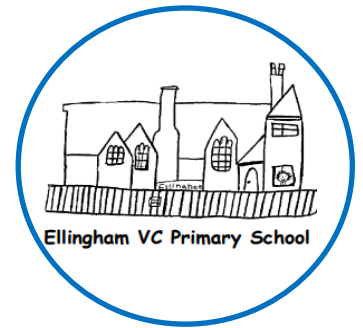




# Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November



## Class Attendance - From Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

The class with the highest attendance each week will have a little in class treat from their teacher. They will also receive a star for their door and the class with the most stars will win a prize at the end of term. This will run from the previous Friday to the current Thursday. Let's see which class can get 100% attendance every week.

Sparrows - 95.33%

Skylarks - 91.43%

Swifts - 95.76% Well done Swifts! 😊

Swallows - 95%



### Sparrows

This week we have been working hard practising our Nativity play which we will be performing on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. We hope that lots of you can come.

We've learnt about Advent and have also been practising recognising and counting coins.



### Skylarks

We have been busy with lots of creative crafts this week - decorations for the Christmas tree festival in Beccles and making some lovely items for the PTA Christmas Fair. We have also looked at the work of the artist Robert Kelly and have painted our own 'Polar Landscapes.'

Rehearsals for our Christmas show 'A Polar Journey' are underway. Lines will be sent home today and further details about costumes will come next week.

Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.



### Head Lice

We have cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.



## Swifts

In maths this week Swifts have been learning about fractions. They have learnt about fractions of shapes and have been adding and subtracting fractions. We have also looked at equivalent fractions.



During English Swifts have continued retelling the traditional tale of The Fisherman and His Wife using their knowledge of the features of traditional tales. They have also begun recalling the events of our super trip to Strangers' Hall. We have also been learning about Shakespeare and writing fact files about him.

Very well done to the children from Swifts who represented Ellingham at the swimming gala last week.

Swifts have worked hard to achieve some fantastic Maths Whizz results recently. Well done! We are proud of you.

## Swallows

### Maths

This week we have been solving problems to do with division. We have been deciding whether to round up or down remainders, according to the context.



### English

We have continued to write the diary of an Egyptian pyramid builder. We are thinking about conveying emotions, and using adverbials to show the passing of time. We have been thinking carefully about using consistent tenses.

## Bungay Choral Society - A Festival of Christmas - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Some of the children in our choir will be performing at the Festival of Christmas at St. Mary's church, Bungay on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are available from the school office and are £10, but buy one, get one free. On the door they tickets will be full price at £12 each.



## Times Tables Olympics

Well done to the following children who have achieved their Times Tables Olympics awards:  
Olive - Olympic  
Finn - Silver



## Swimming Gala

Well done to all the swimmers who took part in the gala last week. They all did really well and we are pleased to say that Isaac Wren has qualified for the next round. Well done to all.



## Request for Items

Please can we have 2 litre bottles and any type of bottle tops. This will be an ongoing request so please bring any items into the school office, thank you.



### Hungate Church Christmas Tree Festival

Once again the children have been busy making decorations for the tree, which Harvey Bros Funeral Parlour kindly sponsor. The tree will be part of the Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival.

If you would like to visit, it is open at the following times:

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - 6.00pm - 9.00pm**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30am - 4.30pm**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 12.30pm - 5.30pm.**

Entrance is £2 per adult, children are free. It is a lovely event, featuring lots of Christmas trees decorated by various organisations. You also get to vote for your favourite in the adult & child section.



### Walking Bus

The walking bus runs **every Tues, Wed and Thurs**, unless the weather is really bad. There is a Whatsapp group for the walking bus so please make sure you are a member so you can get updates if it is cancelled.

Thank you to all those who have supported the walking bus this year. It has been a huge success.



If you would like your child to join the walking bus, just turn up on the day and fill out a permission slip.

### Car Free Friday

As an eco school we try and encourage children to walk or cycle to school as much as possible. The walking bus now runs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which reduces the amount of cars parked around the school gates. Please try and make every Friday a car free day by walking or cycling to school. If you live outside the village, try and park further away and walk the last part.



### Raffle Tickets

Please can you return all sold tickets and money and any unwanted tickets to the office ASAP, thank you.



### Football Tournament

The children showed great sportsmanship on Monday at the football tournament. They all played really well and we just have one match left to play against Woodton before we get the results.



### Grapes in Packed Lunch

If you are sending grapes in your child's packed lunch, can you please cut them in half as they are a potential choking hazard. Many thanks.



### Values

Our main value for this half term is Resilience. This also links in with perseverance, courage and self-belief.



### Village Christmas Party

Sarah Hanlan (Stanley's Mum) and Jacqui Minns (Aubrey & Enola's Nan) are organising a Christmas party for the children. They have asked to pass on the following details;

Ellingham & Kirby Cane village  
Children's Xmas party  
Saturday 21st December  
3.30-5.30pm  
Kirby Cane Memorial Hall  
Age 4-11



Entertainment  
Santa visit  
Prize for best dressed

You **WILL** need a ticket per child.  
Please see Jacqui or Sarah or tickets.

Priority will go to children living in the village .....

Please supply a present for your child no more than £5, wrapped and clearly named, all presents must be with us by 19th December

Limited amount of numbers.  
Due to hall capacity this is a drop off event only.  
(Unless discussed prior)  
**ONLY 15 PLACES LEFT**

### The Sun Books for Schools

We are taking in part in The Sun newspaper's Books for Schools promotion. There will be tokens printed in The Sun between Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please hand these into the school office so we can be in with a chance of winning some books for our school.



### Play Equipment

Please refrain from letting your children on the play equipment after school. This equipment is only to be used during school hours, whilst supervised, thank you.



### Year 2's 'Step On It!' Road Safety

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, our year 2 children will be taking part in the Norfolk County Council run road safety program. This will involve crossing a road and so we need to have some helpers on the day. We need 4 helpers in total, starting at 11.00 until 11.45am, and then again after lunch 1.30pm - 3pm. If you are able to help, please see the office. If we don't get enough helpers, we will have to cancel the road safety.



### Stars of the Week

Apologies to Tyler who was missed off last week's newsletter. We will feature this week's stars next week.



### Guitar Lessons

Mr Buck has now completed the ten lessons for this term. If your child still has a guitar at school, please remember to take it home.



## Dates for the Diary

**\*New Date\*** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival - See times listed above

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Bikeability Y5/6 Group 2

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Bikeability Y5/6 Group 3

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm - Sparrows Nativity - All welcome

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - 3.15 - 5.15pm - PTA Christmas fair in the school hall

**\*New Date\*** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for £1

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Carol Concert - More details to follow

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Bungay Festival of Christmas. 7.30pm. Tickets available from the school office.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 3.15 - 5.30pm - PTA whole school Christmas party

**\*New Date\*** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 3.30 - Drama Club Performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing'

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm - Skylarks Winter Performance

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Return to school

**\*New Date\*** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Year 2's 'Step on It' Road Safety - Helpers needed

**\*New Date\*** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Girl's Football Tournament

**\*New Date\*** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term

**\*New Date\*** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Back to School

