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Newsletter

Week beginning November 7th

Dear families,

It has been so lovely to see so many of you this week at Parent Teacher Meetings and at our Remembrance services at church.

A reminder to like us on social media for regular updates:

Facebook: North Elmham Primary School and All Saints Primary School & Nursery, Stibbard.

Twitter: @NorthElmhamSch and @allsaints_prim

Thank you to those of you who have completed our parent survey. It has been really good to read your comments and suggestions. Please accept this newsletter as feedback on what will happen as a result of your responses.

We have had 40 responses, both written and online. I was pleased to hear that 82.5% of your children were happy at school most or all of the time. 76% of you think communication from school is good.

Some of the positives you gave us included: happy children, nurturing staff, welly day, dojo and tapestry, school values and ethos.

As I have said before, staff are on the gate every morning and most afternoons. If you have any feedback or questions, please do ask us or email them through to the office.

You said, We did:

Sometimes we cannot make it to celebration assembly:

As a result of this, we will set up a Zoom for celebration assembly (starting Friday 18th November) so families who cannot join in person can join remotely.

DIARY DATES

Term dates - Autumn term

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December.

Children in Need – Friday November 18th, children will be invited to come in non-school uniform for the day to support this charity day. A separate letter will follow with further information.

Christmas church services – All Saints Stibbard juniors Tuesday 13th December afternoon

North Elmham Wednesday 14th December

All Saints Stibbard infants Friday 9th December (in school)

Times tbc

Christmas Week (wb 12th December) including productions and Christmas lunch and jumper day 15th December

Open afternoons

Reception – 23rd and 24th November (for 23-24 intake)



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Many of you are asking for extra curricular clubs:

We are looking at what we can offer for the Spring term. Some members of staff have offered their time to share a hobby or activity they love. We would very dearly love to offer a broad range of activities at lunch and after school and we are working hard to provide this.

Parking:

We all agree that parking is an issue, especially at Stibbard All Saints. We respectfully remind our families to park carefully and legally and not park on the zig zags or block our neighbours driveways. Sadly, some people do not think these rules apply to them. We do have a playground and car park which we open for your use. This should be sufficient at drop off and pick up times. You are also welcome to park at Stibbard All Saints church and walk up to school.

Please park respectfully.

Lack of communication around what my child is learning:

We send half termly curriculum newsletters and all our curriculum plans are on our website. Regular updates on class activities are on the class blogs which filter to twitter and Facebook. We will invite parents in at least once per half term but if you still do not feel that you know what your child is learning, please make an appointment to visit us!



I get text messages but my partner doesn't:

Contact the school office if you would like more than one person to receive text messages from the school. We prefer to SMS only one contact per child as we pay per message but we will always endeavour to accommodate your requests!

I don't get enough notice for my child's celebration assembly:

I understand how frustrating this is for working parents but we like to celebrate your children on the week they achieve their exceptional 'thing'! If we waited a whole week after the event, it is often too late for young children. We will attempt to counteract this disappointment by using Zoom in celebration events (see above)

The survey is still open so please do feel free to add comments over the weekend should you wish.

Victoria McConnell