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## Newsletter

Week beginning October 17<sup>rd</sup>

### Dear families,

Thank you to all of the families who donated to and attended our Harvest Festivals this week. I was with North Elmham for their celebration and was so very proud of the children as they had written and designed the whole thing themselves. A big well done to Sheep class for their beautiful poem.

I hear that the singing at All Saints Stibbard was just stunning with some beautiful two-part harmonies! Well done all of you, we are so proud of you.

Thank you again for the donations. I know they will be gratefully received by the food bank and the Church larder to help support local families.

### Competition time!

Our school vision is to "BELIEVE ACHIEVE BELONG" and is based on the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock (Matthew 7:24)

The message for our school community is that:

***All of us need strong foundations in our lives – at home, in school, in the wider world.***

We have revisited this in class but we really want a better picture or visual to represent the message than the one we have.

Could your child(ren) come up with a better picture or visual to represent this message? We would like all entries by Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> (to either school office) to be judged the following week.

## DIARY DATES

**Term dates - Autumn term**  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

(Half term 24-28<sup>th</sup> October)

**Parent Teacher Meetings –**  
week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Remembrance church services–**  
11<sup>th</sup> November at Stibbard and North Elmham churches.  
Families welcome. (Invites to follow)

**Christmas Week** (wb 12<sup>th</sup> December) including productions and Christmas lunch and jumper day on 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Open afternoons for Reception Intake 2023**

23<sup>rd</sup> November Stibbard

9-10am or 4-5pm

24<sup>th</sup> November North Elmham

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## News:

**Kelly Hunter**, teacher at North Elmham had a baby boy in August. He arrived a little later than expected but both Mum and baby are doing really well. I know you will join me in congratulating her.

**Pupil Parliament:** we have been discussing lunch times and how we can make them better. I have been asked for an outdoor library and dressing up box! If anyone has any old dressing up (age 4 and above) or books (preferably non-fiction or annuals) they would like to donate, we would happily accept them!

**Graphic designers?** Are there any talented graphic designers in our community who could help us design two procedure sheets for our federation? If you have the skills we need, please get in touch with the office or me!

**Jewellery** – stud earrings only please.

**Toys and personal objects** – there has been much disagreement over toys/balls/teddy bears etc. Please leave them at home where they can be safe and ready to play with when your child(ren) get back home! This does include footballs. We have balls at school so please leave yours at home to limit disagreement at break and lunch time.

**Smart watches** – Amazing tech but not for school. Please leave these at home, as they are really disrupting lessons!

**Sickness & Diarrhoea - Please** keep your child at home for 48 hours from the last “episode” of either sickness or diarrhoea; this will hopefully limit the spread of any infections

**Parent’s Evening appointments** – Please return your forms to the school office as soon as we return from the half term break so we can organise the times for all families during the first week.

**Spare Clothes** – we are always grateful to receive tights, socks, knickers, pants for our spares box. If you have any, please bring these to the school office.

**Have a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing you all again on October 31<sup>st</sup>. (Please leave the ghost masks at home for the day!)**

*Victoria McConnell*