

# Newsletter

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January



## Values

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



## Class Attendance - From Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 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 - 98.67% Well done Sparrows! 😊

Skylarks - 96.77%

Swifts - 94.24%

Swallows - 96.07%



## Sparrows

This week we have been continuing our topic 'On the Land' by reading Elmer. We have practised adding 2 more and writing number sentences. We've also been learning the 'oo' sound in phonics.



## Skylarks

### English

We have continued to study the Story of Beegu and have written diary entries about what happened when a strange yellow creature came onto the playground.



### Maths

Year 2s have been using division by grouping and using their times tables facts to help solve problems. Year 1s have been counting, representing and showing numbers in different ways. We have all been recognising coins and counting money too.

Human research has led us to learning about a healthy, balanced diet and we also wrote our own menus.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 & Mrs Rix 😊.

## New Website

Please take a look at our new website, <http://www.ellinghamandwoodton.co.uk/> It is still under construction, but there is lots of information already uploaded.



### Swifts

In maths this week Swifts have continued learning about time. They have learnt about equivalent analogue and digital times, and how to use and identify am and pm. Year 4 have learnt how to write and convert 24-hour clock to am and pm. They have also been solving problems involving calculating lengths of time. During English Swifts read and discussed the features of a range of shape poems and have been writing a shape poem about an animal. They have also begun to look at an Indian folktale, 'The Tiger Child', focusing on the story structure and how to use descriptive language in their own writing.

Please can you ensure that the children are reading with you at home and their reading record books are in school every day.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.



### Swallows

Swallows have all worked really hard this week completing their maths, reading and SPaG tests.



### Walking Bus

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



### Eco Explorers and Forest School

The children have had fun this week making a mosaic Blue Tit out of the bottle tops you have sent in.



Year 3s have been busy making bird feeders in Forest School.



The children have all been learning about the different types of birds that visit us.

### Sports Celebrations

We would love to hear about any of your child's sporting achievements or celebrations outside of school. This could include gymnastics competitions, martial arts assessments, football or rugby matches, progressing to the next swimming level or a sporting challenge undertaken for a charity. If you have anything you would like to share with us please email the office, with a photo if possible, or you can let Mrs Taylor know. Thank you.



### Request for Items

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



## 'Plant to Plate' Promotion

The EDP are starting another promotion called 'Plant to plate'. If we collect more than a 1000 tokens we will receive a pack worth £130 which includes strawberry runners, pumpkin seeds, tomato planters, sunflower seeds, potato planters, herbs, a planting kit, compost, planting guides and recipe ideas.

The first tokens will appear Saturday 18th January, final token Friday 27th March. Tokens can be found in the Eastern Daily Press (two on Saturday), Norwich Evening News, North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury.

There is also a chance for three schools that collect the most tokens as an average of children registered at the school, to win a £1000 worth of equipment plus personal advice and guidance from Head Gardener Peter McDermott. Please tell all your family and friends to help us collect tokens, many thanks.



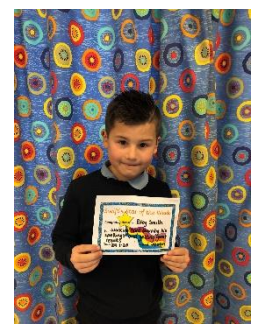
## Naming Items

What a lovely neat line of plimsolls. Unfortunately none of them are named and the children in Skylarks don't know who they belong to. Please can we ask that you name all your child's belongings to prevent them losing things, thank you.



## Stars of the Week

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



### Parking/Drop Off

Can we please remind you that the zig zags outside the school are NOT for parking on, or using as a drop off point. By parking there it puts the children's safety in danger.



### Year 2 'Step on it' Road Safety

A huge thank you to Jacqui, Jo, Gemma, Kirsty, Mr Todd and Janis for helping out with keeping the children safe. We cannot run these activities for the children without support from parents and carers, so we really do appreciate your help.



### 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.



### Gideons

Today we had Mr Cadman in to see our Year 6s and present them with a copy of The New Testament.



### Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Sparrows Trip to Africa Alive - Please remember to give consent on the app and hand in payment to the office

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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - PTA Non Uniform Day - Wear something red or pink

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - PTA Valentines cake stall - Cake donations welcome

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

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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening - Appointments will go up nearer the time

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - Y6 Forensic science at Hobart High School - More details to follow

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**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - PTA Forensic Evening at Kirby Cane Memorial Hall



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