

Newsletter

Friday 17th November



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Humility

The theme for next week is 'Living the Humble Life.'



Sparrows Reading Challenge

This week our **Star Reader** goes to Logan Smith, so he will receive his star badge. Our **weekly reader** is Olivia Collins who has already achieved her star badge and is still reading weekly.

Florence Vass is our **Bookworm**. She has read nearly every day in the last fortnight.

Well done to all of those children. Keep reading and you will earn your star badge.



Sparrows

This week our focus has been wizards and spells. Our role play area is a fantastic Potion lab with a big 'cauldron'. We have made liquid potions which we put into special glass bottles with pipettes. We then wrote labels for our magic potions to let people know what they do if you drink them. Please come and have a look at our potions in the classroom.

Next week our show and tell theme will be 'something that fits in a yoghurt pot'.



Skylarks

The children have worked very hard this week in class. We are encouraging the children to move around school quietly and sensibly, keeping the cloakroom tidy and looking after their belongings.

In maths we have learnt a number bonds to 10 rhyme and practised addition and subtraction. Y2s have begun to understand fact families and inverse operations.

In English, and for topic work we are now very informed all about penguins. We have written some fact files. Ask the children what they know.

During the week we have also been making pom-poms to decorate the Christmas tree in Beccles.

Keep warm this frosty weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.



Swifts

English

This week we have been carrying on writing our play scripts. We have thought carefully about stage and character directions and have thought carefully about scenes, characters and dialogue.



Maths

This week we have been working on times table knowledge. We have practiced our times tables and worked on dividing by 10 and 100. We have also learnt how to multiply three numbers together.

Swallows

Maths

This week we have been working with fractions. We have found equivalent fractions and have ordered fractions by finding the common denominator. Y6 have also learnt to multiply fractions and simplify them.



English

We have continued our work on balanced arguments, writing about whether it is right or wrong for archaeologists to dig up Ancient Egyptian tombs. We had to write in a formal, impersonal tone including a variety of connectives to structure our work.

Children In Need - Friday 17th November

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children In Need today. So far we have raised £101.77 from the children and staff wearing their clothes inside out and back to front.



Tempest Photography

Don't forget that we need your orders for your school photos by **today**. The photos are being collected first thing on Tuesday morning. If you miss this deadline you will have to place your order directly with Tempest Photography and you may have to pay postage costs.



Football Boots

Football boots with moulded studs are only to be worn on the field to play football when the field is wet. They are not to be worn in dry weather. No other type of studded boots are permitted, only moulded studs. Children **MUST** remove their football boots before entering the school building.



Lost Property

Once again our lost property is overflowing! We have returned all named items of clothing to the children but we still have a lot of clothes which are not labelled. Please can we remind you that it is important to write your child's name in all items of clothing so that we can return them if lost. If you have lost clothing, please pop into the office to see if any of these items belong to your child. Items still in lost property at the end of term will either be donated to the PTA or put into the clothing bank.



'Veggie Tub Tuesday' - 28th November

We will be having another 'Veggie Tub Tuesday' on 28th November. Please bring in a vegetable suitable for eating raw so that the children can enjoy a tub of vegetables at break time. If you can prepare your vegetable in advance, that would be really helpful. We also need some parent volunteers on that morning to help prepare the vegetables. Please speak to Mrs Wood or Mrs Cave in the school office if you are able to help.



School Christmas Dinner

Letters have come home this week regarding the school Christmas dinner on Friday 15th December. We need your orders in by Thursday 30th November. Unfortunately we cannot accept any late orders.



PTA Christmas Bazaar - Sat 2nd Dec 12-2pm

There are still a few items left on the hamper list in the school office. Please pop in and sign up for an item if you haven't already done so. The hampers will be raffle prizes at the Christmas Bazaar.



The PTA are also in need to full bottles of wine as well as empty bottles for their water and wine stall at the Christmas Bazaar.

They are also in need of helpers on the day. Please speak to one of the PTA ladies if you are able to help.

Twitter

We are now on Twitter. We will be tweeting updates, reminders and celebrations from the school regularly. It's quite simple to follow our twitter page,

- Download or find twitter on the internet
- Sign up by just filling out your full name, mobile number or email address
 - Then type in the search bar 'EllinghamVC'
 - Our page will appear and then just click 'Follow'
 - You will then receive our regular news and updates



Toilet Twinning

Today is 'World Toilet Day' and the Swallows class have been finding out about poor sanitation in third world countries. Phoebe, Lola and Rosie M who are the Eco Rangers responsible for Global Citizenship have sent home a letter today with some fundraising ideas. There will be an adult and a child prize for the winning quiz entries. We hope that you will participate and help the children to raise money to provide at least one toilet in a third world country. Thank you.



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to the following children for their achievements in the Times Tables Olympics;

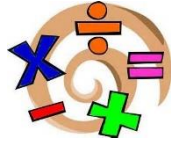
Finalist - Faith Wakefield, Archie Rodgers & Michael Lawrence

Bronze - Isaac Wren, Noah Davis, Peter Hirst & Joshua Ford

Silver - Megan Forder & Olive Theobald

Gold - Sam Elliott

European - Joshua Napthine



Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be coming in again on Friday 1st December. Letters have been sent directly from the nursing team to those who missed the last flu vaccination. Please ensure you have returned the form if you wish your child to have the flu vaccine.



Solihull Approach

Don't forget the next drop in with tea, coffee and biscuits will be on Wednesday 22nd 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

Joy of Food

We are very excited to be able to offer a group of parents the chance to take part in a "Joy of Food" cookery project. It will be run by trained catering professionals who will improve your skills and inspire you with different family friendly dishes. All food and equipment will be provided and sessions will run in our school hall. You will be able to make a meal to take home for dinner that evening and wow the family. We will be hosting an introductory demonstration session on **Wednesday 6th December at 9am**. Please come along to find out more and register your interest. If you are unable to make it for the taster session please see Mrs Querelle for more information and to put your name down. Once we have a group of parents we will organise a weekly time slot which is convenient for all involved.



Swimming Gala

Well done to all the children who took part in the swimming gala at Hobart High School on Wednesday. They all swam really well and were very well behaved. The children came away with 19 medals between them, which is an outstanding performance!



Ellingham and Woodton came 2nd overall out of all the cluster schools so well done everyone.

Dates for the Diary

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

New Date - **Tuesday 28th November** - 'Veggie Tub Tuesday' - Please bring in a vegetable - Helpers needed

Saturday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Bazaar 12pm - 2pm - Helpers needed, as well as wine

Wednesday 6th December - Solihull Drop In at 2.15pm

New Date - **Wednesday 6th December** - Joy of Food taster session at 9am

New Date - **Monday 11th December** - Swallows Robotics Roadshow

New Date - **Tuesday 12th December** - Swifts Robotics Roadshow

Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm - Sparrows Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December - 2.15pm - Skylarks Christmas Performance

New Date - **Friday 15th December** - Christmas Lunch - Orders needed by Thursday 30th November

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

