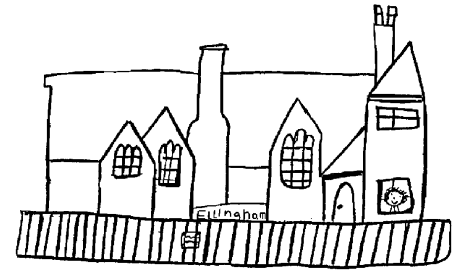


Newsletter

Friday 6th October



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Creation

The theme for next week is 'Celebrating the Creation of New Life'.



Math Whizz

Best Usage: Ruby Roos, Rosie Doherty, William Robinson, Annabella Rackham, Otto Wathen, Theo Roos, Amelia Travers, Daisy Filsell and Riley Smith.

Most Improved: Lola Vass, Matthew Peck, Rosie Mower, Annabella Rackham, Sam Elliott, Isabelle McDonald, Toby Bishop, Daisy Filsell and Riley Smith.



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

Sparrows

This week the children have been learning about space and the solar system. In Literacy this week we have written a space ship log book. The Reception children wrote what they would see in space and the Year 1s wrote what they would see and do in space.

This week the children made alien marshmallow pops and alien cupcakes. They were yummy!

If you are still having trouble accessing Tapestry, please let Mrs Taylor know.

Show and Tell for 13th October is 'My Favourite Book'.



Skylarks

Maths

We have looked at addition using objects, pictures and 100 squares. Year 2s have been using Place Value to add higher numbers and Year 1s are understanding the symbols and vocabulary.

English

We have learnt all about Samuel Pepys and read extracts from his diary. We then went on to write our own Samuel Pepys diary entries. We learnt about -ed and the past tense.

Topic

We have looked at how London has changed since 1666 and looked at the suitability of building materials. Enjoy an Autumnal weekend. Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊



Swifts

English

This week we have been working on stories. We finished our character descriptions and then began to plan stories. In our stories we travel back in time to Tudor times!! We have also worked on some grammar by writing sentences with adverbs in.

Maths

This week we have been learning about shapes. We started by making symmetrical patterns and have also learnt the names and properties of the main 2d and 3d shapes.



Swallows

Maths

We have been sorting and classifying 2D shapes - especially quadrilaterals, according to their properties, using Venn, Carroll and Tree diagrams.

We have been particularly thinking about whether they have parallel and perpendicular lines, lines of symmetry and whether they are regular or irregular.

Literacy

This week we have been lucky enough to have Mr Mower come into our class to speak to us about the books he has written, especially his new books about Sherlock Holmes. We would like to thank him for such an interesting talk, and for inspiring us. We have also been finishing our newspaper reports, including 'eye-witness' reports using correct speech punctuations.



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.



First Aid Training

This week the children in years 2 and up were lucky enough to receive some first aid training. We had some lovely people in from RCR Services who gave the children hour long sessions in practical CPR, unconscious casualty and bandaging. We would like to express our thanks to them for giving the children such an enjoyable and important lesson.



Maths Whizz Cup

The Maths Whizz cup this week has Gone to Swallows class again. Although Skylarks came a close second, Swallows Beat them as every child in that class Is 'Whizzing' hard! Not the case in Skylarks or Swifts. Everyone needs to build up their Whizz minutes for the class to win the cup.



Norwich Castle Trip for Swallows - Monday 9th October

Please remember to bring in a packed lunch on Monday. If you can bring in an Egyptian themed lunch, that would be great, although it is NOT compulsory. The children have been provided with ideas for their lunch.

Please be in school on time for an 8.50am departure.



Swimming

We are very proud that our children have been complemented by the staff at Bungay Swimming Pool. They have said that their behaviour is very good and that they all listen and follow instruction well in their lesson.



Fruit Kebab Friday - 13th October

Don't forget that next Friday, 13th October is 'Fruit Kebab Friday'. 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



Many thanks to everyone who have shown an interest in the Solihull Approach. You're really not alone! I'll be hosting a coffee and chat session on Tuesday 17th October from 2.15pm. Please pop along for a chat, a moan or simply to enjoy a peaceful drink before you pick up your little darlings!

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SOLIHULL APPROACH

Travelling Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of you that visited our book fair. It was a huge success and the total amount taken was £439.82. This means that our school now has £203.89 to spend on books for the children.



Year 6 Code Breaking at Hobart

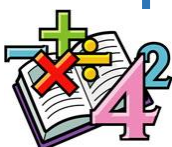
Please can you remember to return your permission slips by Monday. Thank you



Parent Workshops

Thank you to those of you who attended the KS1 grammar session on Monday, we hope that you found it informative. A reminder that the second session for KS2 parents/carers will be on Monday 16th October for an hour after school. Please can you let the office know if you are able to attend.

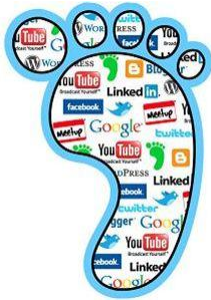
Mrs Urry-Morton will be holding a Maths workshop at Woodton primary School for all parents in KS1 and KS2 on Tuesday 17th October from 3.30. Again, please let the office know if you can attend. Thank you



Digital Parenting

This week we sent home a free copy of the Digital Parenting magazine. Please take time to read this as there are some interesting articles inside.

Remember.....every child has a digital footprint.



Cross Country - Wednesday 11th

October

Please return your permission slips ASAP, thank you.



Harvest Festival

We would like to invite all Parents/carers to our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 19th October** at **2pm** in the school hall. This year we are collecting donations for the Norwich Food Bank. They are in particular need of the following items;

- * Long Life Milk
- * Powdered Milk
- * Sugar
- * Long Life Fruit Juice
- * Pasta Sauces - Especially tomato-based (i.e. not curry sauces)
- * Sponge Pudding (Tinned/long life)
- * Tinned Custard
- * Tinned Tomatoes
- * Tinned Veg - Especially carrots, peas and green beans
- * Rice Pudding
- * Tea Bags
- * Instant Coffee
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Cereal/Snack Bars
- * Tinned Meat e.g. ham, corned beef
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Biscuits
- * Jam
- * Peanut Butter

There is more information on their website

[http://www.networknorwich.co.uk/Articles/210559/Network Norwich and Norfolk/Partners/Norwich Foodbank/Admin Articles/What food do we need.aspx](http://www.networknorwich.co.uk/Articles/210559/Network%20Norwich%20and%20Norfolk/Partners/Norwich%20Foodbank/Admin%20Articles/What%20food%20do%20we%20need.aspx) if you would like more information.

Please bring in your donations into the school office by the morning of Wednesday 18th October at the latest. Thank you.



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to the following children who have gained the following awards in our Times Tables Olympics.

Bronze - Sam Elliott, Ruby Tipple and Isabelle McDonald.

Silver - Molly Giller, Tyler Shiplee and Olive Theobald.

Gold - Megan Forder, Ruby Taylor, Ruby Roos and Jamie Cave.

European Championship - Bradley Lambert and Charlie Cave.

Keep up the good work!



Pyjama or Onesie Day - Wed 18th

October

The PTA are organising a pyjama or onesie day on Wednesday 18th October to raise money towards the Christmas Bazaar. Please bring in £1 in exchange for wearing your pyjamas or onesie to school. Please note that school shoes should be worn as normal and the children will be going outside to play so will need to be warm.



PTA Christmas Bazaar

Please put the date in your diary for the Christmas Bazaar. This year it will be held on **Saturday 2nd December** in the school hall. More details will be given nearer the time.



Maths Whizz

In order to make sufficient progress in Maths Whizz your child should be using the programme for at least 90 minutes a week. This includes time at school, but also needs to be done at home. Your child also needs to make 3-4 progressions each week before they start playing games and doing other activities on Maths Whizz.

Please note that Maths Whizz should be completely independent. Your child needs to do the tasks on their own, as if helped they make progress that doesn't reflect their learning and understanding. It also makes the program give them tasks they will be unable to understand and complete.



Play Equipment

Please do **NOT** allow your children to play on the wooden play equipment either before or after school. This equipment is only to be used within school hours and children, including children who attend our school and pre-schoolers, should not be using it outside of these hours.



Reading

Our Super Star Reader in reception this week is Olivia Collins. Well done to Olivia, who has received the Star badge and certificate for reading every day for a fortnight.



PTA Fundraising

The new PTA committee have been very busy since they took on their new roles. As well as organising the Christmas Bazaar, they have decided to fundraise by selling re-useable fabric shopper bags. These bags will feature the children's own self-portraits and will be available to buy for £5 each. You can either pay on ordering or when you collect. The PTA ladies will be taking orders for the bags after school on Tues 17th, Wed 18th and Thurs 19th October. The bags will be ready before Christmas and so will make fantastic Christmas presents.



They are also holding a 'Sweets, Treats and Cake' stall after school on Tuesday 31st October. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

Dates for the Diary

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

Monday 9th October - 3.45pm until 5.30pm - Football League Tournament at Hobart High School - Letters have gone out to those participating

Wednesday 11th October - Cross Country Event for Years 3,4,5 and 6 and fun run for Year 2

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

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

Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October - PTA taking orders for the fabric shopper bags - £5 each

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

Tuesday 17th October - 2.15pm - Solihull Approach coffee and chat session with Mrs Querelle

Wednesday 18th October - Pyjama and Onesie day - Bring £1 towards PTA Christmas Bazaar

Thursday 19th October - Harvest Festival 2pm in school hall - Please bring a donation for the Norwich Food Bank

Thursday 19th October - Girls Football Tournament at Bowthorpe - Letters have gone out to those participating

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

Tuesday 31st October - PTA Sweets, Treats & Cakes stall after school - Cake donations appreciated

Monday 6th November - Code Breaking at Hobart for Year 6s

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

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Day - More details to follow

Tuesday 21st November - 3.45pm until 5.30pm - Football League Tournament at Hobart High School - Letters have gone out to those participating

Saturday 2nd October - PTA Christmas Bazaar

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

