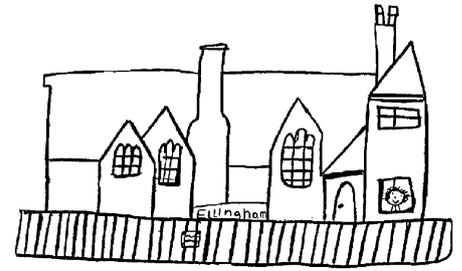


# Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February



Ellingham VC Primary School

## Values for Life - Hope

The theme for next week is 'Jesus is the Hope of The World.'



## Awards

Well done to Jennifer Ruthven and Lilah Marsham who earned their Eco Ranger badges and certificates this week for all their hard work supporting wildlife.



Don't forget that if your child earns a badge for anything they have achieved in school, ie. spelling, reading, etc. they can wear their badges on their uniform.

## Sparrows

Please can you ensure that your child has suitable footwear for school, and that they can put these on and take them off independently. Thank you.



## After School Clubs

If your child is attending an after school club, can you please provide them with a healthy snack. We have had instances of KS1 fruit being eaten, which means that there is not enough fruit for break time.



## Road Safety

Next Wednesday we have Olly Day coming in to present a road safety magic show. Olly has been performing his show around Norfolk for the past 18 years and has worked with Norfolk County council to develop a show which gets the important message of road safety across to children in a fun way.



Please do remember that children should always wear a seat belt and be in any appropriate car seat for their height.

### Mother's Day Messages

The Beccles and Bungay Journal will be publishing a supplement in the edition which is out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The children have participated in writing messages so don't forget to buy a copy!



### Piano Lessons

A reminder that piano lessons are now on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child has their piano book in school on a Wednesday, thank you.



### We Are Now Cooking On Gas!

We are excited to announce that over half term we have converted from oil to gas to run our heating system. Not only is this much for economic for us, but more environmentally friendly.



### Lost Property

We have a bag of odd gloves and hats from before half term. If you have lost any of these items, please pop to the office. **We will keep these for a further week before putting them in the clothes bank.**



### Banham Zoo Trip - Sparrows & Swifts

A reminder that children will need a packed lunch and drink for their trip next Friday. As the weather is getting colder, please make sure they have a warm coat, suitable shoes and hats and gloves.



### World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year. Children are invited to dress up as something to do with a non-fiction book. During the day there will be lots of activities based on World Book Day.



### Foxy Lodge Money Boxes

Don't forget to return your filled money box if you haven't done so already. If you didn't make a money box but would like to donate, Foxy Lodge are always in need of tins of cat food (not fish) for the hedgehogs. More details can be found at

<http://www.foxyloodge.yolasite.com/>



### PTA Movie Night

Thank you to all who were involved in organising the movie night on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, the children all had a lovely time.



### 2 Litre Bottles

Mrs Long has made a request for 2 litre drinks bottles. If you have any, please pass them to the office, thank you.

### Joy of Food

This has now come to an end. The parents who participated really enjoyed the course and came away with healthy and tasty family meals, as well as a cookbook. Thank you to those parents who came along.



### Swimming Gala



Well done to our swimming stars from Ellingham and Woodton who took part in the South Norfolk Schools swimming gala yesterday. They were all amazing swimmers and out of 7 clusters who took part, the Loddon cluster, who we were representing, came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The children were all very well behaved and showed excellent sportsmanship.

### Art Exhibition - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

We are holding a fabulous art exhibition in the school hall at 3.15pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children have all worked hard to produce a piece of artwork that will be exhibited and available to buy. We will remind you of the details each week and look forward to seeing you all there.



### Sports For Schools Tokens

Sports for Schools is a competition which involves schools and communities collecting tokens for a chance to win a share of a £20,000 sports kit cash pot.

Special tokens will be printed in every edition of the Archant group of newspapers, and parents, school staff and the local community can collect and donate them to our school.

The three schools with the most tokens - calculated on a pro rata basis based on pupil numbers - will receive prizes of £5,000, £3,000 or £2,000.

Schools which collect 1,000 tokens will receive a free sports pack which is worth over £60.

Tokens will be printed in the following papers:

- Eastern Daily Press
- Norwich Evening News
- Great Yarmouth Mercury
- The Lowestoft Journal
- Beccles & Bungay Journal
- Dereham Times
- Fakenham & Wells Times
- North Norfolk News

From Monday, February 5, a token will be printed in every edition of the newspapers up until April 14.

There will be one token a day but watch for bonus tokens and two tokens every Saturday (one token a week plus bonus tokens in the weekly publications).

Please help us to collect tokens, we will be collecting them in the school office, thank you.



### Eco Rangers – Healthy Living

The eco rangers responsible for 'Healthy Living' carried out a 'Healthy Lunch Check' on Wednesday 21st February. They looked at 5 lunch boxes and these were the results:

Healthy Sandwich or Savoury Snack e.g Brown read with healthy filling	3 out of 5 boxes
Unhealthy sandwich or Savoury Snack e.g chocolate spread or sausage roll	2 out of 5 boxes
Fruit or Vegetables	4 out of 5 boxes
Crisps	3 out of 5 boxes
Cereal Bars	0 out of 5 boxes
Cake or Sweet biscuit	4 out of 5 boxes
Water or Sugar Free Drink	2 out of 5 boxes
High Sugar Drinks	2 out of 5 boxes



Overall our lunches are fairly healthy, but we would like to see fruit or vegetables in every lunch box and less cakes and sweet biscuits. You can visit the Change4life Healthier Lunch boxes website for some lunch box ideas.

### Swifts Sports Stars

Well done to our sporting stars who got 'man of the match' in their weekend sporting achievements.



### Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - Forensic Science Day at Hobart High School - Letters have come home this week

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - Y4s Cycling Course - Bikes and helmets required

**\*Change of Date\* Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - World Book Day - Dress up as something to do with a non-fiction book

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Banham Zoo Trip for Sparrows and Swifts

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents Evening - Lists are going up next week

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents Evening - Lists are going up next week

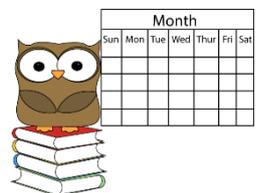
**\*New Date\* Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Art Exhibition at 3.15pm in the hall

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Non uniform day in exchange for a boxed egg for Easter Bingo - More details to follow

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - PTA Easter Bingo - More details to follow

**Tuesday 27<sup>rd</sup> March** - 14.30 - Swallows & Swifts sharing assembly - More details to follow

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Last Day of Term



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