# News from Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School July 2017



## Year 5/6 Residential to Danbury

Another successful experience in team building, overcoming fears and having fun at the outdoor centre in Danbury. One of our governors had his first experience of a school residential and is keen to be booked for next year!



### Parables and other stories

Whilst year 5/6 were away the rest of the school had three off timetable, family grouped days. One of these focused on stories from the bible. We listened, talked about them and then did some activities to represent them. We looked at The Parable of the Talents, The Wise Man and the Foolish Man, The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the story of Treasure in Clay.



#### **Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies**

Oak class play was truly amazing, showing a huge amount of talent in singing, acting and backstage work. If the audience reaction was anything to go by, it was one of our most successful productions. Well done to all involved.



#### Summer Fayre

Many highlights of this sunny Saturday included Mrs Jenny's Ark and maypole dancing. The FOS raised over £1200



#### **Employability Framework**

As part of the Employability Framework we try to invite people into school to talk about the world of work, the aspirations that they had has students and the skills and attributes they have developed. Last term we invited in PC Savory who is a police dog handler. This term we invited one of our parents, Fiona Malby, who is an author. Fiona talked about what inspired her writing and the process of writing a story for publication. She then worked with year 5 and 6 on starting a piece of creative writing. We were all inspired by both our visitors.







#### **Poetry Competition**

We took part in the Stoke by Nayland Arts and Literature Festival. We were invited to write poems on either (or both) of two themes, 'The Incredible in Front of my Eyes', and 'The Fabulous Far Away', the poems to be judged by the poet, Dave Charleston, from the Open Road bookshop. As part of the festival launch, the children read their prizewinning poems in front of a large and enthusiastic audience, and received their prizes. It made an excellent start to the festival, and we are very proud of these



budding poets. The poems can be read on our school website under 'Information-Curriculum-Poetry Competition'.