

Newsletter

Friday 12th January



Ellingham VC Primary School

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and you are all refreshed and ready to start the new term.

Values for Life - Perseverance

The theme for this week has been 'Persevering With the Truth'. Next week's theme is 'Persevering To Finish the Job.'



Sparrows

This week we have started our new theme dinosaurs!

We have been thinking

about what we already know about dinosaurs and what we would like to find out. We made our own dinosaurs using playdough and pasta shapes.

Then in literacy we wrote 1 or 2 sentences about the dinosaur we had made.



Forest School

This half term, Sparrows class will be having a forest school session every Wednesday afternoon. Please can you provide your child with a change of clothes which can get muddy/dirty. Also, please ensure your child has wellies, a hat, coat and gloves in school as we will be outside in all weathers.

Skylarks

I don't know if you've heard but....'The Aliens are coming!'....they have written us a letter and want us to tell them all about humans and materials found on earth.

In phonics we are starting to practise our sounds by looking at 'alien' words. Bleep bloop. It has been 'Fraction' week in Maths, Y1s have made a fraction picnic and Y2s have looked at 1/2s, 1/4 and 1/3rds of shapes, objects and numbers. We have also started our 'Art Exhibition' project...more news about that to come.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 & Mrs Sayer 😊.



Swifts

Maths

This week in our maths we have been working on place value. We have been learning greater than/less than, ordering numbers including decimals, rounding and negative numbers.

Literacy

This week we have been working on balanced arguments. We have had discussions about zoos and then planned and written a balanced argument about whether there should be zoos or not.



Swallows

Literacy

Since returning we have written New Year's Resolutions - both personal and global (let's hope we stick to them!) and have written a letter of complaint about faulty goods, using formal and emotive language and including rhetorical questions, and the subjunctive tense.

Maths

This week we have been finding perimeters and areas of rectangles, triangles and composite shapes.



GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation

A reminder that there are new regulations coming in to force in May 2018. **GDPR** is a regulation that requires businesses to protect the personal data and privacy of individuals. This is a statutory requirement. Therefore, you may see some changes in our policies and procedures in the coming months. Please understand that any changes are put into place to protect yours and your children's data.

One of these changes is that we will no longer send out newsletters by email to any business email address. Therefore if you currently have a business address listed, please provide an alternative personal email address. If you cannot provide a personal email address then we can arrange to send you a paper copy of the newsletter home with your child.

A reminder as well that **parents/carers should not be coming back into school after clubs**. Any items left in school can be collected the next day.

E-Safety

Thank you to those of you who joined us this morning for our sharing assembly and e-safety session. We hope that you found it informative. For those of you who could not make it, there is lots of information on our website with links to other resources.



Chickens

Thank you to all of those who fed the chickens over the holiday.



Footballs

Please can we ask that children **DO NOT** bring in their own footballs as we do not have the space to store them. The school has footballs which the children can use at break times.



Book Sale

Swallows class will be holding a book sale in the hall at Monday breaktime. We recently received a very kind donation of books from Clays and so Mrs Kenyon has sorted out some of our books in the library that we no longer need. These books will be sold at 10p a book, so please bring in some small change on Monday.



Y6 SATS Club

Mrs Kenyon will be running her Y6 SATS club from next week. It will be held on a Monday and a Wednesday from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Please can you let the office know if your child will be attending and on which days. Can you also please provide your child with a snack for whilst they are at the club.



Necklace Found

We have a necklace in the school office which was found outside. If you or your child has lost a necklace, please see Mrs Wood or Mrs Cave in the school office.



Out of School Achievements

This is Nathaniel in France achieving level 3, 1 star award from Ski School. He was really proud he got a medal, and was the youngest in his group to achieve a level 3. Level 3, 1 star means he can link parallel turns on green runs and Ski a variety of blue runs. He is looking forward to going back next year. Well done Nathaniel.



Foxy Lodge Wildlife Rescue

Some of the children will be bringing home fox money boxes this week, which they made with the eco-rangers responsible for bio-diversity. These children wanted to help the Foxy Lodge Wildlife Rescue by making a donation. Foxy Lodge helps to rehabilitate and release back into the wild birds and animals including, hedgehogs, deer, foxes, owls and birds of prey. If your child hasn't made a money box and would like to, they can see Mrs Long as she has some spares. You can also visit their website www.foxyloodge.yolasite.com to see how you can help. Please return the money boxes in the week commencing Monday 19th February.



Joy of Food

We are excited to say that the course will start on Thursday January 18th from 09.15 until 11.45. It runs for 4 weeks and is free of charge. We only have 2 spaces left now so please pop into the office to put your name down before the spaces go!



Lost Property

Yet again our lost property is overflowing. Please can you ensure that you label all items of clothing clearly with your child's name. Names written in pen fade with time so please check frequently. Any items left in lost property at the end of this half term will be donated to the PTA for resale or to the clothing bank.



PE Kits

A reminder that PE kits should be in school every day of the week.

Out of School Hours

The children are not permitted on the field or the play equipment out of school hours. This includes whilst waiting for after school clubs. Thank you.

Flu

As you are no doubt aware "Aussie Flu" is making itself known around the country. We have had a confirmed case within the schools and have contacted Public Health England Health Protection Team for advice on this rather unpleasant illness. Their **specialist** has advised us that this is a strain of flu that started in Australia during their winter (hence the name) and is no more of a threat to the general population than any other flu strain. However he has made a few recommendations that we would like to pass on to you. If your child does get flu, please follow guidelines from the NHS. Should you be uncertain the NHS site listed below has all the key information you need:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/



Needless to say we'll be reminding the children about basic hygiene rules and ask that you do the same at home to prevent the spread of germs.

Swifts Tudor Day

At the end of last term the children in Swifts class enjoyed a day of Tudor activities. They all look fantastic dressed in their Tudor outfits.



Information from the Parish Council

We have been asked by the Parish Council to pass on the following information;

'We are almost there with fundraising for the new roundabout at the park and to help us with this we have been accepted by Tesco Bags of Help appeal again.

This is currently running in the Tesco store at Beccles and Southwold so we ask that parents when shopping at either of these stores please make sure they remember to ask for some tokens to put in our collection point there. This is the same as last time the more tokens we get the more money with the maximum being £5000.'

Craft Club

Here are some of the lovely stained glass window pictures that the children made in craft club this week.



Sharing Assembly - Friday 9th February

There will be a sharing assembly for Sparrows and Skylarks on Friday 9th February at 9am. Parents and carers are welcome.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th January - 10p Book Sale in the hall at breacktime

Thursday 18th January - 09.15 - 11.45 - Joy of Food course starts in school hall

Thursday 25th January - 09.15 - 11.45 - Joy of Food in school hall

Thursday 1st February - 09.15 - 11.45 - Joy of Food in school hall

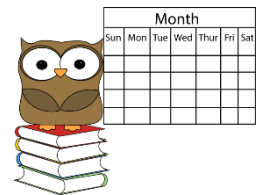
Thursday 8th February - 09.15 - 11.45 - Joy of Food in school hall

Friday 9th February - 09.00 - Sharing Assembly for Sparrows and Skylarks - All welcome

Friday 9th February - Last Day of this half term

Monday 12th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - Back to School



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

