

North Elmham CEVA Primary School Stibbard All Saints CEVA Primary School Flourish Federation

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Dear Parents,

The trees are up in both schools, Christmas is upon us! The children are getting excited, as I am sure you are aware, with the end of term and Christmas closing in.

Stibbard pupils enjoyed a visit from the RSPCA last Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Whitney for organizing this.

We have several events in the calendar for end of term:

Friday 10th December is **Christmas Jumper Day**. Pupils and Staff are invited to wear a jumper for a donation of £2 to Save the Children. This is a worthy cause and I look forward to seeing those jumpers!

KS1 pupils are preparing a **Nativity**. Due to Covid, we cannot have large gatherings in school, so we are planning to perform outside – weather permitting of course. We are planning 2 performances at 10am and 2pm on Tuesday 14th December. Pupils are asked to bring under layers to ensure that they are warm. We will take photos and record the dress rehearsal to share with you.

Wednesday 15th December is **Christmas Lunch** day. Please make sure that you have ordered your child's lunch – there are options. Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day too, which apparently is a tradition that I have only just caught up with!

Thursday 16th December pupils will watch the **panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk'**, as a live stream for both schools. We are looking forward to this treat.

Friday 17th December is the **last day** of term. Pupils return on Wednesday 5th January.

Many pupils are starting to wear their own clothes for PE. **PE Kits** should be; plain black shorts or joggers, white t-shirt, black / navy hoodie / sweatshirt or school jumper. In addition, all pupils whose hair is long enough to tie up need to have their **hair tied for PE** lessons. Any **jewelry** must also be removed. Please keep to this on PE days. Thank you.

Staffing update:

Ms Leonie Reeve will be moving back to Stibbard nursery to replace **Mrs Emma Savoury** who is going on maternity leave. We have employed **Mrs Sara Walter** a replacement teaching assistant for Sheep class at North Elmham.

Mrs Tracey Billman, teaching assistant at North Elmham, will be retiring the end of term. **Mr Goode** and **Mrs Gkikopoulos** have returned to school today.

Mr Chester has now resigned and Mr Vincent Martinez will be teaching the class until the end of the school year.

Mr Hurrell will be leaving us at the end of term, in order to continue his search for his own class.

Ms Jessica Kendall, a teaching assistant, is leaving Stibbard at the end of term.

Miss Emily Perowne is starting as a teaching assistant at Stibbard in January.

I'd like to thank all of those leaving us for their work and wish them the very best for the future.

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

North Elmham

3rd December:

Sheep classWhale ClassLion classEmmelineGraceSophia

Stibbard All Saints

	Nursery	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5 th December:	_	Winter	Lily-Mabel	Elijah	Harvey	Jacob	Charlie	Sophie

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.

Please continue to be vigilant and maintain good hygiene, with regards to **Covid**, which is now in our school communities. We have 3 suspected cases in adults who have been tested and are waiting for results. In addition, 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

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All children aged 5 to 11 are invited to a...

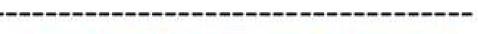
CHRISTMAS Holiday Bible Club

with stories, songs, crafts and games!

Tuesday 21 December, 1pm until 4pm

at The Copeman Centre, Hall Street, Briston NR24 2LG

It's completely FREE but please book a place by calling or texting Matthew on 07910 383682 or emailing matthewpickhaver@hotmail.com





Led by three qualified and experienced schoolteachers, all with up-to-date **DBS** checks.