

Newsletter

Friday 29th September



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Creation

The theme for next week is 'Using our Senses To Enjoy Creation'.



Sparrows

This week our focus book as part of our 'Sky at Night' theme is 'Alien's Love Underpants'. The children have really enjoyed the space theme and as a result we will be continuing this for another week. In literacy this week we have designed an alien. The Reception children also gave their alien a name while the Year 1 children wrote the name and alien powers. In maths we counted eyes, legs and arms on aliens and found 1 more and 1 less.



Skylarks

I would just like to say how quickly and well the children have adapted to the new routines and expectations in KS1 - I expect they are needing a few early nights now the seasons are changing too.



In maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers. Year 2s have used the greater/less than symbols (<, >) and used Place Value.

In English the children have enjoyed working on our class story 'How Rabbit Stole the Fire' - see if they can retell it to you.

Have a relaxing weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊

P.S. If anyone has any spare men's shirts that we could use for painting, it would be most appreciated - our plastic ones don't seem to cover it... 😊

A Visit from Deji Tobais

On Thursday we had a visit from world class sprinter Deji Tobais. He delivered an inspirational assembly to the children followed by some PE sessions. The children all enjoyed his visit and we hope they have been inspired by him.



Swifts

Maths

This week in maths we have been working on addition and subtraction. All children have done amazingly well at learning how to do column addition and subtraction. The concept of carrying over and borrowing has been learnt and the Hexagons group has been using inverse operations to check their answers.



Literacy

In our writing we have been planning and writing character descriptions. We wrote some ideas and thoughts about our talking partner and then used these ideas to write a detailed description of them.

Swallows

This has been a very busy week, and everyone has been working hard. We have also been lucky enough to have a P.E session with Deji Tobais - a world class 100m sprinter.

The chickens (Irma and Pearl) have settled in well and are laying lots of eggs!



Literacy

We are working on a Newspaper report about finding Tutankhamun's tomb. We have written headlines and subheadings including alliteration and puns and are working on the story using journalistic phrases. We have also written instructions (in science) how to make a compost bottle. We have thought about layout, imperative verbs and connectives.

Maths

This week we have been buying items, using column addition to find the cost, and using empty number lines to find change from different amounts of money.

Guitars

Please can all guitars be taken home after guitar lessons on a Tuesday. We do not have the room to store them safely and we do not want any of them to be damaged. The children should also be practising as per instructions from Mr Buck.



Maths Whizz

We have attached to this week's newsletter some information from Maths Whizz. It is useful information for all our parents with children just starting to use the programme and a good reminder for those already using it.

Request for Jam Jars

The PTA have asked if people could bring any empty jam jars they have into the office. This is in preparation for decorating the church path for the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert. Thank you.



School Library Service Books

A reminder to check at home and in bags for any Norfolk Schools Library Service books. If you find any, please return them to the school's office, thank you.



Communication

As well as sending out letters and text messages, the office will start to send out emails with information for parents. This is especially useful when last minute information needs to be relayed or if the office needs a prompt reply. The emails may either come from the school email address; office@ellingham.norfolk.sch.uk or from

EllinghamVCPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk.

Please ensure you have both of these addresses in your contact list so that they do not go straight into your spam folder.



Fruit Kebab Friday - 13th October

Following on from the success of our last Fruit Kebab Fridays, we will be having another one on Friday 13th October. Please bring in a piece of fruit (if you can chop it beforehand, that would be great) so that the children can enjoy a fruit kebab at break time. In order for this event to take place we need parent volunteers to come in and help chop fruit and prepare the kebabs. Please let the office know if you can help.



Solihull Approach

Attached to this week's newsletter is some extra information about the Solihull Approach we have purchased for staff, parents and carers to access. It's available and recommended for everyone; mums, dads, carers, those of you who are practically perfect in the parenting stakes and those of us who think bringing up children is harder than learning Japanese whilst snorkelling! There will be more details next week and we'll be having a "coffee, cake and chin-wag" afternoon just before half term. Have a chat with Mrs Querelle for more information.



Travelling Book Fair

Don't forget that our book fair opens today! Please visit as there will be lots of books on offer, as well as stationary items.

Opening times

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

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



Parent Workshops

Ms Kenyon will be holding two parent workshops covering Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. The first will be for parents/carers of children in KS1 and will be on Monday 2nd October after school for an hour. On Monday 16th October there will be a session for parents/carers of children in KS2, again, for an hour after school. Please can you let the office know if you are able to attend.

Mrs Urry-Morton will be holding a Maths workshop at Woodton primary School for all parents in KS1 and KS2 on Tuesday 17th October from 3.30. Again, please let the office know if you can attend. Thank you



Unlocke Project - Years 3 and 5 ONLY

A reminder to return your consent forms to the school office ASAP. Thank you.

Coats & Wellies

A reminder that children **MUST** have coats and wellies in school at all times. The children play outside in all weathers and so need to have suitable clothing. Thank you.



New PTA Committee

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new PTA committee. They are Victoria Wakefield (Phoebe & Faith's Mum) - Joint Chair, Rachel Rackham (Annabella's Mum) - Joint Chair, Sarah Beveridge (Holly's Mum) - Joint Vice Chair, Alison Wren (Isaac's Mum) - Joint Chair, Adele Gilliatt (Amy's Mum) - Treasurer. Thank you to those members who are staying on and a huge thank you to the all the ladies who have stepped down this year. A special mention must go to Emma & Becky have worked tirelessly over the past few years to provide lovely things for our school. We are very lucky to have such a supportive PTA and we hope that you give as much support to them as you can.

Please find attached a letter from the new PTA ladies.



Dates for the Diary

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

Monday 2nd October - Grammar, Phonics & Spelling Meeting for KS1 parents with Ms Kenyon

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

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

Monday 9th October -

Friday 13th October - Fruit Kebab Friday - **Parent helpers needed**

Monday 16th October - Grammar, Phonics & Spelling Meeting for KS2 parents with Ms Kenyon

Tuesday 17th October - 3.30pm - Maths Workshop with Mrs Urry-Morton at Woodton Primary School

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 6pm - 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

