

Newsletter

Friday 3rd November



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Humility

The theme for this week has been 'Showing Humility By Serving Others' and the theme for next week is 'Humility to Seek Help.'



Spelling Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved the first spelling badges:

Joshua Ford, Noah Davis, Dexter Burlingham, Maisie Lay and Emily Haward.



Sparrows

This week our theme has been fireworks and Diwali. We have learnt about both of these festivals and the people who celebrate them. We have coloured Rangoli patterns and made clay divas. In literacy, reception wrote firework words in glitter, while year one children wrote a sentence about fireworks. We have learnt a few more phonemes this week. So far we have learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u and r. The year one children have been focussing on sh, ch and th this week.



For show and tell on Friday (10th) our theme is 'a special photograph'.

Earrings

A reminder that all children with pierced ears must be able to either take them out or have **their own surgical tape** to tape up their earrings for PE and clubs.

Skylarks

Thank you to everybody this week for your feed back, support and communication during parents evenings and otherwise. In English we wrote a spell about how to turn your teacher into a worm! We are also looking at fireworks senses and will be writing poems around this theme next week. The children have learnt about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate bonfire night. We have held our own democratic elections for the school council. In maths we have been learning all about the names and properties of 3D shapes and year 2 have made some shapes using 3D 'nets'.



A quick reminder that children need their reading books and diaries in school every day and should aim to read with an adult at home at least 3 times a week. Have a fizz, crackling weekend.

Mrs Ward 😊 & Mrs Sayer 😊

Swifts

English

In our writing this week we have been writing letters. We have a link with a school in Minnesota, USA and we have written to them telling them about our school and asking them what their school is like. We are all very excited to hear back from them!!



Maths

In our maths this week we have been working on place value. We worked on partitioning numbers, ordering numbers and rounding numbers to the nearest 10,100 and 1000.

Swallows

This week we have learnt about Togo in Africa - the country where our sponsored child, Victor, lives. We have also completed assessments and written a conversation using correct punctuation, and question tags.



Maths

This week we have been concentrating on problem solving - using visual methods to help us.

We have also been working on expanded and short decomposition (column subtraction).

Thank you to the children who came to feed the chickens during half term: Charlie, Lola, Ruby T, Matthew, Megan F and Henry.

Solihull Approach

Don't forget the next drop in with tea, coffee and biscuits will be on Wednesday 8th November at 2.15pm. If you have started the course, please pop along and share how you think it is going. Don't worry if you haven't started it yet, still pop along for a chat or if you have any questions, Mrs Querelle will be happy to help.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

Children In Need - Friday 17th November

We will, once again, be supporting Children in Need. Children are invited to come into school on Friday 17th November dressed 'Inside out & Back to Front' in exchange for a £1 donation to the charity. The charity will also accept your old 'round pounds' so if you have any at home, send them in.



Tempest Photography

On Thursday 9th November Tempest Photography will be coming in to school to take individual and siblings photos. If you have any younger siblings that you wish to appear in your school photos, please come into the hall at 08.30 so that you can have these taken first.



Goodbye

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to our cleaner Steve who will be leaving us today. We wish you all the best. Welcome to Mark who will be taking over from Steve.

Road Safety

Mrs McCluskey will be coming in on Friday 10th November to do road safety training with the children in Reception and Year 1. The children in Reception will be having their training within the classroom but the Year 1s will be going outside. We need 4 parent helpers to assist Mrs McCluskey. There will be 2 sessions for Year 1, one at 13.15 and one at 13.50. If you are able to help for either one or both of these sessions, please speak to Mrs Wood or Mrs Cave in the school office. Without parent helpers, we are unable to run these sessions for the children. Thank you.



Sharing Assembly

There will be a sharing assembly for the whole school on Wednesday 8th November at 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to join us in the school hall.



Please can we ask that parents do not approach children in the playground or field whilst they are at school. We have had instances where children are talking to adults through the hedge. Although your child would recognise you, staff may not know who you are and are concerned for safeguarding reasons.

Vacancy for a Midday Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor at Ellingham Primary School. You will need to have a calm, caring and friendly manner and enjoy working with children.

Duties will include the supervision of pupils over the lunchtime period ensuring the safety and well-being of pupils in the dining room (includes some table-cleaning and moving duties, and chair stacking), playground duty engaging with children through play, and interaction with children, classroom supervision during wet play time, some minor first aid is involved.

Please see our website for more information and an application form.

<http://www.ellinghamandwoodton.co.uk>



Twitter

Our school now has its own Twitter account where we will be sharing updates with you. We want to be able to keep you up to date with any news or information as soon as possible and will be tweeting alongside sending out text messages and emails. Our twitter account is @EllinghamVC.



Girls Football Tournament



Well done to Maisie Lay, Olive Theobald, Issy McDonald, Edie Vass, Ruby Tipple, Dulcie King, Moly Giller, Cadence Calver-Brown, Ruby Roos and Phoebe Wakefield. These girls took part in the football tournament at the end of the last half term. The Year 3 & 4 girls came 1st and the year 5 & 6 girls came 2nd. This is an outstanding achievement out of nearly 150 girls participating. We are therefore through to the next round and will go forward to represent the South Norfolk SSP at the Norfolk School Games County Finals in March 2018.

Cross Country

This week, 6 of our key stage 2 children ran in the 2nd round of the cross country competition, after qualifying in the first round. The children all ran very well. A special mention to Cadence who finished 9th overall and has qualified for the next round of the competition!



PTA Cake Stall

The PTA would like to thank all of you who either donated cakes to the stall or came along and brought some of the wonderful goodies. A staggering £91 was raised which will go into putting on the Christmas Bazaar.



Grammar Session Part 2

A reminder that Mrs Kenyon will be holding the 2nd part of her grammar session after school for an hour on Monday 6th November.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th November - 3.15pm until 4.15pm - 2nd Part of the Grammar Session with Mrs Kenyon

Tuesday 7th November - Code Breaking at Hobart for Year 6s

Wednesday 8th November - 9am Sharing assembly for all classes

Wednesday 8th November - Solihull Drop In at 2.15pm

Thursday 9th November - Tempest Photography in for school photos

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Day

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

Wednesday 22nd November - Solihull Drop In at 2.15pm

Saturday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Bazaar 12pm - 2pm

Wednesday 6th December - Solihull Drop In at 2.15pm

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

