

Newsletter

Friday 14th July



Ellingham VC Primary School

Maths Whizz

Best Usage: Isaac Wren, Imogen Munslow, Finley Watson, Ruby Tipple, Sam Elliott, Isabelle McDonald, Ruby Taylor, Jennifer Ruthven, and Cadence Calver-Brown.



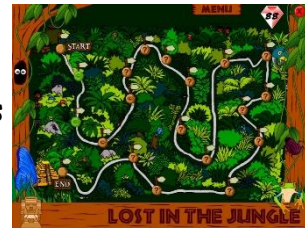
Most Improved: Isaac Wren, Finley Watson, Ilithya Lambert, Ruby Tipple, Charlie Cave, Sam Elliott, Megan Forder, Jennifer Ruthven and Ruby Taylor.

Well done to all those children, another fantastic effort. Please keep up the good work.

Maths Whizz is running their Summer Challenge again so please encourage your children to use Maths Whizz over the holidays.



The Class Winner of the Year goes to Swifts Class - Well done Swifts!



Reading

This fortnight, our **daily reader** for Sparrows class is Riley Smith, well done.



Please also continue reading with your children over the summer break. The local libraries are running a reading challenge. For more information visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or your local library.

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

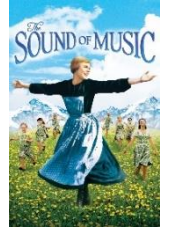
New Spelling Challenge

This week the children have been assessed ready for the start of the spelling challenge. This is to ensure that they start at the correct level. The information on this will be coming home next week.



Summer Production

Well done to all the children who performed in the summer production yesterday. They were all amazing and we have had lots of positive feedback saying how wonderful it was. A huge amount of work goes into the production in a very short space of time and every year it seems to get better and better. As well as the children performing, credit must also go to all the staff involved, Mrs Long, Mrs Sayer and Mrs Rix for the fantastic costumes and scenery, Mr Elias for all of the sound and lighting, Mrs Wells for all her help and Mrs T Long who assisted with the music. A special mention must go to Mrs Kenyon, who works tirelessly every year to get the performance to a high standard. We are all extremely proud of everyone. We would also like to thank the PTA for providing refreshments, and all of the parents and carers who provided costumes, donations and came along to enjoy our show. We hope you all enjoy tonight's show, please don't forget your ticket tonight for entry.



Please note that children are not allowed at the evening performance.

We've achieved a Silver award for our High Quality P.E and Sports!



We are delighted to announce that we, Ellingham Primary School, have achieved the **Silver School Games Mark Award** for the 2016/17 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: Y3/4 Girls football team reaching the county finals, our swimmers reaching the district finals, qualifying for the district cross country, KS1 attending the tennis, dance and gym events, amongst many other events.

With the majority of our children competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Mrs Brooks, our cluster SCo, for organising the cluster events, Mrs Wood and Mrs Cave for organising the letters and transport for the events.

We look forward to applying once again in 2018!

Mrs C Taylor

Sports Co-Ordinator



Summer Fete

Thank you to those who attended the summer fete last Saturday. It was well attended and we were very lucky with the weather! The PTA have raised approx. £1900 which will be going towards resources for the children. Well done to the children who played their recorders and guitars for us to enjoy. Thank you to all who came along and supported us.



Piano Lessons Next Week

Next week Mrs Long will be coming in on Wednesday instead of Friday for piano lessons. Please ensure you have your piano books in school. This is because some of the children have piano exams on the Friday. Please can these children make sure they are practising.



Swift's Fish

Mr Elias would be very grateful if someone would volunteer to have the fish tank over the holidays. Please either speak to the office or Mr Elias if you are able to help.



Dinner Menu Change

On the last week of term the dinner on the Thursday and Friday will be swapped over. Therefore it will be fish fingers on Thurs 20th and mild beef enchilada bake on Fri 21st.



Summer Holiday Activities

If you want some ideas of activities over the summer holidays, these websites have some information.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/children-and-young-people/things-to-do>

<http://www.godonorfolk.org.uk/>



Lost Property

Once again the lost property is overflowing. If you are missing items of uniform, please come in and have a look. At the end of term, all items left will be donated to the PTA for resale or put in the clothing bank.



Chickens

A big thank you to Mr Power who has kindly offered to have the Chickens over the summer holidays.



End of Term Discos - Thursday 20th July

The PTA will be hosting end of term discos for all of the children. Reception and KS1 will be having theirs from 1.30pm until 3pm. They can bring in party clothes to change into after lunch. KS2 will have their disco from 7pm until 9pm. The PTA will be providing snacks and drinks for the children.



Leaver's Assembly

The leaver's assembly will be held on Friday 21st July at 9.00 am. All are welcome to attend. Tissues may be required as we will all be very sad to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children who are moving on to High School.



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LUCK!

Swallows

Can the children in Swallows class please bring in gardening clothes next week. As there are a lot of transition days, the children who are left in the class will be gardening.



After School Clubs and

Swallows Swimming

All of our after school clubs will start the week after we return to school. We will be sending out letters with permission slips the first week we are back to school. This includes swimming for Swallows which will start on Wednesday 13th September. Please note children will need a swimming hat and boys are not permitted to wear Bermuda shorts.



Skylarks

Ahoy me hearties!

This week we have been finishing our own pirate adventure stories in English, and in Maths we were practising the 4 number operations and co-ordinates on a map.

We are finishing off the week with a fab fun day and a Maths focus treasure hunt!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support and contributions, not only during our Pirates topic but throughout the year.

Have a great summer break and see you in September.

Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊



Eco Rangers

I would like to thank the Eco Rangers for all their hard work over the last year.

It's very moving that the children in our school have such empathy for those less fortunate than themselves and are committed to making a difference to the world we live in.

They have organised many fundraising events to which you have all contributed very generously. The amount of money they have raised for charities this year is quite incredible:

£330 for Water Aid

£170 for Save the Children

£15 each month to sponsor Victor

Not to mention all of the food that was kindly donated to the food bank and the vast quantity of shoe boxes that were sent to children in poorer countries.

Their work has also included caring for the environment by recycling bottles and clothing, encouraging wildlife to our schools and promoting healthy life style choices.

Well done everybody, Mrs Long



Congratulations



Congratulations to the four children who received the Prize for Progress from the PCC at Ellingham Church. They are Lucas Barber from Sparrows, Holly Beveridge from Skylarks, Henry Curtis from Swifts and Harley Blowers-Babbs from Swallows.

This will be the last newsletter of this academic year. We would like to thank all of the children for their hard work, especially this term. Thank you to the parents and carers who have volunteered or supported our various events and activities. Thanks also to all of our staff and governors who put a huge effort into making sure all of our children are reaching their full potential. Lastly, thank you to the members of the PTA who put in a lot of their own time fundraising for our school.

Please remember to take all of your child's belongings home next week, wellies, hats, P.E. Kits, etc.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back on **Wednesday 6th September**. We also look forward to welcoming our new children joining us in September.



Walk to School Wednesday

Please remember to support 'Walk to School Wednesday'. If you have to drive to school, please park further away and walk each Wednesday.

Thank you

The Eco-Rangers

Responsible for Transport



Dates for the Diary

Monday 17th July - Hobart High School Language Day for Y5

Wednesday 19th July - UEA Athletics Day (Y3-Y6) - Letters have gone home to those children participating - **Packed lunch, a drink and PE kit are needed**

Thursday 20th July - 9am - Sharing Assembly for Skylarks and Sparrows

Thursday 20th July - Disco for KS1 in school 1.30pm - 3.00pm and KS2 7pm - 9pm

Friday 21st July - **Leavers Assembly 9am** - All welcome and Last Day of Term

(Please note change of time to 9am)

Wednesday 6th September - Welcome back to school

