

Newsletter

Friday 22nd September



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Creation

The theme for next week is 'The Creation'.



Maths Whizz

Over the Summer holidays the following children had the highest usage:

Ruby Taylor, Megan Brooks, Charlie Cave, Jamie Cave, Joshua Ford, Sam Elliott, Finley Watson, Amy Gilliatt and Imogen Munslow.



Well done to all those children. We hope you all enjoyed the Maths Whizz Summer Challenge.

The results for the last two weeks are;

Best Usage: Caitlin Haward, Cadence Calver-Brown, Molly Giller, Joshua Ford, Otto Wathen, Harrison Lambert, Finley Watson, Ilithya Lambert and Toby Bishop.

Most Improved: Charlie Cave, Oscar Chapman, Molly Giller, Sam Elliott, Jamie Cave, Joshua Ford, Lucas Barber, Toby Bishop, and Josh Palmer

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

Sparrows

This week we have been looking at the story 'Owl Babies'.

The children have had great fun creating model owls using recycled materials. In literacy the children in Year 1 made a zig zag owl information book while the Reception children drew and labelled pictures of owls.

In maths the Reception children matched sticks to a numeral on an owl.

The Year 1 children completed owl addition problems.

Next week it's Aliens!!



A reminder that the Phonics & Tapestry meeting is on Friday 29th September at 9am. All parents and carers are welcome.

Skylarks

This week in Maths the Year 2s have been learning about place value and partitioning. Year 1s are continuing to practise their number writing and counting skills.



In English we have had a visit from the library van and have started our guided reading groups.

During topic work we have learnt all about the importance of Samuel Pepys.

*Maths Whizz reminder - please make sure children do this independently, otherwise it will move them on too quickly. The idea is that they all progress at their own pace, so they must do it on their own.

I must say a big thank you to all for supporting your children's reading and spellings and helping them remember all the things they need for school.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.

P.S. Children will need wellies or outdoor trainers if they wish to play on the field during breaktimes 😊

Swifts

Literacy

This week we have been writing descriptive settings. We started by reading some settings and identifying the different word types including: nouns, adjectives and verbs. We then planned a description of a Tudor setting. Finally, we wrote our setting descriptions, focusing on using interesting language and descriptive features like prepositions, similes and interesting sentence openers.



Maths

This week in maths we have been working on place value and mental calculations. We have used place value to help adding 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have also worked on maths facts such as number bonds, doubles and halves.

Swallows

Literacy

This week we have finished, and redrafted our tomb descriptions, and have researched and taken notes about Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb, ready to write a newspaper report.



Maths

We have been learning to multiply and divide whole and decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000, and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number, tenth and hundredth.



Welcome to our new chickens (yet to be named) and a big thank you to Jo Lay for donating them.

Thank
you!

Sparrows Christmas Performance

Please note change of time to **2pm** for the Sparrows Christmas performance on Wednesday 13th December.



P.E Kits

A reminder that P.E kits need to be in school at all times. Please bring them in on a Monday morning so that they are here ready for the week.



Have you ever wished parenting came with a manual? Ever thought your child was speaking another language? Ever looked at another family and wondered why their child follows instructions straight away? Yes? That's because there's no such thing as "perfect parenting." It's a trial and error system that sometimes works and sometimes is more of a challenge!



Which is why our schools have invested in the online Solihull Approach for every parent/carer to access for free. We'll be running drop-in afternoons so you can access the program using our laptops and wi-fi or just pop in for a coffee and a chat. Watch out for more information coming home in your child's bookbag.



Travelling Book Fair

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have a book fair visiting us from Friday 29th September until Wednesday 4th October. This will be open as follows:

Friday 29th Sept - from 3pm
Monday 2nd Oct - 2.30pm until 3.15pm
Tuesday 3rd Oct - 8.40am until 9.15am
Wednesday 4th Oct - from 3pm

We hope you are able to visit as there will be lots of books on offer, as well as stationary items.

Please note that books **cannot be held**, payment must be made at time of purchase.



School Library Service Books

Attached to the newsletter is a list of books which are overdue from the School Mobile Library Service. Please can you check at home and in bags to see if you have any of the books listed. The total amount is overdue books currently stands at £188.97 and the school will be liable for this cost if the books are not returned. Thank you.



Unlocke Project - Years 3 and 5 ONLY

Following on from the previous letter detailing the project the children will be involved with using a computerised task, the company have asked you to please read a further letter regarding Neuroimaging testing as a separate item.

Please read the letter and, if applicable, return your consent form to us by **Wednesday 27th September**.

Please note that this further Neuroimaging test is not compulsory.

Wellies and Coats

Please can all children have in school a pair of wellies, clearly labelled with their name in.



As the weather is now getting wetter, the children will need wellies in order to play on the field.

Children should also have a coat in school at all times.

Swallows - Norwich Castle Trip

A reminder that permission slip and payment needs to be returned to the office by Friday 29th September. Thank you.



Math Whizz Cup

Well done to Swallows class who have won the Maths Whizz cup for the last fortnight. Skylarks came a very close second! Who will win the cup next fortnight...?



Dates for the Diary

Friday 29th September until Wednesday 4th October - Travelling Book Fair - See opening times above

Thursday 5th October - Batman Special Lunch - See letter sent home for details

Monday 9th October - Swallows trip to Norwich Castle - Egyptian Workshop

Thursday 19th October - Harvest Festival 2pm in school hall - More details to follow

Thursday 19th October - Last day of this half term

Monday 30th October - First day back at school

Tuesday 31st October & Thursday 2nd November - Parents Evenings - More details to follow

Wednesday 8th November - 9am Sharing assembly for all classes - More details to follow

Thursday 9th November - Tempest Photography in for school photos - More details to follow

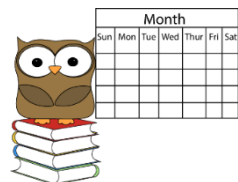
Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm - Sparrows Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December - 2.15pm - Skylarks Christmas Performance

Friday 15th December - KS2 Carol Concert at the Church - More details to follow (Please note this year it is for KS2 only)

Tuesday 19th December - Last day of the autumn term

Thursday 4th January - First day of the spring term



List of Overdue Library Books from the Mobile Library Service

Title	Type	Cost
Miko's Magic Number	Picture Book	£11.99
Palomino Pony Runs Free, The	Fiction	£5.99
Hard Luck	Fiction	£6.99
Cabin Fever	Fiction	£6.99
Sleeping Princess, The	Silver Star	£12.99
Extra Special Treats (... Not)	Fiction	£6.99
Whispers of Wilderwood Hall, The	Fiction	£6.99
Treasure Island	Fiction	£3.99
Minecraft Beginner's Handbook	793.93 Purple	£9.99
Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves	Fiction	£4.99
How Elephants lost their Wings	Fiction	£4.99
Siren Spell	Fiction	£3.99
Stories of Witches	Fiction	£4.99
Dino Destroyer	Fiction	£8.99
Stories of Gnomes and Goblins	Fiction	£4.99
Dancing Tiger, The	Picture Book	£5.99
Wright Brothers and the Science of Flight, The	629.13 Red	£5.99
Avoid Being a Mayan Soothsayer!	972.01 Blue	£6.99
So Slow!	Picture Book	£4.99
Big Machines	629.2 Red	£6.99
Lucky Little Mouse	Picture Book	£4.99
Frankenstein	Fiction	£3.99
Princess and the Dragon, The	Fiction	£4.99
How to Dress Like a Knight	391 Orange	£5.00
Don't Step on That Earwig	821.08 Brown	£2.99
Grow Your Own Cat Toy	635.93 Red	£7.99
Mrs Armitage and the Big wave	Blue Kite	£5.99
Give It to Joe!	Picture Book	£3.99
Walk in the Park, A	577.56 Green	£5.25
Charles Dickens and Friends	Blue Kite	£6.99
Cost to school if books are not returned		£188.97