

Newsletter

Friday 24th November



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Humility

The theme for next week is 'Learning Humility.'



Maths Whizz

Best Usage: Phoebe Wakefield, Rosie Doherty, Cadence Calver-Brown, Theo Roos, Jamie Cave, Seth Ruthven, Finley Watson, Riley Smith and Jessica McDonald.



Most Improved: Lilah Marsham, Henry Curtis, Cadence Calver-Brown, Jamie Cave, Annabella Rackham, Isaac Wren, Ralph Putman, Riley Smith and Josh Palmer.

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

Sparrows

This week we have continued our theme of wizards and spells. We have focused on 'Winnie the Witch'. For maths, we have looked at size. We used size vocabulary when looking at 3 different sized pictures of Winnie and Wilbur (the cat!). We then ordered the pictures from smallest to biggest. In phonics, we have started learning phase 3 phonemes. This week we learnt j, v, w and x.



Skylarks

Firstly a big thank you for all my kind birthday wishes, cards, etc. I shall be celebrating with slippers and a warm fire (yes, getting old!).



Skylarks have improved their behaviour while moving through school and looking after their belongings 😊. We have learnt all about Captain Robert Scott - who he was, where he went and what happened to him. We also discussed reasons for and against his expedition. Year 1s have been really getting to grips with number bonds to 10 and we have had fun learning the rhyme. Y2s have been using bar models in maths and mastering number fact families. In art we have been making some imaginative plasticine ice sculptures and cutting detailed patterned snowflake/frost patterns. At last the Winter Show script has arrived! Please see separate slip for parts and costume information. Thanks again for your support and co-operation. Best wishes, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊

Swifts

English

In our writing we have been working on information texts. We have used books and the internet to research an area of the Tudors and have learnt about the main features of non-fiction information texts.

Maths

This week in our maths we have been working on times tables and multiplication. The Triangles and Squares have been working on learning their 3,4,6 and 8 times tables and the division facts that go with them. The Pentagons and Hexagons are continued to work on multiplying three numbers together and have worked on written methods to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number.



Swallows

Maths

We have been learning about the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. We have found fractions and percentages of amounts eg. 42% of £600 or 5/8 of 40, and have learnt to multiply and divide fractions.

English

We have finished writing balanced arguments and have begun writing a diary of a pyramid builder.



Head Lice

Please make sure that you check your child for head lice periodically, or if they are showing any signs, i.e. itching. If you would like further information or advice as to how to treat head lice, we have information in the school office. Thank you.

Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival

The children have been busy making pom poms for the Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival in Beccles. The tree has been kindly sponsored by Harvey Brothers Funeral Service in the village. The festival is open to the public on Friday 24th from 6pm until 9pm, Saturday 25th November from 9.30am until 4.30am and on Sunday 26th November from 12.30pm until 5.30pm. There will be over 50 trees decorated by schools, businesses and other organisations. Admission is £2 per adult, children are free.



'Veggie Tub Tuesday' - 28th November

Next Tuesday is 'Veggie Tub Tuesday'. 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 - Fri 15th Dec

Don't forget that we need your orders in by **Thursday 30th November** for the school Christmas Dinner. We cannot accept any orders after this date. Children are also invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.



Toilet Twinning Quiz

If you haven't already done so, please return your toilet twinning quiz sheets asap. We will still accept entries as long as they are submitted by Monday.



Going for Gold Spellings

The following children have received their 50/100 spellings certificates; Cadence Calver-Brown, Rosie Doherty, Megan Forder, Caitlin Haward, Matthew Peck, William Robinson, Ruby Roos, Ruby Taylor, Phoebe Wakefield, Megan Brooks, Oscar Chapman, Molly Giller, Lilah Marsham, Joshua Napthine and Lola Vass. Bradley Lambert, Rosie Mower and Charlie Cave have received their Purple Level badge 2. Well done to all these children.



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

The bazaar is only a week away! Please can you return all raffle ticket stubs, money and unwanted tickets to the school office asap. If you require any extra tickets you can also pick these up from the school office.



PTA Christmas Party

Letters have come home today regarding the children's Christmas party on Tuesday 19th December, 3.30pm - 5pm. Please return the slip to the school office by Monday 11th December, even if your child will not be attending. Thank you.



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.



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.



Maths Whizz Cup

Once again the Maths Whizz cup has gone to Swallows class! That makes five fortnights in a row, so well done Swallows. Can one of the other classes win the cup from them next time?



Football Tournament

Well done to all of the children who took part in the football tournament on Tuesday. They all played well and were well behaved. The children who participated were Freddie, William, Molly, Sam, Joshua Naphine, Phoebe, Dulcie, Ruby Roos, Thoe, Ruby Tipple, Joshua Ford, Maisie, Caitlin and Charlie.

Maths Whizz Club

Please note that Maths Whizz club for KS2 will finish this term. In the New Year Ms Kenyon will be running an after school SATs club on a Wednesday for an hour for Y6 only.

Football Boots

As the field is now drier, football boots with moulded studs are no longer allowed due to health and safety reasons. We will review the situation again as the weather changes.



Cake Donations for the Christmas Bazaar

The PTA would be very grateful for donations of cakes for the Christmas Bazaar. Please bring these in either Friday or Saturday morning. Thank you.



Twitter

Don't forget to check our Twitter page for updates, reminders and celebrations. 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



Dates for the Diary

New Date - Friday 1st December - Follow up Flu Vaccination

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

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

Monday 11th December - Swallows Robotics Roadshow

Tuesday 12th December - Swifts Robotics Roadshow

Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm - Sparrows Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December - 2.15pm - Skylarks Christmas Performance

Friday 15th December - Christmas Lunch - Orders needed by Thursday 30th November - Christmas jumpers can be worn

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

