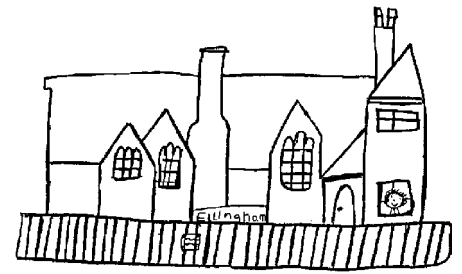


Newsletter

Friday 18th January



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Reverence and Respect

The theme for next week is 'Respect and Reverence for Sacred Objects.'



Maths Whizz

Amazing Usage: Isabelle McDonald, Lucy Forward, Molly Giller, Finley Watson, Holly Beveridge, Isaac Wren, Jessica McDonald, Ellause Ball And Florence Vass.

Most Improved: Isabelle McDonald, Theo Roos, Sam Elliott, Holly Beveridge, Annabella Rackham, Connor Pickering, Oliver Pickering, Florence Vass and Jessica McDonald.

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



Sparrows

This week Sparrows have been learning about fire fighters. In literacy the Y1 children designed a fire engine and then used their design to make a fire engine using creative materials. The children then evaluated their model.

In maths the Y1 children have been partitioning numbers and learning to multiply numbers. The reception children have drawn a fire engine and labelled the parts of it. In phonics the reception children have learnt z, zz, y and qu. We hope that Mrs Taylor is feeling better very soon as we miss her!



Skylarks

It's been great to be back and get stuck into our spring term's work. For maths the Y1s have been revising their number and calculation skills, and Y2s have been introduced to adding and subtracting using the empty number line technique. In English we have been using punctuation and conjunctions (joining words) to improve our writing. We have written narratives all about ice cream, meal times and foods that we like or dislike.

During topic time we have investigated where our foods come from and found out about food chains. Maybe you could discuss their food at mealtimes this weekend. Stay warm! Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.



Swifts

This week Swifts have started writing adventure stories by planning and writing some terrific character profiles. They have focused on using powerful adjectives and pronouns to avoid repetition.



In maths Swifts have been partitioning and ordering numbers. Year three began writing numbers in numerals and words. We have also been learning about and using the expanded column addition method.

Our giant African land snails, Doris and Geoffrey, are thriving and have settled in well to their new home.

Swallows

Maths

This week we have been finding the Perimeter and area of rectangular shapes and objects, and compound shapes. Y6 have also made cuboids with multilink and found the volume and surface area.



English

We have written descriptions of a scary wood trying to create atmosphere and build tension, including personification, and we have attempted to ensure our writing is cohesive by joining sentences with prepositional phrases and using pronouns to avoid repetition.

Swimming

Next week the children in the upper swimming group need to bring an old t-shirt and shorts with their swimming kit.

Sparrows & Swallows Sharing

Assembly - Thursday 7th February

There will be a sharing assembly for Sparrows and Swallows class on Thursday 7th February at 2.30pm in the hall. All are welcome.



Walking Bus

The walking bus runs 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 Embroidered Uniform

We have been informed that the Tesco School Uniform Embroidery service will close on 12th February 2019. The current supplier to Tesco have, however, set up an alternative service called My Clothing. You can find their website at <https://myclothing.com/ellingham-voluntary-controlled-primary-school/7852.school>

Please note they also now sell iron on clothes labels so you can label your child's uniform.

Maths Whizz Cup

This fortnight the cup has been won by Swallows class, although Skylarks are not far behind! Let's see who will win it next fortnight.





Times Tables Olympics

Well done to these children who have achieved the following levels in the Times Tables Olympics;

Joshua Naphthine & Chalie Cave - Olympic
Isabelle McDonald, Theo Roos & Lola Vass - European

Molly Giller, Ruby Tipple & Tyler Shiplee - Olympic Level 1

Ruby Tipple - Olympic Level 2

Edie Vass, Ben Spinks-Ives & Henry Curtis - Bronze

Joshua Ford, Ben Spinks-Ives and Dexter Burlingham - Silver

Theo Roos - Gold

Charlie Cave - Higher Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Get Well Soon!

Everyone at school would like to send get well soon wishes to Kieran and we hope to see him back at school soon. Here is a photo of him at Great Ormond Street, where he had a go at being a DJ for their own radio station, Radio Lollipop.



School Jumper Recycling

Due to the huge success of the jumper recycling scheme, we currently have none left. If anyone has any old jumpers that they no longer need, we would be grateful for donations to keep the scheme going.

Eco Rangers

The Eco Rangers did a litter pick this week and picked up 150g of rubbish. This is a big improvement from last month.

Please use the bins outside and help us to keep our school tidy.



Out of School Achievements

Here we have some of our boys who recently joined Bungay Town FC's team 'The Black Dogs.' They joined the club after taking part in, and enjoying, the after school football club run by Darrell Sibbons. After a year of training, this season they are old enough to play matches and have made a fabulous start with three wins for the three matches played so far. They scored 6-2, 10-1 and 2-0! Good luck for your next match this Sunday.



Head Lice

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



Timekeeping

Please remember that the school bell goes at 08.40. All children should be on site then, ready to go in to class as lessons start promptly at 08.50.

Children coming in late, not only miss the start of their learning, but disrupt the whole class.

Children need to be collected from school, (unless attending an after school club), at 3.15pm. We appreciate that there are times when you are held up, in which case, please telephone the office. Teachers frequently have meetings to attend after school and cannot stay on site to look after children who haven't been collected.

Forensic Science Day - Year 6

Please can you return your form ASAP to the school office, many thanks.

IMPORTANT

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 27th January - 10.00 - Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Ellingham

Monday 4th February - Forensic Science Day at Hobart High for Year 6 pupils

New Date Thursday 7th February - 2.30pm - Sharing Assembly for Sparrows & Swallows

New Date Thursday 14th February - 3pm - PTA Valentines Cake Stall after school

Monday 18th February - Half Term

Monday 25th February - Back to School

New Date Tuesday 5th March - Parents Evening - More details to follow

New Date Wednesday 6th March - Parents Evening - More details to follow

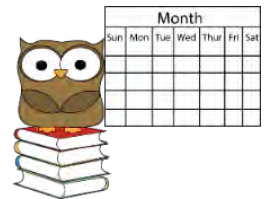
New Date Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - More details to follow

New Date Thursday 14th March - 2.30pm - Sharing Assembly for Swifts & Skylarks

New Date Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day - More details to follow

New Date Thursday 21st March - 2.00pm - Parent Stay & Share Sessions - More details to follow

New Date Thursday 29th March - PTA Non Uniform Day in exchange for a boxed Easter Egg



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PTA Newsletter – Spring Term

Committee Changes

Due to family commitments, Victoria has decided step down as chair of the PTA. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the last year. Ali has also stepped down as secretary due to work commitments.

Sarah Beveridge will continue as Chair, as will Adele as Treasurer and Tessa as Secretary. We are always very grateful for any help at our events so if you can spare any time it would be appreciated.

Our next meeting will take place on Friday 1st March 7:30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Fundraising Update

Throughout the Christmas period, we had a number of fundraising events. The biggest of these was the after school Christmas Fair. The total raised over these events was £1274.

We have decided to spend some of the funds on a new set of unisex Sports Kit for all the sporting events our children take part in.

We are also planning on ordering some Eco-friendly picnic benches to support outdoor learning and summer activities. We are hoping to have these at the beginning of the summer term.

Future Events

Thurs 14th Feb – Valentines Cake Sale

Fri 29th March – Non School Uniform Day
(in exchange for Boxed Chocolate Egg)

Fri 29th March – Craft Afternoon for Mother's Day
(More details to follow)

Thurs 4th April – Egg Decorating Competition and
Spring Treasure Hunt

Fri 5th April – Easter Cake Sale and
EASTER BINGO

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 6th July PM – Summer Jolly

Clothes Recycling Bin

Just a little reminder that the PTA have a clothes recycling bin in the staff car park that accepts clothes, Paired shoes, bed linen.

All money made from this goes into the PTA fund. If at any time this is full please let one of us know or the ladies in the Office.

PTA Facebook Page

For those social butterflies out there, we do have our own Facebook page. We use this regularly to post reminders of school events and the latest PTA news. Please see link below or search for Ellingham CE VC Primary PTA.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1106377152754976/>

Thank-You for all your support in our previous events and we hope to see you all at the future fundraisers.

Sarah, Victoria, Adele and Tessa.