FLOURISH FEDERATION

Co-Executive Headteachers: Victoria McConnell and Carol Jeary

Newsletter – Spring Term

Week beginning 3rd February 2025

Dear families,

In the Autumn Term we announced that we were going to be offering various sessions to invite parents into school to share the children's learning. We decided to make the change in response to some parent's comments around star of the week and our wish to have parents and the community into the school to learn with us and experience what we do first hand. We have been a little slower getting this started than we had intended but have the following dates for your diaries:

North Elmham

On Tuesday between 2:50 – 3:15, 4th & 18th March and 1st April Come and join your child / grandchild to share some learning. This will be in both Acorn and Oak class. If you have children in different classes we suggest you alternate. This will be an informal opportunity to play some games or take part in some joint reading.

Stibbard All Saints

Year 1 & 2: Thursday between **2:40 – 3:00**, on 6th & 20th March and 3rd April Come and join your child / grandchild to share some reading.

Please come and join us for a maths shared learning session: **Reception Class** next week on Tuesday 11th February from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm; then **Year 4** on Thursday 13th March, **Year 3** on Thursday 20th March. These will take place in the classrooms from 8:50 am to 9:50 am. It will be an opportunity to share some maths learning with your child.

After half term we will be making some changes to the lunchtimes at Stibbard, helping them run more smoothly. Currently some children are struggling to show the expected behaviour and don't always know what to do with this unstructured time. To help with this at the end of the month we have John Massey coming in to teach children some playground games. Please see the additional information around the lunchtime changes which will be sent out just before half term, your support with these would be appreciated.

DIARY DATES

Term dates - Spring term 7th January – 4th April 2025

(Half term 17thth February – 21st February)

Year 6 Residential: 26th – 28th March

Summer Term: Tuesday 23rd April – Tuesday 22nd July.

Key dates for 2024/25

Parents teacher meetings: wb: 3rd March. (This is a change from the original published date.)

Transitions week: wb: 7th July

Sports Day:

19th June (reserve 26th) North Elmham

20th June (reserve 27th) Stibbard

School reports home: 11th July

Y6 SATs: 12th – 15th May

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Important staffing update: Hannah Middleditch will be leaving Flourish at February half term. Hannah has been working with us since 2020 and is the person many of you see the most! Hannah has been incredibly organised and professional and we will miss her running our reception at Stibbard All Saints.

I know you will join us in thanking her for all she has done for the school and wish her well for the future.

Polite reminder: If you have any concerns regarding your child please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Parents Evenings: These will take place after the half term break and all classes at both schools will be offering appointments over two evenings. The dates will be as follows:

North Elmham

Tuesday 4th March – from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm (both classes)

Wednesday 5th March – from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm (both classes)

Stibbard All Saints

Tuesday 4th March – from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm – Year 4 with Mrs Gkikopoulos

Wednesday 5th March – from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm – all classes (year 4 with Mrs Niven and Reception with Mrs Pentney-Smith)

Thursday 6th March – from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm – Reception (Miss Demiray), Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

Thursday 6th March – from 3.10 pm to 4.30 pm – Year 5

Appointments can be booked via the Arbor App and the bookings will open at 8.00 pm on Monday 10th February 2025.

Thank you and best wishes,

Victoria McConnell and Carol Jeary