

Newsletter

Friday 14th February





Values

Our main value for this half term is Respect. This also links in with reverence, truthfulness and peace.



Class Attendance - From Friday 7th February until Thursday 13th February 2020

The class with the highest attendance each week will 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 - 82.67% Skylarks - 89.29% Swifts - 90%

Swallows - 96.43% Well done Swallows! ©



Sparrows

This week we have read 'The Enormous Crocodile' and used shapes and colours to make repeat patterns. We are continuing to practise reading CVC words and learning phase 2 and 3 letters and sounds.

Thank you for your continued support at home with reading with your child. Please could you continue with this over the half term holiday, it really makes a difference to their learning.

Request for Items

We still need lots and lots of bottle tops of any type. Thank you.



Skylarks

We have been very creative this week and have painted some lovely imaginative aliens for our display. We have finished our galaxy prints that also look good on display. We practised different techniques like printing and collage and used a range of art materials.

The children have been discussing and recognising good/bad behaviour and sharing their ideas with Jigsaw Jess about rewards and consequences.

In maths we have used our reading skills to solve word problems.

Hope you all have a relaxing weekend. See you in the spring, Mrs Ward \odot and Mrs Rix \odot .

Swifts

In maths this week
Swifts have been adding
numbers using formal column addition
methods, and using Roman numerals.
They have also used the data collected
on a bug hunt linked to our 'Living Things
and Their Habitats' science topic to
create a bar chart. During English Swifts
have begun learning about Aesop's Fables.
They have listened to, discussed and
read a range of fables, and identified
their common features. Alongside this
Swifts have been using their growth
mindset to complete some English
assessments.

Thank you for your continued support with Swifts weekly homework of spellings, spelling word search, Times Tables Olympics and Maths Whizz (aiming to make four progressions). Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it in their reading record book. Reading books and reading records need to return to school each day. Please can everyone have a good look for their reading record books as quite a few are missing. Thank you Have a lovely half term break.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

The theme this year will be 'Under the Sea'. Children are invited to dress up in this theme to celebrate World Book Day. We will be doing various activities throughout the day alongside this theme. The children will be issued with a book token to claim their free World Book Day book from participating retailers.



Swallows

Maths

We have been working with fractions this week. We have found equivalent fractions and converted improper fractions to mixed numbers. We have carried out activities to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. English

This week we have been interviewing aliens who are visiting Earth, and writing the transcripts, considering layout and the conversation flow by referring back to previous questions and giving detailed answers. We have tried to include question tags, and a variety of punctuation.

'Veggie Tub Tuesday'

A big thank you to Jenny Napthine and Charlotte Todd for helping the children prepare the veggie tubs last week. All the children enjoyed a tub of veggies at break time.



Walking Bus

The walking bus runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like more information, please speak to the school office.



<u>Dogs</u>

Please be aware that there are many dog walkers who are often around at drop off and pick up time. We would encourage you to teach your children not to stroke animals without the owner's permission, and to be aware that not all dogs like to be touched.

'Plant to Plate' Promotion

Don't forget to help us collect our tokens for the 'Plant to Plate' promotion. We hope to be able to qualify for some free seeds. Please tell all your family and friends to help us collect tokens, many thanks.

10 additional tokens will be printed in the Eastern Daily Press and the Norwich Evening News on: SATURDAY
15th FEBRUARY AND SATURDAY
22ND FEBRUARY so a total of 12 tokens.
10 addition tokens will be printed every day during the week on MONDAY
17TH FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY
21ST FEBRUARY so a total of 11 a day.

Also 10 additional tokens will be printed in the Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, North Norfolk News and Dereham & Fakenham Times so a total of 11 during next week.

Parents Evenings

The 10 minute parent evening appointments are now up in the office foyer. Please come in and book an appointment to see your child's teacher.



Christmas Jumper Day 2019

We have received a thank you letter from Save the Children, thanking us for taking part in the Christmas Jumper Day last December. We raised £82.50 - Just £2 can pay for antibiotics for eight children with pneumonia.

Stars of the Week

Here are our 'Stars of the Week' for this week.





















Sport Relief - Monday 9th March

We will be helping to fundraise for Sport Relief this year on Monday 9th March. Children can come into school in sports wear/sports kit in exchange for £1 donation for the charity. The children will be taking part in a mile run/jog/walk around the park in the morning. We will also have Sport Relief wristbands on sale in the office after half term.

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.

School Council

As children will notice there has been many posters advertising lunchtime's clubs such as Eco clubs that run on Wednesdays and Fridays and board games club that runs on Thursdays and our KS1 playground club that recently got changed to a Tuesday.

Have a nice holiday from the school council – Ruby, Katie, Maisie, Eilidh, Archie, Ollie and Olivia.



World Book Day Lunch - Thursday 5th March

Norse are going to be providing a special lunch on this day. In order to book this, you will need to order via the Pupil Asset App/Website. Please bring money into the office in a clearly marked envelope. Please note that this will be the only school dinner served on this day, there will be no jacket potatoes or packed lunches.

You need to place your order for this special lunch by **Friday 28**th **February**. Details of the special lunch are attached along with information on a competition that Norse are running.

World Book Day Lunch 'Royal Beast of a Feast' Meatballs in Sauce

Inspired by 'Beast of Buckingham Palace' by David Walliams

With

'Blow Away Bows' Pasta Bows

Inspired by 'Room on the Broom' by Julia

Donaldson

OR

(v) 'Mrs Brady's' Mac and Cheese

Inspired by 'I Heard it in the Playground' by Allan Ahlberg

Garden Peas

Inspired by 'Daisy Eat your Peas' by Kes
Gray and Nick Sharratt

Five Salad Items

Inspired by 'Famous Five' by Enid Blyton

Chocolate Crunch with Chocolate Sauce
Inspired by 'McTavish takes the Biscuit' by
Meg Roscoff

School Uniform

Please can we remind you that children should be wearing the correct school uniform to school, including black school shoes. We hope to see the children looking smart after their half term break.

Y5/6 Girls Football

Yesterday our girls football team took part in the final round of the tournament. They all played really well and showed great sportsmanship. We finished 3rd in the plate, and 11th place overall. That is fantastic girls!



Message from Anglian Water

Anglian Water will be carrying out maintenance in School Road and Station Lane. During this time, both roads will be shut. The work is due to begin on Thursday 20th February and be completed by Saturday 22nd February. As this is during half term it should not cause much disruption to our school.



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to the following children who have achieved the following levels;

Olympic Medal - Dexter European Medal - Chloe



Dates for the Diary

Friday 14th February - PTA Valentines cake stall -

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February - Half Term

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Monday 24th February - Back to School

Wednesday 26th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 27th February - Y6 Forensic science at Hobart High School

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Friday 28th February - PTA Forensic Evening at Kirby Cane Memorial Hall

New Date - Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - Theme is Under the Sea

New Date - Thursday 5th March - World Book Day special lunch - Please book by Friday 28th February

New Date - Monday 9th March - Sport Relief - Come in wearing sports kit for £1



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