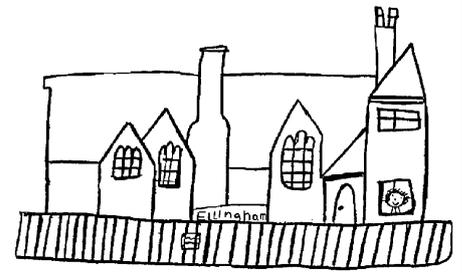


Newsletter

Friday 16th November



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Peace

The theme for next week is 'Living at Peace with the World'.



Maths Whizz

Best Usage: Ruby Tipple, Isabelle McDonald, Dulcie King, Finley Watson, Otto Wathen, Katie Page, Thomas Page, Rowan Walker, Jessica McDonald, Morgan Mulhearn, Jamie Carter, Charlie Powley.

Most Improved: Ruby Tipple, Freddie Sharman, Dulcie King, Katie Page, Archie Walker, Jamie Cave, Thomas Page, Skye Ratcliffe, Jacob Bishop, Morgan Mulhearn, Charlie Powley and Jamie Carter.



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

Sparrows

This week Sparrows' focus Story has been Rapunzel as Part of our traditional tales topic. The children in Reception have been ordering Rapunzel's hair by length and some have been going on to measure it using cubes. Y1 have been measuring Rapunzel's hair using a ruler and finding the difference in the height of Rapunzel's towers.

In literacy, Y1 have written invitations to Rapunzel's wedding to the prince and they used descriptive words to complete sentences about the story. We have also been busy practising our nativity, please help your child to learn their lines if you can.



Skylarks

In Skylarks this week we have been learning about castles and the people who lived in them.

We have also researched deciduous and evergreen trees, collecting leaves from the school grounds to examine and later use in our art projects.

In maths, we have been looking at partitioning 2 digit numbers and the different maths symbols.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.



Swifts

This week in English Swifts have been busy learning about direct and indirect speech, and including this in their newspaper report based upon the Greek myth of The Trojan Horse. We also studied synonyms for said.



During maths Swifts have been investigating symmetry and sorting 2D regular and irregular polygon shapes using a Carroll diagram.

Swallows

Maths

This week we have been converting between metric units, by multiplying or dividing by 10, 100 or 1000. E.g. 275g = 0.275kg or 33m = 3300cm = 33,000mm. We have also been reading timetables and using the 24 hour clock.



Literacy

This week we have written some excellent setting descriptions of 'Tom-All-Alone's' a poverty-stricken area of Victorian London in Bleak House by Charles Dickens. The children have used powerful vocabulary and linked their sentences using prepositional phrases. They have also tried to include passive voice.

Basketball Tournament

Well done to Noah, Jamie, Faith and Chloe for taking part in the basketball tournament at Loddon Junior School last night. They all played well and showed great team spirit, well done.



Letters Home

As we are very conscious of the environment and are trying to reduce the amount of paper we use, along with reducing costs, we have decided that we will only be issuing one paper copy of letters. In future, all letters that are sent home will be put on our website. These are under the Ellingham, Ellingham News section and is titled letters. You can find all letters here to view, download and print off if you need further copies. Please speak to the office if you do not have access to a printer. Thank you.

Can you also please check your child's bag daily for any letters that come home.

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, in which case, a message via the Whatsapp group will be sent out.



School Photos

Please return your orders to school **no later than Wednesday 21st November**. Tempest will be collecting the photo orders on Thursday 22nd and any late orders will have to be made directly with Tempest.



Indonesian Bring and Buy Sale

A grand total of £86.45 was raised from the Bring and Buy sale. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated or purchased items.

£50 will buy a shelter kit for two children.

£30 will buy blankets for six people.



The People's Picnic

Charlie Lovick and his mum Kirstie are hoping to help the homeless this year by filling a sock with essentials. We have a basket of socks in the office that you are welcome to use if you would like to participate. Details of the items needed are attached to the socks. Any filled socks can be handed in to the school office. Thank you.



Packed Lunch on the day of Pantomime

We have been advised by Norse that on the day of the pantomime, Tuesday 18th December, the packed lunch will contain the following;

Cheese sandwich

Popcorn

Raisins

Chocolate Biscuit

Bottle of Water



If you haven't indicated on your panto reply slip, please inform the office if you would like a school packed lunch ordered for your child.

PTA Festive Bingo



Don't forget that tonight is the PTA Festive Bingo. All proceeds will be split between the school and Children in Need. We hope to see you there! 6pm for eyes down at 6.30pm



Swallows Hilltop Residential

A reminder that the next payment of £48.08 is due before 30th November, many thanks.



PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 30th November

If you are able to help on a stall or bake for the Christmas Fair, please see a member of the PTA, or pop into the office. Thank you.



ELLINGHAM PRIMARY FESTIVE FAIR

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 3.00-5.00PM

FESTIVE GAMES, CHILDREN'S CRAFTS, CAKES, TOMBOLA,
AND MUCH MORE...

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

The PTA will be sending home raffle tickets with the children next week. Please return these to the school office, including any any unsold tickets.

Waste Free Lunch Check - Monday 12th November

12 out of 40 children brought a waste free lunch to school on Monday. Having a waste free lunch will help the environment. It would be fantastic if everyone could make having a waste free lunch a permanent change.





Lost Property

Once again, our lost property is overflowing. Please remember to label your child's clothing. We have an enormous amount of items that get put into lost property that have no name in them. We are therefore unable to return them. We are going to start putting unnamed school jumpers in the office foyer for people to take home and re-use. In order for your child's jumper to be returned, if lost, you need to clearly write their name in it.



Earrings

We have sought advice on the wearing of earrings during PE and have decided that from now earrings must be removed for PE. Using tape increases the surface area and therefore increases the risk of injury so children must remove their own earrings before PE. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, they must be taken out before school. Please also provide a small, named pot, which your child can put their earrings in whilst having their PE lesson. Any child that is wearing earrings and cannot remove them will not be allowed to participate in the PE lesson.

Important Notice



Wednesday 12th December - School Christmas Dinner Day

We have decided this year that we will support Alzheimer's Awareness - United Against Dementia. Children are invited to wear an elf hat in return for a donation for this charity. Please note that children may also still wear their Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish to.



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.

There will be an extra ten tokens in both the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News on;

November

Saturday 17th

Tuesday 27th

Wednesday 28th

December

Saturday 1st

Saturday 8th

10 bonus tokens will also appear in The Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, North Norfolk News, Dereham Times and Fakenham Times on the weeks commencing:

November

Monday 19th

December

Monday 3rd

Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival

Harvey Bros Funeral Directors are once again sponsoring a tree for us to decorate at the Christmas Tree Festival in Hungate Hall, Beccles. Our theme this year will help us to think about the impact plastics have on marine life.

You will be able to go and visit the trees at Hungate Hall in Beccles on the following days:

Friday November 30th 6pm to 9pm, Saturday December 1st 9.30am to 4.30pm and Sunday December 2nd 12.30pm to 5.30pm. Admission is £2 for adults, and accompanied children are free.



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 17th November - *A Special Evening of Songs, Music, Poetry & Readings to mark the century end of the First World War, at St. Mary's Church, Haddiscoe at 7pm. Free admission (Donations welcome)*
Food & refreshments provided

Monday 26th November - Swimming Gala at Hobart High School - Letters are coming home to those children participating

Wednesday 28th November - Bikeability Group 1 Day 1, Y5 & 6

Thursday 29th November - Bikeability Group 1 Day 2, Y5 & 6

Friday 30th November - Sunday 2nd December - Hungate Hall Christmas Tree Festival - See times above

Friday 30th November - PTA Christmas Fair after school

Thursday 6th December - 2.15pm - Sparrows Christmas Performance

Friday 7th December - Nasal Flu Vaccination for years R to 5 - More details to follow

Monday 10th December - Bikeability Group 2 Day 1, Y5 & 6

Tuesday 11th December - Bikeability Group 2 Day 2, Y5 & 6

Wednesday 12th December - School Christmas Lunch and Wear an Elf Hat for Alzheimer's Awareness

Wednesday 12th December - Bikeability Group 3 Day 1, Y5 & 6

Thursday 13th December - Bikeability Group 3 Day 2, Y5 & 6

Thursday 13th December - 2.15pm - Skylarks Christmas Performance

Friday 14th December - End of term assembly - More details to follow

Friday 14th December - KS2 Carol Concert - More details to follow

Tuesday 18th December - PTA taking whole school to Fisher Theatre Pantomime

Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 3rd January - First Day of the Spring term



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