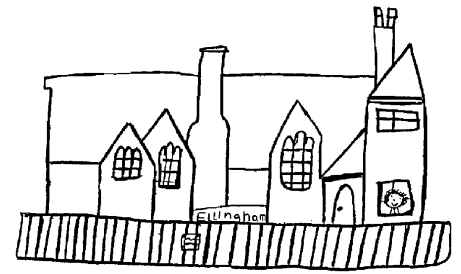


# Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May



Ellingham VC Primary School

## Values for Life - Justice

The theme for this week is 'God's Justice'



## Going for Gold Spellings

Well done to the following children who have achieved their first fifty spellings on the Turquoise level and gained their badge.

Cadence Calver-Brown, Lola Vass, Molly Giller and Dulcie King.



## Sparrows

This week Sparrows have been focussing on 'Sunflowers' as part of our 'Living and Growing' theme. We have planted sunflower seeds and we are looking forward to seeing how quickly they grow and which will grow the tallest. In maths the children used sunflower seeds to solve addition and subtraction problems to 20. In literacy we wrote about different stages of the sunflower life cycle.

Next week our focus will be Jack and the Beanstalk. However, on Friday, we are coming off topic completely and having a wedding, to celebrate the royal wedding. Some of the children will be wedding guests, while others will be the bride, groom, best man, bridesmaids, ushers and a father of the bride! We will also be making a wedding cake for the bride and groom to cut and scones with jam and cream for the wedding breakfast!



## Skylarks

This week in maths we have been looking at finding fractions of numbers using objects and partitioning to help us.

In English we have continued writing our own jungle stories, focusing on checking and editing our own work for spellings and continuity.

Our beautiful Morphe Butterfly display has been completed and we have discussed similarities and differences within each animal group.

We will end the week 'going wild' with some jungle music and movement.

Have a 'roaring' weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.



## Swifts

### Maths

This week in our maths we have been working on decimals and fractions. We have learnt all about tenths and hundredths and we have compared fractions with decimals.



### English

In our writing this week we have been focusing on descriptive writing. We have written detailed setting descriptions and carefully edited them to improve language choices, grammar and punctuation.

## Swallows

### English

In English we started writing an Interview with an alien. We looked at the play script, layout, stage directions, using different fonts for different meanings.



### Maths

Y6s have been revising for their SATs next week. Y5s have been collecting leaves, drawing round them and then estimating what the area would be.

There is NO homework this week for Swallows class.

Y6s, please make sure you have an early night on Sunday and a good, healthy breakfast on Monday morning. Do your best and remember we are very proud of you.

## Sports For Schools Tokens - Last Chance to hand in your tokens

We have started counting the tokens and have to submit our final figure by 25<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. If you have any vouchers at home, please bring them in ASAP. Thank you to all of those who have collected for us, we are very grateful.



## Car Free Friday

A reminder that today is 'Car Free Friday'. Please try and walk to school every Friday, even if you park a little further away and walk the last bit of your journey.



## 'Fruit Kebab Friday'

Thank you to Melanie Berycz, Helen Munslow, Sarah Beveridge, Alix Roos, Alison Wren, Tessa Ford and Jenny Napthine who came in this morning to prepare the fruit kebabs. This was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed their kebabs at break time. Once again, we would not be able to run these events without your help and support so thank you to all those who brought in fruit and to our helpers.



## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Royal Wedding

### 'Street Party' Lunch

Norse will be providing a special lunch to celebrate the wedding on Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Letters will be coming home today. The lunch will consist of;

*'Selection of Sandwiches'*  
(Ham, Cheese or Cucumber)  
Pizza Bites  
Chipolata Sausage  
Carrot and Cucumber Batons

*Decorated Cup Cake*  
*Fruit Cuplet*

***We have now submitted final figures so no further orders can be made. If you have not ordered your child the special lunch, you will need to provide them with a home packed lunch on this day.***



### Sparrows - Tapestry

Please look out for a form coming home which we will need you to sign to update your Tapestry permissions.

### Times Tables Olympics

Well done to these children who have achieved the following levels in the Times Tables Olympics;

Megan Forder - Olympic  
Cadence Calver Brown - Higher Level 3  
Bradley Lambert - Higher Level 9  
Charlie Cave - Higher Level 2



### Phone Lines

We are still experiencing problems with our phone line. We are working to get resolved. In the meantime, please email the school office

[office@ellingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@ellingham.norfolk.sch.uk)

In an emergency, please call Woodton on 01508 482294.

### Cake Stall Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

The PTA are holding a royal themed cake stall after school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Donations of cake will be gratefully received.

They will also be selling tickets for the Quiz & Cheese night. This is going to be on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 per person, teams can be up to 6 people.



### Walk to School Week - W/C 21<sup>st</sup> May

It is 'Walk to School' week next week, but due to SATs week we have decided to postpone this until the following week.

Each child will be given a card to collect their 'Walk to School' stamp every time they walk to school. If they manage to walk for at least three times in the week, they will earn their 'Walk to School' certificate.



Please support 'Walk to School' week, even if it means parking a little bit further away and walking the last part of your journey.

## Neurofibromatosis Fundraising Event - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is the general name for a number of genetic conditions that cause tumours to grow along your nerves. Neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) is the most common type, affecting about one in 3,000 births. Mrs Taylor's niece, Alivia who is 4 years old, was born with NF1 and has many complications as a result. The symptoms of NF1 develop gradually and severity of the condition can vary considerably from person to person. Alivia is currently dealing with general learning difficulties, autistic tendencies and ADHD. It is also causing movement difficulties and curvature of her spine and as a result she often needs to use a wheelchair. The main issue for Alivia though is her tumours. She has many, but there are currently 3 which the doctors are concerned about. She has two on her brain and one at the base of her spine. If any of these grow she could go blind, be unable to walk or suffer further learning difficulties. She has MRI scans every 3 months to check if they are growing. There's currently no cure for NF1.

Treatment involves regular monitoring and treating any problems as they occur. This can involve surgery to remove tumours and improve bone abnormalities, medication to control secondary conditions and therapy for behavioural problems. In May there is a 'World Neurofibromatosis Day'. We will be holding an event to raise money for the Neuro Foundation, which is a UK charity that aims to improve the lives of people with Neurofibromatosis. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding an 'Accessorise your Teacher' day! This means the children can bring in any accessory for any member of staff to wear for the day. We ask that the children bring in £1 for each accessory that they would like the member of staff to wear. All of the £1 will go to The Neuro Foundation.



### **Year 6 Cycling Course**

Please remember to return your permission slips.

**Bikes and Helmets will be required on all three dates;**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.**

**We need 2 parent helpers for the last two June dates.** Please contact the school office if you are able to help. **We cannot run this course without helpers.**



### **Gardener Exploration Club**

Please note that the first club is full and the 2<sup>nd</sup> club is getting busy. Please hand in your slips and money as soon as possible if you child would like to attend.



### **Eco-Rangers Certificates**

The following children have earned their Eco-Rangers certificates and badges for doing the following;

Organising and undertaking litter picks - Rosie Doherty, Dulcie King and Flinn Haines-Rowell.

Organising 'Fruit Kebab Friday' and 'Veggie Tub Tuesday'. Carrying out healthy lunch checks - Bradley Lambert, Oscar Chapman and Freddie Sharman.

For completing monthly transport checks and collecting data during 'Walk to School' week - Matthew Peck, Charlie Cave and Joshua Napthine.



Well done to all these children for their fantastic efforts.

### **Permission Slips**

If we have a club or activity that is on a 'first come, first served' basis, please hand your slips directly into the office. If you post your slips in the post box, you may find that your child misses out as we process the forms strictly in the order they are received. Thank you.

## Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Royal Wedding 'Street Party' special lunch - No further orders can be made
- \*New Date\*** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - PTA - Royal Themed Cake Stall - **Donations gratefully received**
- \*New Date\*** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - 'Walk to School' week
- \*New Date\*** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Y6 Bike Checks - **Please bring in your Bike and Helmet**
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Neurofibromatosis Day - Accessorise a member of staff for £1
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Reception Hearing & Vision checks
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Last day of this half term
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Back to school
- \*New Date\*** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - 1.15pm Y6 - on Road Cycling - **2 Parent Helpers Needed**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June - PTA Quiz and Cheese night, 7.30pm, tickets £5
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Tempest Photography Class and Y6 leavers photos
- \*New Date\*** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - 11.00am & 1.15pm Y6 - on Road Cycling - **2 Parent Helpers Needed**
- \*New Date\*** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Whole School Trip to the Royal Norfolk Show - Details to follow
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - PTA Non uniform day in exchange for preloved (good, clean condition) teddy.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fete - 2pm until 5pm - 'All the Fun at the Fair'
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term



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