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## Newsletter

week beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Dear families,

I cannot believe we are in October already and only two weeks away from the end of the first half term! The staff and children have been working so hard together and producing some wonderful work. Our reception children have been completing their reception baseline assessments (they are completely unaware but our reception staff are tired!)

On Thursday 20th October, in our schools, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. We are inviting you to come into our schools and join us in our Collective Worship at 9am (Stibbard All Saints) and at 2.30pm (North Elmham)  
More details of this are in the attached letter.

In the last week of half term (week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October) reception parents will be invited in to class to learn some phonics (your teacher will send more details on this)

### 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.***

## 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

**School photos** – 21<sup>st</sup> October N Elmham. School uniform please.

**Immunisations** – 15<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> November - Stibbard

**Height and Weight check (Y6)** – 12<sup>th</sup> October Stibbard. Tbc – N Elmham

**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 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Open afternoons

Reception – 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November (for 23-24 intake)



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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.

**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!

**Conkers** – We love these beautiful treats of nature and enjoy looking at them and collecting them, however, trying to risk assess conker fights is a logistic nightmare in school, so we cannot allow this to happen. Sorry!

*Victoria McConnell*