

# Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January



Ellingham VC Primary School

## Values for Life - Reverence and Respect

The theme for this week has been 'Respect and Reverence for God's Creation'. Next week is 'Respect and Reverence for Animals.'



## Congratulations

Well done to Ellause Ball who earned her badge for getting her first 50 spellings.



Well done to these children who have achieved the following levels in the Times Tables Olympics; Emily Haward and Finley Watson - Finalist, William Curtis - Bronze and Eleanor Parlett - Silver.



## Sparrows

This week Sparrows have started their people who help us theme. Our focus this week was police. The children have really enjoyed using our new police station role play area, putting their classmates in jail! We have also looked at fingerprints and printed some of our own. In literacy, the Y1 children have written a list of questions to ask a police officer and written out a police incident form when responding to a crime! In maths the Y1 children have found missing numbers while the reception children have written down 999 while discussing how and when to phone. Reception children have started their phase 3 phonics, they have started with j, v, w and x.



**Show and Tell for Monday - One of your Christmas presents.**

## Skylarks

In English this week we have been looking at the poem, 'The Owl and The Pussycat' by Edward Lear. We have written our own versions and written what we imagine may have happened after the owl and the pussycat got married. A lot of our versions sadly ended with the owl getting eaten by the cat!! In maths we have been working on time and our number bonds to 20. We have been without Mrs Ward this week and we all wish her a speedy recovery. Thank you Skylarks for working so hard this week and helping me to keep our ship afloat. Mrs Rix.



### Swifts

Swifts have settled in well to the new year.

They have been learning about place value and ordering numbers. Year 4 have been busy dividing decimal numbers. During English Swifts have learnt about pronouns and have started to investigate book characters by considering what they might be thinking, feeling and saying.

Swifts enjoyed taking part in a Sportshall Athletics event at Hobart High School on Wednesday and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Very well done Swifts!

Swifts were also delighted to welcome two special guests to our class this week. With thanks to Mrs Sayer we have acquired two giant African land snails. We have been enjoying learning about them and how to care for them.



### Swallows

#### Maths

This week we have been working on place value up to 7 digits. We have added and subtracted and rounded numbers to the nearest 1, 10's, 100's, 1000's, 10,000's, 100,000's and 1,000,000's, and multiplied and divided whole and decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

#### Literacy

We have been writing setting descriptions and working on creating atmosphere, by using powerful vocabulary, contrasting multi-clause sentences with single clause or one-word sentences, and the use of ellipses.

I would like to give a special commendation to Josh Napthine and Lola Vass for always being exceptionally hard-working, kind and helpful towards their peers, and having an excellent attitude to all that they do. Well done Josh and Lola.



### Weather

Please can we ask that you supply your child with a coat and wellies now that the weather is cold and wet. A hat and gloves when it is really cold would be advisable as the children go out to play in all weather.

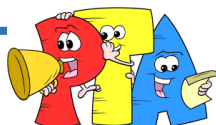


### Slanted Dance After School Club

We still have spaces left on this club for Skylarks class. If you would like your child to participate, please contact the school office. The club starts on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### PTA Meeting - Tonight at 7.30pm

The next PTA meeting will be at 7.30pm, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January at Ellingham village hall. All are welcome to attend.



### Walking Bus

The walking bus has now started, 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.



### Piano Lessons

Theresa Long, our piano teacher, has spaces for children to have lessons. Please speak to the office if you are interested.



### Karate on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Please note that the after school karate will be taking place during the lunch break on this Monday. It will resume to the normal after school times the week after.



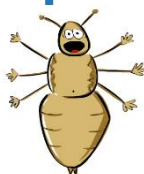
### Forest School - Year 4

A reminder that the Forest School permission slips need to be returned ASAP. Children will need old clothes and wellies on a Wednesday afternoon. Forest school will start on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.



### Head Lice

We have head lice within the school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary, thank you.



### September 2019 Admissions

If you have a younger child who is due to start school this September, please remember that the deadline for applying for a school is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please also remind anyone you may know who hasn't yet applied.

### Sportshall Athletics

Well done to all of the children in KS2 who took part in the sportshall athletics this week. They all behaved very well and showed great sportsmanship. Both Swifts and Swallows came 3<sup>rd</sup> so well done.



### Out of School Achievement

Congratulations goes to Theo, who swam over half a mile in 47 minutes and received a gold medal for his personal swimming achievements at Halesworth Dolphins.



Ex-pupil of the school Ruby also won a gold medal for her age group and swam over a mile in 47mins.

### Fundraising

Thank you to all who participated in wearing an elf hat to school in December. £65.50 was raised and donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

### Dates for the Diary

**\*New Date\*** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January - 10.00 - Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Ellingham

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Forensic Science Day at Hobart High for Year 6 pupils

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Back to School



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