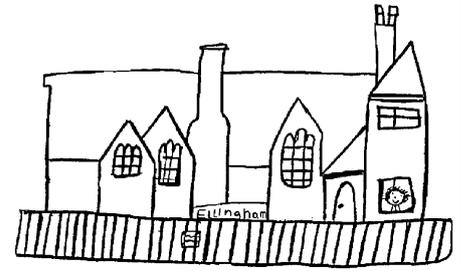


# Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October



Ellingham VC Primary School

## Values for Life - Friendship

The theme for next week is 'Trusting our Friends'.



### Sparrows

This week Sparrows have been reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' as part of our Traditional Tales focus. In maths, reception have looked at 1 more and 1 less using flowers for the Billy Goats. Year 1 have looked at how to find the difference between two sets of flowers for the Billy Goats and used dices to create subtraction problems. In literacy, the Year 1's have written a character description of the Troll, written a recap of the story and written a book review. The reception children have now learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, d, g, o and m in phonics and we are now practising hearing the first sound in consonant, vowel, consonant (CVC) words.



We will have Show and Tell on Monday afternoon, the theme for this is 'my favourite book'.

Our topic next week (and until half term) is 'Autumn and Harvest.' As part of this we will be making an 'autumn table' for the children to look at different autumnal items. We would really appreciate it if you could bring in anything you think would be suitable to add to it. Thank you.

### Skylarks

We have been enjoying noticing and discussing the signs of autumn this week - linking it to our topic and focusing on woodland habitats (including micro habitats.) During English we have explored non-fiction texts and written all about wolves. The children have shared the knowledge they already have (which was lots!) and asked questions about what they would like to find out, leading on to writing some wolf packed fact files!



In maths we are learning about the number operations with a focus on subtraction. For history we have asked 'Who was William the Conqueror?' - Can they tell you? Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.

## Swifts

This week during topic work Swifts used their computing skills to create a fact sheet about a Greek god. In maths we have been working hard using our place value knowledge to continue exploring column addition.

In English Swifts continued their retelling of the Greek myth Perseus using conjunctions to extend their sentences. We have also been learning about and using our reading comprehension skills.

During art Swifts enjoyed painting and decorating their Greek hoplite shields while listening to some traditional Greek music to inspire them. They look fantastic!



## Swallows

### Maths

This week our work has been on fractions. We have found equivalent fractions, added fractions together, finding the common denominator, and changed improper fractions to mixed numbers.

### English

The children have written really detailed recounts of their trip to Gressenhall, concentrating on organising their writing into related paragraphs, using time adverbials and including direct speech, with the correct punctuation.



Here is a photo of the children taking part in a Victorian lesson during their trip to Gressenhall.



## Nutritional Ninjas - Swallows



We have been let down by this company and are extremely sorry to say that they have cancelled the club. We are in the process of trying to organise a club with a different company and will let those pupils know once we have any further information. We are extremely sorry, it has been totally out of our control.

## Cross Country - KS2 - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Please can you return your child's permission slip ASAP, thank you.



## 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.



**IMPORTANT**

### Walking Bus

The walking bus was very well supported again this week. 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.



### School times

Please ensure your children are in school before the bell goes at 8.40am ready for a prompt start to learning. Please also be on time to collect your child at 3.15pm. Teachers frequently have after school meetings and so cannot look after children that are not collected on time.

### Parking

Please park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting your children. Being a rural school, we do not have the luxury of having parking facilities and we understand how busy it can get outside school.

Taken from highway code...Rule 243

#### **DO NOT stop or park:**

- near a school entrance
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space - Which we do not have.



### 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 or from the school office. Please purchase your tickets asap, tickets on the door will be slightly more expensive at £2.50.



### 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.



### Little Princess Trust

Amelia is going to be having her long hair cut off during the school assembly on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is in aid of the Little Princess Trust. There is a sponsorship form in the office if you would like to donate to this charity.

For further information on the charity, please visit [www.littleprincesses.org.uk](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk)



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all of those who supported the coffee morning run by the PTA. Along with the donations for the non-uniform day, an amazing £405 was raised.

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



### Out of School Achievements

Rosie Mower, one of our pupils in Swallows class, has recently had her work published in a book. She wrote an acrostic poem called 'The Great Detective', which forms part of the introduction to Volume II of a three-book collection of new Sherlock Holmes stories entitled 'Sherlock Holmes: Adventures Beyond the Canon.' We think this is an amazing achievement at such a young age. Well done Rosie.



William Forward has just started working on his Stage 6 at Bungay Swimming Pool. This is fantastic William, well done.

### Eco Committee Meeting

A reminder that the next eco committee meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Donations

The Bungay Lions came in this week and presented us with a bird table and some bird boxes. The nesting boxes have been put up in the Swallows' garden where it is a bit quieter. We would like to thank them for such a generous and kind donation.



We have also had some stakes and willow donated to us by Andy from Tots Nursery. We would like to thank him for this very kind donation. Work will commence on this project as soon as the ground is soft enough. We are aiming to create a willow arch for the children to play in.

### Saint Felix School

Saint Felix in Southwold are having their annual open day for Y6 pupils on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 10am until 12.30pm. Please see their website for more details if you are interested in attending.

### Veggie Tub Tuesday - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

We will be having a 'Veggie Tub Tuesday' next week. Please provide a vegetable (preferably already chopped) so the children can enjoy a healthy treat at break time. We need volunteers to help prepare the vegetables. Please let the office know if you can help.



### Maths Workshops - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Mrs Morton is hosting a maths workshop for parents of both Ellingham and Woodton after school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** at Woodton. This will be at 3.30pm for both KS1 and KS2 and is for anyone who couldn't make the meeting this week at Ellingham.



### Walking Wilbur

Our school walking bear, Walking Wilbur, has walked a total of 73,462 steps whilst he has been with the Sparrows' class in September. Let's see if they can beat that step count next month!



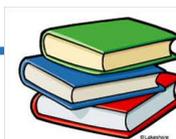
### Piano Lessons

Due to cross country next week, Mrs Long will be coming in on Thursday for piano lessons.



### Books For Schools

We are taking part in a promotion being run by the Archant group of newspapers. It will be a similar promotion to the Sports for Schools, whereby they will be issuing tokens which you can collect and hand in to school. Please ask your friends and families to help us collect the tokens. We could be in with the chance to win some books for our school. Thank you.



### Dates for the Diary

**\*New Date\*** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Veggie Tub Tuesday - **Volunteers needed**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - 15.30 - Maths Workshop for KS1 and 2 parents at Woodton

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Amelia having her hair cut in assembly for the Little Princess Trust - Sponsor form is in office

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - KS2 Girls Football Tournament - Letters have been sent to those participating

**\*New Date\*** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October - KS2 Cross Country at Langley

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 14.30 - Harvest Festival at School - More details to follow

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Start of New Half Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Y6 & YR Height & Weight checks with the School Nursing Team and YR Vision and Hearing screening

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Parents Evenings

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - First Day of the Spring term



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