

Stoke Holy Cross Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2023
Village Reports

Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association.

This year the Association is celebrating its thirteenth anniversary of the Parish Council securing land for allotments in Stoke Holy Cross.

The allotments are at the centre of the village next to the park, there are 19 full plots and some of these have been split into half plots and others are shared to maximise the number of villagers who can have an allotment.

Interest remains strong. All the plots are currently occupied and we have 12 people on our waiting list, the person in the first place joined in 2020.

The allotment association is active within the village, during 2022 the allotments took part in the village Open Gardens event again and in the summer the association members joined in the jubilee celebrations manning a plant tombola and splat the rat game.

We've also resumed our very popular quiz nights in the Church Hall, the next one is in May and is open to everyone.

In September we made the decision to cancel the Produce Show following the Queen's death. This would have been our first show after covid, so we're hoping to resume the show this year.

If you're interested in finding out more about the allotments then please speak to me or any of the plot holders.

Thank you.

Ian Himpleman, Chair of the Stoke Holy Cross Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association.

St John Ambulance Report

Last June we were able to hold our first presentation evening since 2019 when 15 cadets were enrolled as members of St. John and three cadets were presented with their Grand Prior certificates.

In September we welcomed 8 youngsters when our Badger Unit reopened. We now have them and 19 cadets regularly attending our meetings and have a healthy waiting list.

The Division is still run by Jack Prior ably assisted by Annika, Caitlin when her paramedic duties allow and Sam a trainee paramedic from the UEA.

The Badgers have enjoyed earning badges and certificates for Performance and First Aid Badger and are now completing Eco Badger.

The Cadets have also been busy with certificates in Event Cover, Power of Communication and Complex Care. They also completed their 10-week Annual Assessment in First Aid.

Our next presentation and enrolment evening will be taking place in July.

Margaret Peters
Unit HR Lead

Pre-School Report

Summer 2022 saw the resignation of our new deputy manager but as numbers were low for September we decided to wait until we appointed a new Deputy and Emma took over as acting deputy Manager in the Autumn term. We also made the decision to close the Pre-school on a Tuesday until Christmas which meant we could condense children and staff to the remaining days.

We advertised in October/November and our new Deputy manager Vic started in January and has become a very valued member of staff. We now have a fully qualified set of staff. Just to add 3 of our staff live in Stoke Holy Cross making us very much a local preschool for local people.

Our numbers were very low in September as we had 17 children leave to go to school, we started with just 10 children, we took on 3 children in November and 6 in the spring term. We have 7 children starting after the Easter holidays taking our number to 26.

We were able to apply for and receive a sustainability grant and the Parish Council have been working with us which has been a massive help to the Pre-school and we would like to thank them for this.

Our Committee have arranged several fundraising events, the next one being a coffee and cake stall at the annual High Ash Farm Bluebell event at the beginning of May. Fundraising remains an essential part of keeping the pre-school financially viable (as it has always been).

Unfortunately we have had to have a change of Chairperson recently and our new Chairperson is Stephanie Laurence, Stephanie has been in the Chair Person position before but we will be looking for a new Chairperson as well as other committee members who do not have to be parents, at our AGM in September so if anyone is interested please let us know

Looking forward to September we have 15 children staying on and another 10 joining us with more down to start in November and January. We are continuing to have enquiries so I am positive that we will start the year in a much better position.

As a final note we are very proud of our Pre-school and are happy to show it off to anyone who is interested. If you would like to find out more about what we do or how you can help please get in contact.

Poringland Police Report

For Stoke Holy Cross there have been 83 recorded crimes from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 which is 5 more than last year. Of those 83 half nearly of these can be attributed to Criminal Damages and Public Order Offences. There is certainly no crime pattern or trend to these crimes or recurring problems that I have been made aware of.

There has been 1 recorded residential burglary compared to 7 that were recorded for the same period last year. There has been 1 recorded theft from vehicle compared to 3 last year. Drugs possession offences are up by 5 but certainly no cause for concern.

I have conducted speed enforcement on Norwich Road and Long Lane and welcome any further locations of concern.

The priorities for the coming quarter (1st April – 30th June 2023) for the entire beat (all 21 Parishes) are as follows:

Road Safety (Speeding)

ASB Vehicle (Anti-social vehicle use)

ASB Personal

Please take a note of my email address and contact me directly with any concerns or questions going forward. Parishioners can contact me using:

SNTPoringland@norfolk.police.uk

Framingham Earl High School Report

Background:

Framingham Earl High School is a convertor academy with the Sapienta Educational Trust. www.framinghamearlhighschool.co.uk (website) @FraminghamEarl (Twitter) Trust website www.se-trust.org and financial information

The following schools feed into Framingham Earl High School: Poringland Primary School & Nursery, Rockland St. Mary Primary School, Surlingham Community Primary School, Trowse Primary School, Stoke Holy Cross Primary School and Brooke VC CE Primary School

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the school is 160 Year 7. For September 2023 we have accepted 170 students due request from Norfolk County Council.

	Number on roll			Special Educational Needs				Disadvantaged (using government Pupil Premium definition)		English as an Additional Language	
	Total	Male	Female	No. of EHCP pupils (education health care plan)	%	No. of Special Educational Need Support pupils	%	No. of pupils	%	No. of pupils	%
Year 11	155	89	66	6	3.9%	17	11.0%	20	12.9%	6	3.9%
Year 10	160	82	78	7	4.4%	9	5.6%	16	10.0%	5	3.1%
Year 9	161	81	80	8	5.0%	22	13.7%	32	19.9%	3	1.9%
Year 8	154	79	75	6	3.9%	23	14.9%	25	16.2%	2	1.3%
Year 7	161	81	80	5	3.1%	24	14.9%	29	18.0%	8	5.0%
TOTAL	791	412	379	32	4.0%	95	12.0%	122	15.4%	24	3.0%

Staffing:

Mrs Becky Arnold – Headteacher, Mr James Edwards – Deputy Headteacher, Mr Dan Keates – Assistant Headteacher, Vacant Position – Assistant Headteacher Personal Development, Vacant Position – Assistant Headteacher Inclusion

	Teachers	Learning Support	Associate staff	Total
Men	17	1	5	23
Woman	35	14	34	83
Total	52	15	39	106

Site Developments 2022/23:

Resurfacing work on carparking, new boilers and path around site. Painting of front of school. New windows on rear of school. New carpets/painting for Maths rooms including new interactive boards. Planning permission in place for fields to rear of school to increase green space and allow for potential development on other areas

of school field. Summer 2023 next stage of carpark development with inner roundabout to be removed and new bus bay parking.

Community Links:

Highlights for 2022/23:

Community Meetings - Framingham Earl High School New community meeting in place termly with wide range of stakeholders including local counsellors, Crown Point Estates, local beat officer, residents, previous Governors.

Year 8 Whitlingham Volunteering Day, Foolhardy Circus events for all Year 7, Theatre Connections play including performance at The Garage, Work with Green Influencers which includes summit for students in July 2023, Work with Poringland Fuel Allotment Fund to support vulnerable families and children accessing higher education, continued link with Poringland Men's Shed and now Poringland's Women's Shed, Ormiston's Families working in school to support SEMH needs of students (NHS partner project), South Norfolk Council lease of Sports Centre, A2Better transport scheme building on Bronze Travel Plan including Student Active Travel Ambassadors school, The Garage extra-curricular Drama and ProSport Boxing Coach extra-curricular clubs.

This year we have outlined our Personal Development Programme on a supporting document.

Ofsted Report 2022: 'Framingham Earl High School continues to be a good school.'

The school community we felt that the inspection team had a good sense of the school and were able to highlight aspects that we agreed with as areas of strength and areas for improvement.

School Improvement Priority Areas for 2022/23:

Quality of Education:

Curriculum Intent: Successful development, adaptations and or reasonable adjustments are made to the curriculum to meet the needs of pupils with SEND to develop knowledge, skills, and abilities

Curriculum Intent: The school's aim is to have EBACC at the heart of its curriculum and good progress is made towards this ambition.

Curriculum Implementation: Embedding Fram Pedagogy Framework throughout all subject areas and classrooms.

Curriculum Implementation: Ensure all students can articulate curriculum progression journey and are supported through Curriculum Maps, Booklets, Knowledge Organisers and Displays used throughout subject areas.

Curriculum Implementation: Reading and vocabulary acquisition are prioritised throughout all subject areas including tutor time.

Curriculum Impact: Pupils develop detailed knowledge and skills across the KS3 curriculum (including using homework and Teams groups effectively) to enable strong progress in effective assessments.

Behaviour and Attitudes:

Team Around the Child meetings develop to ensure students with specific needs are understood and supported by all staff and specialists when required.

Pupils have high attendance and when this is not the case, we take appropriate, swift, and effective action.

Fixed term and internal exclusions have careful reintegration plans with strategies that support students to succeed in their education including engagement with external agencies.

Fram Volunteering Passport: Development to ensure pupil make a highly positive, tangible contribution to the life of the school and/or the wider community.

Celebration of commonalities and difference: continued development of curriculum diversity, co-curricular offer, and celebration events to ensure a community of respect.

Personal Development:

Development of our high-quality pastoral support including review of Guidance Team structure.

Character education and a promotion of British Values is evident in all areas of school life and is coherently planned.

Continued engagement with celebration of diversity both within taught curriculum and co-curricular offer.

Careers Education continues to develop across both key stages and Compass Tool shows wider range of meaningful employer engagements.

Leadership and Management:

Leaders at all levels engage effectively with a range of stakeholders including parent/carer and pupil views.

Safeguarding is responsive and continues to be a priority for the whole school.

CPD is focused and highly effective leading to improvements in student behaviour for positive engagement and the teaching of the curriculum.

Key groups - SEND and Disadvantaged are supported by all staff with a clear and effective strategy to enable students to secure strong holistic achievement.

Quality assurance is effective and diagnostic in its approach to support areas of the school progress and is completed in collaboration with SET to consider staff workload and wellbeing.

Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston Churches

Once again it has been a privilege to work with the Parish Council and so many other village organisations throughout 2022.

The highlight for us, and for many in the village in 2022, was the fantastic Jubilee celebrations on the field at the beginning of June. It was such a great event with something for everyone, and we're excited to be planning something similar in the years to come.

Of course the Jubilee was sadly followed by the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, and we were pleased to provide space for members of the village community to come and sign the book of condolence, and to reflect and pray. We're glad the Church Hall is the focus of activities for all ages, including the growing coffee morning on Thursday mornings, and Embers in the afternoon, as well as Sparklers on a Tuesday. On alternate Sundays in the second half of 2022 we ran All invited, an opportunity for anyone to come and share in some activities and conversation, and have drinks and cake, and even stay for a hot meal. One of the first of these was focused on collecting for Ukraine, and we had a tremendous response from the whole village community. The Church Hall continues to provide free space for the weekly Post Office, which it has been good to see running again after a bit of a hiccup in the course of the year. We're grateful to the Parish Council for a grant towards the cost of heating the hall.

It was good that some of our usual annual activities felt a bit more back to normal in 2022, like the Easter Fun at the Park, cream teas, open gardens and so on. There were some new things too, like the Christmas carols with the jazz band up here at the pavilion. Our really valuable partnership with the school continues to be a real joy to us.

There has been some important work done on the church building at Stoke in the course of the year, and we're thankful to a number of residents who have generously supported us in that, as we don't receive central funding for the upkeep of the church building or churchyards. 2023 looks like being the year when the bat problems at Dunston are finally dealt with.