

Newsletter

Friday 21st September



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Friendship

The theme for next week is 'Friends Again'.



Maths Whizz

We have started to hand out certificates again for those children who have spent the most amount of time or who have made fantastic progress on Maths Whizz. Please encourage your child to use Maths Whizz and remember not to help them, or it will move them ahead too quickly. These are the results for this fortnight.



Best Usage: Molly Giller, Isabelle McDonald, Maisie Lay, Finley Watson, Jamie Cave, Imogen Munslow, Olivia Giller, Riley Smith, Jessica McDonald, Morgan Mulhearn and Jaydon Nunley.

Most Improved: Molly Giller, Finlay Young, Harrison Lambert, Jamie Cave, Otto Wathen, Amy Gilliatt, Olivia Collins, Riley Smith, Skye Ratcliffe, Morgan Mulhearn and Jaydon Nunley.

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

Each fortnight we will be awarding the Maths Whizz Cup to the class who has made the most progress.

This fortnight the Maths Whizz cup was awarded to Sparrows class. Well done Sparrows!



Sparrows

These past few weeks we have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have looked at different types of bears in the wild, their habitats and their diets. We also made porridge and looked at how the ingredients changed as we cooked it. We all had a taste too!

In literacy, the reception children have made a 'wanted' poster for Goldilocks, while the Y1s have written a porridge recipe and a sorry message from Goldilocks, as well as a 'wanted' poster.

In maths the Y1s have looked at replacing missing numbers, writing numbers to 20 and estimating using numbers to 10. The YRs were ordering numbers to 10 and counting bears to 10. The YR children have started their phonics and have so far learnt s, a, t and p.

The children have settled in absolutely brilliantly, we are so proud of them all!

A reminder that Mrs Taylor is going to be holding a **Phonics meeting** on **Friday 28th September at 8.50am** for all parents and carers of Sparrows' children. Please come in via the office ready to start promptly at 08.50am.

Have you activated your Tapestry account yet? Tapestry is a fantastic resource for seeing what your child has been doing at school and what they have been learning. If you haven't yet activated your account or are having trouble, please see Mrs Taylor.

Show and Tell - Next week please bring in your favourite toy bear.



Skylarks

We had a wonderful woodland walk at the start of the week and the children used their senses to observe lots of plants and animals - they made great nature detectives! In maths we have been working on numbers and place value, investigating 10s and 1s and comparing numbers. We have begun a theme of Fairy Tales in English, discussing what we already know, learning about their features and acting out our own versions.

Thank you for all your support your child's reading at home and for keeping up to date with reading diaries. Have a bright and breezy weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊



Swifts

This week in English Swifts have been enjoying a variety of Greek myths. They have worked collaboratively to retell the story of Icarus using powerful verbs. Great teamwork Swifts!

In maths Swifts have been learning about place value. They have been generating their own numbers using a selection of resources and worked hard to record these numbers using different partitioning methods.

Swifts learnt about and ordered an Ancient Greek timeline during their Ancient Greek topic. We have also been very excited about designing our Greek hoplite shields. A fantastic week Swifts! Well done!



Swallows

Maths

This week we have been learning about place value in numbers with up to 3 decimal places. We have also been shopping and finding change from £100 and £1000.

Literacy

We have been learning about Queen Victoria's coronation. We have read her diary and a newspaper report from the day and have taken notes. We have thought about the necessary features of a newspaper report and have written headlines, bylines and introductory paragraphs trying to write in a formal style.



Nutritional Ninjas - Swallows

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the dates for the after school club. The club will now start on Friday 5th October and run until Friday 16th November. We will be sending more information home shortly to those children who have signed up for the course.



Two MSA Vacancies

Woodton Primary School are in need of two midday supervisor. If you would like further details, please ring Ms Bradley or Mrs Taylor in the Woodton school office on 01508 482294.



Walking Bus

The walking bus was very well supported this week, with 15 children using it. This means that there are less cars around school and less pollution. It is also a healthy way to start the day.

There are still some spaces on the walking bus. Please see the office if you would like your child to join.

The walking bus will be running every Wednesday, meeting at 8.15am in the Olive Tree Car Park. We will operate every week, unless there are adverse weather conditions.



Sparrows - Forest School

Every Wednesday afternoon the Sparrows will be taking part in 'Forest School'. Please can you make sure your child has a coat, wellies and a change of clothes in school.



Forest School

Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 21st

September

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day today. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.



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CHANGE LIVES.**
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Gressenhall Trip - Swallows

Please return your permission slip and payment asap, thank you.

Important Notice

Norse Special Lunch - Thursday 4th October

Norse will be providing a special 'Street Food Thursday' lunch on 4th October. A letter has been sent out regarding this. If you would like your child to have this lunch, please return the form by Wednesday 26th September. Please note, we cannot order any lunches for this day after the deadline.



Music Lessons

Ms Cannon still has spaces to teach recorder. **She can only take children to recorder lessons if they have returned their permission slip, along with payment.** If you would like your child to learn recorder, please speak to the school office.



Collection Arrangements

A reminder that we must be informed if your child is going to be collected by someone else, even if it is a family member. Please let the school office know so that we can pass the information onto the class teacher, thank you.

IMPORTANT

Fundraising

Some of our parents are holding a ladies shopping event on Thursday 11 October at 7.30pm at the Ellingham village hall. It's a chance to look at some amazing local crafter's creations and buy a few Christmas gifts. There will be jewellery, fudge, bags, willow weaving, Christmas cakes, chutneys, home wear, make up, bath bombs and so much more. Tickets are £2 in advance and include a glass of fizz on arrival. All proceeds are being split between the school and the village hall. Tickets are available from Ali Wren, Sarah Hanlan and Sarah Beveridge.



Paper Copies of Newsletter

We are still sending home a large amount of paper copies of the newsletter. Our Eco Rangers within school are keen to reduce the amount of paper we use and so please do let the office know if we can email your newsletter. Many thanks.



Wellies

Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies to wear on the school field. Now the weather is becoming more autumnal, the field is getting very muddy and we are trying to reduce the amount of mud being brought into the school.

Football boots can be worn on the field to play football but these must have **NO STUDS** due to health and safety reasons.



Lost Property

Please can we ask you to label all of your child's school uniform. We have had a huge amount of items left from last term, most of them unnamed. We cannot return items if they are not clearly labelled. Any items left in lost property will be donated to the clothes bank.



Bungay High School

There are some parents in the village trying to organise a bus to transport children to Bungay High School. If you are interested, please contact chapmanskirbycane@gmail.com

Travelling Book Fair

We are pleased to say that the book fair will be visiting us again. This has been a huge success in previous years and is the chance to buy some lovely books at fantastic prices. We are opening the book fair on the following days.

Friday 28th Sept - 15.15 to 15.30
Monday 1st October - 14.45 to 15.00
Tuesday 2nd Oct - 08.30 to 08.45
Wednesday 3rd Oct - 15.15/15.30
Thurs 4th Oct - 09.00/11.00



As you can see, there are times when you can visit with your children, as well as times when the adults can come in whilst the children are still in school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thurs 4th October



The PTA are hosting a coffee morning in the school hall on Thursday 4th October between 9am and 11am. There will be refreshments and cake for sale. Please pop in and spend some time relaxing over a cuppa and cake whilst supporting this worthwhile cause. The children will also have the opportunity to buy a cake during their morning break so please send in some change with them.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

If you are able to bake or donate a cake, the PTA would be very grateful.

Universal Free School Meals

If your child is in reception or KS1 and therefore entitled to universal free school meals, please ensure you let the office know if your child does not require a school lunch. This is to save on food waste. Please also check the sandwich fillings offered each day and check that your child likes the fillings.



Little Princess Trust



Amelia, one of our Swifts, is going to be having her long hair cut off and donated to this charity. She is hoping to arrange this to be done during one of our school assemblies. The charity make real hair wigs for young people who have lost their hair due to cancer or other illnesses. We have a sponsorship form in the school office for anyone who would like to sponsor Amelia. For further information on the charity, please visit www.littleprincesses.org.uk

Eco Committee

The children have read their Eco speeches, we have had a vote and this years' Eco Committee have been elected. Well done to: Oscar, Lilah, Lucy, Tyler, Josh N, Molly, Dulcie, Rosie, Peter, Olive, Issy, Sam, Daisy, Oskar, Logan, Amelia, Faith and Ralph.

The next committee meeting is on Monday 8th October at 12.00. Please note that all children will need a packed lunch on this day. Please speak to the office if your child requires a school packed lunch.



Grammar Workshops - Tuesday 25th Sept or Thurs 4th Oct

Mrs Kenyon is hosting a grammar workshop for parents of both Ellingham and Woodton after school on **Tuesday 25th September**. She will be holding a session for KS1 parents 2.30pm and a session for KS2 parents at 3.30pm. If you can't make this date, she is also holding the same workshops at Woodton on **Wednesday 3rd October** at 2.30pm for KS1 parents and 3.30pm for KS2 parents. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Maths Workshops - Thursday 4th October or Tuesday 9th October

Mrs Morton is hosting a maths workshop for parents of both Ellingham and Woodton after school on **Thursday 4th October** at Ellingham. This will be at 3.30pm for both KS1 and KS2. If you can't make this date, she is also holding the same workshop at Woodton on **Tuesday 9th October** at 3.30pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 23rd September - 10.00 - Morning Prayer at Ellingham Church

New Date **Tuesday 25th September** - 14.30 - KS1 Grammar Meeting, 15.30 - KS2 Grammar Meeting at Ellingham

Thursday 27th September - Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Trip for Swallows - **Please return permission slip and payment ASAP**

Friday 28th September - 08.50 - Phonics Meeting for Sparrows' parents and carers

New Date **Friday 28th September to Thursday 4th October** - Travelling Book Fair (See times above)

Sunday 30th September - 10.30 - Benefice Communion at Ellingham Church

New Date **Wednesday 3rd October** - 14.30 - KS1 Grammar Meeting, 15.30 - KS2 Grammar Meeting at Woodton

New Date **Thursday 4th October** - 15.30 - Maths Workshop for KS1 and 2 parents at Ellingham

Thursday 4th October - Hobart High School Open Evening for Y6 pupils and parents/carers

New Date **Thursday 4th October** - 09.00/11.00 - Macmillan Big Coffee morning in the school hall organised by the PTA

Friday 5th October to Friday 16th November - 15.20/16.20 - Nutritional Ninjas Cookery Club for Swallows

New Date **Tuesday 9th October** - 15.30 - Maths Workshop for KS1 and 2 parents at Woodton

New Date **Tuesday 16th October** - 14.30 - Harvest Festival at School - More details to follow

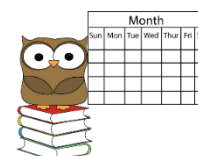
Thursday 18th October - Half Term

Monday 29th October - Start of New Half Term

Friday 7th December - Nasal Flu Immunisation from the School Nursing Team - Years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 - Letters will be coming home 2 weeks before

Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January - First Day of the Spring term



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