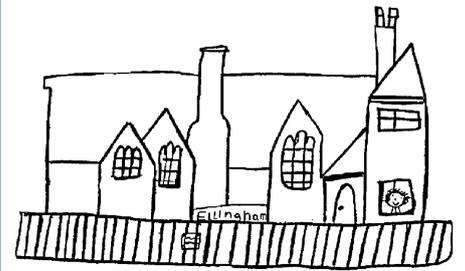


Newsletter

Friday 1st

February



Ellingham VC Primary School



Values for Life - Reverence and Respect

The theme for next week is 'Respect and Reverence for Others.'



Maths Whizz

Amazing Usage: Isabelle McDonald, Molly Giller, Ruby Tipple, Isaac Wren, Jamie Cave, Layla Napthine, Ellause Ball, Florence Vass, Oliver Pickering, Jaydon Nunley, Charlie Powley and Morgan Mulhearn.



Most Improved: Isabelle McDonald with an amazing 20.6 progressions!! Lucy Forward, Sam Elliott, Jamie Cave, William Curtis, Rosanna Hirst, Oliver Pickering, Ellause Ball, Thomas page and Jaydon Nunley.

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

Sparrows

This week in Sparrows our focus has been doctors and paramedics, as part of our  People Who Help Us theme. We have talked about our own experiences of needing a doctor or a paramedic and what they did to help us. We also looked at Florence Nightingale and what she did for nursing. For literacy, the Y1 children wrote a Florence Nightingale fact file, described a picture from our focus story 'Ambulance in Action' and made a story map, whilst in maths they've looked at arrays using the 2, 5 and 10 times table and then looked at doubling 2 digit numbers. Reception children wrote a speech bubble for a paramedic in literacy. In phonics, reception have learnt th, ai, ee, igh and oa this week.

If you have any small boxes or cardboard tubes for our 3D modelling, we would really appreciate them, the children love making models!

Sparrows Reading

We have noticed that children are reading less and less often at home. Please can we ask that you read with your children every day (even if it is just one page). We can't emphasise enough what a difference to your child's progress frequent reading makes. Daily reading for two weeks also means your child is awarded a star badge and then continue to be rewarded with certificates in our celebration assembly.



Swifts

This week in English Swifts have written some fantastic adventure stories using powerful vocabulary, fronted adverbials, similes and pronouns.



In maths Swifts have been learning about compact subtraction. They used their addition and subtraction skills to solve word problems.

During art this week Swifts embraced their artistic flair to produce some Jurassic Coast themed artwork. They painted pictures of dinosaurs and Mary Anning. They also used the medium of charcoal to draw fossils.

Can we please remind parents to provide some sort of container for the children to put their earrings in whilst taking part in sporting activities. Thank you.

Skylarks

This week we have learnt about The things that farmers do to Keep their animals happy and healthy. We have also studied plants that we eat, the different parts and their functions.



In maths we have looked at the value of different coins and used our calculation skills to add and subtract prices and find totals.

For English we made our own class menus and wrote a chef character description. Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.

Swallows

Maths

This week Y6 have learnt to Multiply and divide decimal numbers and have also recapped multiplying and dividing fractions. Y5 have used known table facts to multiply decimals and have also been learning column multiplication.

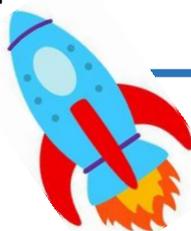
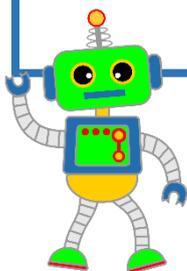


English

We have been retelling The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood from the wolf's point of view, including humour and informal, colloquial language.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

This year our theme will be 'Science Fiction.' Children may come in dressed up in that theme. We will be having activities during the day which are based around World Book Day. Your child will also bring home a voucher which will entitle them to a free book from participating shops.



Piano Lesson Change Next Week

For next week only, piano lessons are on Wednesday afternoon.



Fruit Kebab Friday - 1st February

Thank you to all who sent in fruit today, we didn't have as much fruit as we normally do, but thank you to those who donated fruit. The children all enjoyed a fruit kebab at break time. A big thank you to our helpers, Melanie Berycz, Sarah Beveridge and Jenny Napthine. Without our helpers we wouldn't be able to run these events so we are really grateful.



Dunwich Beach Clean Up - Saturday 30th March 2019

The Eco Rangers would like to help keep our beaches clean and so have decided to do a beach clean up at Dunwich Beach. Please come along on Saturday 30th March at 10.30am and join in. You are welcome to bring family, friends and even your dogs. Just come along wearing suitable clothing and please bring a bag to put your rubbish in. Please note that all children must be supervised and have an adult with them at all times. It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible.



Class Attendance

We will be putting the class attendance for each week on the newsletter from now on. The class with the highest attendance each week will have a little in class treat from their teacher. This will run from the previous Friday to the current Thursday. Let's see which class can get 100% attendance every week.

Sparrows - 88.75%

Skylarks - 94.4%

Swifts - 96.33% Well done Swifts 😊

Swallows - 93%

Considering the amount of illness there has been recently, the attendance figures aren't too bad, well done everyone.



Maths Whizz Cup

This fortnight the cup has been won by Swallows class! Let's see who will win it next fortnight.



Going for Gold Spellings

Josh Palmer and Enola Ruffles have both got their first 50 spellings on 'Going for Gold' Well done to both of you.



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to these children who have achieved the following levels in the Times Tables Olympics;
William Curtis - Silver
Otto Wathen - Gold



New Archant Promotion

Following the success of the sports equipment and Books for Schools campaigns last year, Archant has announced a new promotion. This will launch in early February and will give us the chance to win some Lego Education resources for our school.

The first token is Saturday 9th February and the final token will be on Friday 3rd May. We hope you will join us in collecting tokens and would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the past promotions. We have just ordered our £100 worth of books for collecting over 1,000 tokens, so we are very grateful for your support.



PTA Valentines Cake Stall

The PTA will be selling cakes after school on Valentines day. If you are able to bake for them, please see a member of the PTA.

They are also holding a raffle for a cake made by Lucy MacDonald, Eilidh's Mum. She has previously made cakes for the PTA cake stalls and they have been very popular as they are delicious!



Swallows Swimming

We have been advised by Suffolk Norse that unfortunately Bungay Pool is closed next week for essential maintenance. They have no other alternative so we will have to cancel next week's swimming lesson.



Y6 Forensic Science Day - Monday 4th February

Please be aware that the coach collecting the children will be leaving at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in school on time or they may miss the coach.

IMPORTANT

Choir

On Friday 8th February at 4.15pm we will be inviting parents to see and hear what we have learnt so far. We hope to see you there.



Sparrows & Swallows Sharing Assembly - Thursday 7th February

Don't forget our sharing assembly for Sparrows and Swallows class on Thursday 7th February at 2.30pm in the hall. All are welcome.



Website

We are currently working on updating our website so you may notice some changes. Our website holds important information for you, and so we work hard on keeping it relevant. Please do let us know if you spot anything that is wrong whilst we are working on these changes, thank you.



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.



Dates for the Diary

New Date Sunday 3rd February - 10.00 Morning Prayer at All Saints Church, Kirby Cane

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

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

Friday 8th February - 4.15pm - Parents of children in the choir are invited to come along and listen to them sing.

New Date Sunday 10th February - 11.00 Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Ellingham

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

New Date Sunday 17th February - 11.00 Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Kirby Cane

Monday 18th February - Half Term

New Date Sunday 24th February - 10.00 Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Ellingham

Monday 25th February - Back to School

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

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

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - Science Fiction Theme

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

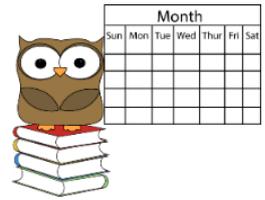
Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day - More details to follow

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

Thursday 28th March - Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards Ceremony

Friday 29th March - PTA Non Uniform Day in exchange for a boxed Easter Egg

New Date Saturday 30th March - 10.30 Dunwich Beach Clean, organised by the Eco Rangers



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