

Newsletter

Friday 23rd November



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Peace

The theme for next week is 'Being a Peace Maker'.



Sparrows

This week Sparrows have been looking at Sleeping Beauty during our continuing Traditional Tales theme. In Literacy, Y1 have written a wish for Sleeping Beauty and identified nouns in a scene of the story and listed them. Reception children have drawn a picture of a gift they would like to give to Sleeping Beauty and labelled it. In maths, Y1 partitioned numbers into tens and ones. They then added numbers using tens and ones to help them. Next week we have show and tell on Monday, please could the children bring in something they have made.



Reading

A big well done to Ethan in Sparrows! He is the first to receive his silver star for reading every day over two weeks. Please could we encourage all parents to read every day with their children, even if it is only for a few minutes. Daily reading is proven to improve all aspects of children's literacy skills.



Skylarks

The Christmas Show rehearsals have begun! Already the children have been busy learning their parts and the songs. We will send out more costume details next week. For maths we have continued with addition and subtraction, Y2's have learnt how to do this with 2 digit numbers and Y1's are looking at the relationship between + and -. In art we have explored the primary and secondary colours, investigating colour mixing and made colour wheels. We also learnt how to make a 'zine' (a small book.) Thank you to everyone - the children made my birthday really special. Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.



Swifts

This week in English Swifts have been editing and completing their Trojan Horse newspaper reports. They have written these in past tense using powerful adjectives. They have also included direct speech using different synonyms for said.

During maths Swifts have enjoyed continuing to explore 2D regular and irregular shapes. They have been investigating ways to sort them using both Carroll and Venn diagrams. They chose their own criteria such as right angles and symmetry.

Swifts have also been adding the finishing touches to their amazing eco decorations. Another busy week Swifts!

Can children please bring in an old large/oversize shirt or t-shirt to leave at school to use during art lessons, thank you.



Swallows

English

This week we have been concentrating on editing and redrafting our Victorian setting descriptions, to make them the best they can possibly be. As well as improving spelling and grammar, we have thought about our use of vocabulary and syntax and have tried to include the passive voice.

We have also started to look at the features of a letter of complaint.

Maths

We have continued to solve time-related problems and read timetables. Year 5 have learnt to find percentages of amounts; Year 6 have solved percentage problems. We have also converted percentages into decimals and fractions.



Children in Need

Thank you to all who donated money to Children in Need last Friday. We raised £93.15 from the children and staff wearing non uniform and wacky hats.



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.



Nasal Flu Vaccine - Friday 7th December

We will be sending home the consent letters today for the nasal flu vaccine for years R through to 5. **Please read these carefully and return them to the office even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine.**



Swallows - Bikeability

For all the children who are in the first group, please remember to bring in your bikes and helmets on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.



Healthy Living Eco Rangers

The eco-rangers responsible for healthy living carried out a healthy lunch check on 20/11/18. Every lunch box checked contained fruit, which is fantastic.

4 out of 5 children has white bread sandwiches with a sweet filling. A brown or wholemeal sandwich with a savoury filling would be a healthier option.

For healthier lunchbox tips, please visit - Change for Life Healthier Lunchboxes.



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.



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.



Just to let you know that the raffle tickets should be in your child's book bag. Previously we have found that we have had too many tickets for the machine so we have decided to amend the tickets so they are £1 each and £5 per book.

We are busy working away to make the hampers full of beautiful Christmas goodies, please sell tickets to friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

The money raised will go towards the outside benches that we are hoping to have for next spring.

Thank you for your support, the PTA xx

PTA Festive Bingo



Sadly not many families attended the bingo! Despite this we did have a fantastic evening, special thanks to Sarah Hanlan for the amazing ball calling. We will be donating £50 to children in need.



Swallows Hilltop Residential

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



Out of School Achievement

Well done to William Curtis who achieved a medal at his White Dolphins Swimming Club gala by coming 2nd in his race. We think that is amazing!





Recycled Jumpers

We now have all the jumpers which have not been claimed in the office foyer. These are jumpers which have been in lost property and have no name in and cannot be returned to their owner. We have washed them and they are ready for anyone to take home and re-use.



Important Notice

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.

PE Lessons are on the following days:

Sparrows - Thursdays

Skylarks - Monday & Friday

Swifts - Wednesday & Friday

Swallows - Monday & Wednesday



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

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:

December

Monday 3rd

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.

If anyone would like to join the staff in donating towards the Alzheimer's Awareness Charity instead of sending Christmas Cards, please see Mrs Wood or Mrs Cave in the office.



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

Monday 26th November - Swimming Gala at Hobart High School - Letters have come 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 - Letters coming home today

New Date - **Friday 7th December** - Skylarks Trip to Norwich Castle (After Flu Vaccinations)

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 - Christmas Jumpers may also be worn

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

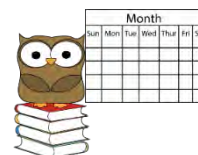
Friday 14th December - End of term assembly - More details to follow

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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Hobart High School

Presents our Science Community
Lecture



Matthew Tosh Science Lecture

"A Load of Tosh"

A look at pyrotechnics and fireworks

Thursday 29 November 2018

Meal 5.45pm to 6.30pm, Refreshments 6.30pm

Matthew Tosh has taken the live science show world by storm with his shows and performances about fireworks and stage effects. When it comes to uncovering the behind-the-scenes workings of spectacular live events, Matthew Tosh delivers every time with passion, enthusiasm and showmanship. It's no wonder that, when it comes to uncovering the secrets behind pyro and stage effects, Matthew is the number one choice. He's both an experienced presenter and a professional pyrotechnician, working on events and productions all over the UK. You *always* get the real deal with Matthew! He tells it how it is. Matthew is a former teacher and seasoned broadcaster. He first started giving talks about fireworks in 2008. He is professionally qualified and has over



For free tickets to this event please complete this form and return it to the school office. Tickets will be limited and strictly on a first come first served basis. Tickets will be returned via your child.

I wish to reserve tickets to the Science' Lecture on **Thursday 29 November 2018.**

Number of tickets for lecture requested

Number of meals requested

Please indicate number of each serving requested at £2.50 per meal:

BBQ Chicken Melt and Rice
Carrot Cake

Vegetable Enchilada with Salad
Carrot Cake

(Please pay for meal in Canteen on the day)

Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Biscuits and Cakes are available

Worry Stop



Does your child
get **angry**?

Does your child
worry?

Do their worries impact on their
school and home

Worry Stop provides information and advice for parents/ carers on how you can support your child along with a cup of tea and time to chat with professionals in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

LODDON LIBRARY

Thursday 29th November

9.30 – 11.30 am

Spaces limited

To book your place text or call Sally on

07825 356836

Or email

psa@alpington.norfolk.sch.uk

Please do not
bring your
children