in her new job.

Year 2 (Stibbard) Mrs Howarth is now working from home, as she needs to isolate for the latter weeks of her pregnancy. She is working full-time and will be 'zooming' in to work with groups and individuals. **Mrs Pickhaver** is teaching the class until Christmas and then **Miss Flower** will take over for the next two terms. **Mrs Cator**, Midday Supervisor at North Elmham, has moved on to another job. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Ms Leonie Reeve will be moving back to Stibbard nursery, so we are looking for a replacement teaching assistant for Sheep class at North Elmham. If interested contact Mrs Julie Brown in the school office.

Mrs Tracey Billman, teaching assistant at North Elmham, will be retiring the end of term.

Mr Good will be off for one more week, as he recovers from an operation. He will return on Monday 29th November, all being well.

Mrs Gkikopoulos has been off with Covid and will return on Thursday. Mr Hurrell has really enjoyed teaching the class in her absence.

Mr Chester is off on sick leave and will not be back before the end of term. Mr Vincent Martinez will be teaching the class until the end of term. He is having a very positive impact.

Due to there being so much Covid in North Norfolk, it is very difficult to find **supply cover** at present for staff absence. A huge thank you to those support staff who have stepped up to lead classes in the absence of the teacher.

The following pupils have received Flourish Federation Star of the Week certificates:

North Elmham

	Sheep class	Whale Class	Lion class
19 th November:	Harrison	Savannah	Florence

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	Nursery	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
15 th November:	Richard	Harley	Richard	Jacob K	Charlie	Poppy	Blake	Riley
22 nd November:	Indianna	Layla	Enid	Felicity	J – J	Noah R	Imogen	Rosie

Remembrance Services went well at Stibbard. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the church at the last minute and instead held services in the hall in key stages. Congratulations to Year 6 for leading both services. The singing was fantastic! Well done!

Pupils enjoyed a **Remembrance Service** in the local church at North Elmham. Thank you to Rev Sally for hosting our service. Well done to all of the pupils who read or shared work during the service.

You should have all received your **short reports**, a week ago. If you did not get one, please let the school office or the teacher know.

Please make sure that you inform the school office if **someone else is picking up** your child(ren) after school. We are responsible for handing over pupils to parents / guardians / nominated adults. We cannot hand over your child(ren) to someone without parental permission. Thank you.

We have booked the **panto Jack and the Beanstalk**, as a live stream for both schools, at the end of term. We are looking forward to this treat.

Advent calendars, containing 24 little books are still available from the school office. These are good quality and are a novelty. If interested, please place your order with £13 at the school office.

Mrs Pickhaver is organising another **Holiday Bible Club** in Briston. She was pleased to see some Stibbard school pupils at the club in October and would love to see some more at this one. Contact details are all in the attached poster at the end of this letter.

North Elmham Pupils enjoyed our **Children in Need Day** last Friday. There were some fabulous outfits, despite it being 'Wellie Day'. We raised **£52.00**, which is very pleasing.

The winners of the 'Sparkly Bake' were Emmeline in Sheep, Gracie A in Whales and Sam in Lions. Stanley and Ida were runners up. Congratulations to all of these pupils.

The winners of the 'Dance Off' were as follows:

Sheep Class: Ava and Tom

Whale Class: Ezmae and Olly

Lion Class: Esmie and Alex

Stibbard

Pupils enjoyed our **Children in Need Day** last Friday. There were some fabulous outfits. We raised **£260.20** which is very pleasing.

The winners of the 'Dance Off' were as follows:

Reception Class: Grace and George

Year 1: Richard and Gracie

Year 2: Amy and Wilf

Year 3: George and Eva

Year 4: Deacon

Year 5: Toby

Year 6: Freddie A

Please continue to be vigilant and maintain good hygiene, with regards to **Covid**, which is now in our school communities. There are several parents and siblings who have tested positive in both schools. Please let us know if close family members have Covid, as it is important for our staff; some of whom are pregnant or were shielding and are vulnerable. Thank you.

We are restricting visitors to the site, as advised by Norfolk County Council. Visitors, including parents if invited to a meeting, should wear a mask on arrival and when moving about in the building. Please check pupils for symptoms and **do not** send your child in to school if they show any, or if you are in doubt.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

*If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result, even if the symptoms are mild.
(NHS 2021)*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ca Taylor".

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