

Newsletter

Friday 13th October



Ellingham VC Primary School

Next week we will be celebrating harvest and getting ready for our Harvest Festival.



Sparrows

This week in numeracy we have been sorting autumn items by child chosen criteria.

Our Y1 children found 1 more and 1 less of a number of conkers. In literacy our Y1 children wrote labels for items on the autumn table.

In phonics, YR have learnt the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d & g so far. We will update you on the sounds we learn on the newsletters.



Skylarks

This week we have been investigating 2D shapes, continuing patterns and learnt about vertical symmetry.

In English we have written all about The Great Fire of London. I am impressed how much the children have learnt. To mark the end of this topic we have made some delicious bread rolls - and fortunately have not burnt the school down! On that note, we have looked at how building materials and fire safety have changed and improved over time. Mmmmm the smell of freshly baked bread! Have a great weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.



****Please can Skylarks bring in their PE kits every Monday so that they are in school for the week. Thank you****

Swifts

Maths

This week we have been working on multiplication and division. We started by doubling and halving large numbers and have then moved onto times table facts. It is very important that the children know their times table facts, so please practice them at home using the time table sheet I have sent home today.

Literacy

In our writing we have worked on our stories. We began by writing our story openings and trying to make them as good as possible. We then carried on writing using our plans.



Lost Shoes

A pair of black Startrite boys' shoes have been lost. They have Velcro fastenings and footballers on the outside heel, size 11 and have the name Josh Palmer on a sticker inside. Please take to the office if found, thank you.



Letters

Please can you ask you child if they have any letters, or check their school bag. We have had to re issue a few letters recently which is not cost effective for us. Thank you.

Parents Evenings - Tuesday 31st October & Thursday 2nd November

The parents evenings timings are now up in the office foyer for you to come in and sign up for a slot. Please note that the sessions are 10 minutes maximum. If you have something you wish to discuss with your class teacher in more depth, please make an appointment to speak to them at another time.



Swallows

Literacy

We have written a recount of our trip to the Castle Museum including direct speech and have been debating whether it is right or wrong for archaeologists to dig up tombs.



Maths

Our maths this week has been mainly practical, measuring and weighing for our science experiments about micro-organisms.

Non-Negotiables

I have been asked by several parents about 'Non-negotiables'. These are requirements that must be met in years 5 and 6 work and for which we have zero tolerance! They include such things as always writing the learning objective and date and always starting sentences with capital letters and ending with full stops or question marks. There are also several homophones (words that sound the same but are spelt differently) e.g. there, their and they're and our and are.

Chickens

If anyone is able to help look after the chickens over half term, please see Mrs Long or Mrs Kenyon as they have a rota.



Eco-Rangers

The eco-rangers responsible for waste are having a 'Waste Free Wednesday' on Wednesday 18th



October. They would like everyone to have a waste free packed lunch on this day as they feel this is important to the environment. The waste from lunch boxes goes into landfill which produces toxic gases that are bad for the environment and our health.

Please try and store food in reusable containers rather than foil or cling film, and buy larger packets of crisps and yoghurt so that they can be distributed into tubs. Refill a drinks bottle every day rather than buying cartons.

Please can you also make sure your lunches are healthy, try and avoid too much sugary food as it is bad for you and it can build up fat in your body. Foods to avoid having everyday are buns, cakes, pastries, biscuits, breakfast cereals, yoghurts, sweets and chocolate as these contain a lot of sugar.

Overdue Norfolk Schools Library Service Books

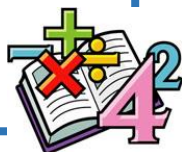
The last date to return any Norfolk Schools Library Service books is Wednesday 18th October. Any books that are not returned will be charged to the school. Please see the list on the office door for the outstanding books.



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to the following children who have gained the following awards in our Times Tables Olympics.
Bronze - Maisie Lay & Dexter Burlingham
Silver - Rosie Mower, Caitlin Haward, Matthew Peck, Tyler Shiplee, Sam Elliott & Ruby Tipple
Gold - Flinn Haines-Rowell, Freddie Sharman
European Championship - Cadence Calver-Brown, Megan Forder, William Robinson

Keep up the good work!



Fruit Kebab Friday - 13th October

A big thank you to Alison Wren, Jenny Napthine, Melanie Berycz, Sarah Beveridge and Victoria Wakefield who came in this morning to help prepare the fruit kebabs. Without your support we would not be able to hold these events. The children all really enjoyed their fruit kebabs at break time so thank you to all of you who donated fruit.



Solihull Approach

Just a reminder that I am having a coffee and chat session this Tuesday, the 17th October, at 2.15pm in the school hall. I'll be bringing the latest information on the Solihull Online Project so we can get started, as well as details of different ways we can help support our children. I will then be hosting a drop-in session every Tuesday afternoon for you to use the laptops and wi-fi to access the Solihull Approach. Come along for an informal chat, a chance to share your parenting pitfalls and triumphs and enjoy a hot drink and something sweet 😊



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH



Asthma

Children that have asthma need to have a spare inhaler, labelled with their name, in school at all times. If you do not have a spare inhaler, speak to your doctor's surgery as they can arrange for one to be prescribed. We also need a spacer if your child uses one of these. Thank you.



Winter Flu Immunisation Programme

The school nursing team will be visiting the school on Friday 3rd November to administer the Nasal Flu vaccine to children in years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Letters will be coming home next week. Please return the letter even if you do not consent and note that your child cannot have the vaccine if you haven't returned the consent form.

Parent Workshops

A reminder that the second grammar 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



Football Tournament

On 9th October some of our children from years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament against our cluster schools, in which the boys played one half and then girls played the other half of the match. Our team played extremely well and are currently joint second in the tournament league. The next and final stage of the tournament is in November. A big thank you to all of the parents who were able to assist with transport.



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 (new coin only!) 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.



Swallows - Please note that as the Swallows have swimming on a Wednesday they **need to come to school in school uniform**. Once they have returned to school after swimming they may then change into their pyjamas or onesies.

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_Norwich_and_Norfolk/Partners/Norwich_Foodbank/Admin_Articles/What_food_do_we_need.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.

Cross Country

On 11th October Swifts and Swallows children took part in a cross country event with our cluster schools at Langley School in Loddon. Our children raced very well and thankfully the sun made an appearance too! Our Year 2 children also attended the same event and completed a fun run. Well done to all those who took part, especially those children who qualified for the next round. They are Faith Wakefield, Otto Wathen, Isabelle McDonald, Dulcie King, Cadence Calver-Brown and William Robinson. Well done too to William Curtis and Finley Watson who came 1st and 2nd out of all of the children in the fun run.



Beccles & Bungay Journal 'First Class Supplement'

On Tuesday 17th October we will have a photographer come into Sparrows class. They will be taking a photo of our new Reception children for the Beccles & Bungay's 'First Class' supplement. We will give you details of when this edition is on sale.



PTA reminders

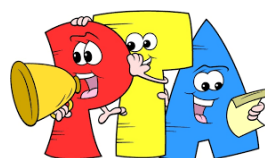
17th, 18th and 19th October people can pre order canvas tote bags for £5 each after school

The cake stall will be after school on Tuesday 31st October. Donations are greatly appreciated, we will be handing out plates on Monday 30th October.



Christmas Bazaar date 2nd Dec 12-2pm - Please can we have donations of full or empty wine bottles

We are holding a Christmas party for all of the children on 19th December from 3.30pm -5.00pm. More details to follow.



We are still in need of jars for decorating the church pathway with candles for the KS2 carol concert. Please bring these into the office, thank you.

Dates for the Diary

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 December - 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

Tuesday 19th December - PTA Christmas party 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 4th January - First day of the spring term

