

Newsletter

Friday 8th

February



Ellingham VC Primary School



Values for Life - Reverence and Respect

Next week the children will be recapping what they have learnt over this past half term.



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 - 88.67%

Skylarks - 97.2%

Swifts - 97.08%

Swallows - 99.35% Well done Swallows 😊



Sparrows

This week in Sparrows our focus has been the dentist, as part of our People Who Help Us theme.



We have looked at how to brush our teeth and for how long. The children have learnt the names for our teeth. The Y1 children have written a leaflet about how to look after your teeth. In maths the Y1s have been weighing healthy foods using electronic and balance scales. Reception children have used the balance scales to find out which healthy foods are heavy and light.

In phonics reception children have learnt oo, ar, ow and oi.

Show and tell on Monday - Something I have made.

Skylarks

This week we learnt about how to stay safe when using our electronic devices. We discussed the issues, through reading a story and made our own posters. We also celebrated Chinese New Year and enjoyed making lanterns and writing our names in Chinese characters.



During maths we have looked at multiplication. We can see it as repeated addition and have used objects, pictures and numbers to show this.

For English we have read, solved, planned and written our own fruit or vegetable riddles - ask the children to make up a clue for something they eat at the weekend.

See you next week, Mrs Ward 😊 & Mrs Rix 😊.

Swifts

During English Swifts have been learning about riddle poetry. They have explored different styles of riddles and worked collaboratively to identify the features of riddles. We have also started to consider metaphors and how to identify and write them.

This week in maths Swifts have learnt about bar modelling and how to use this, together with their addition and subtraction skills, to help solve one and two step word problems.

As part of our Jurassic Coast topic work Swifts wrote about Mary Anning and learnt about types of rocks and how they are formed. We enjoyed making a Play Doh model to show the types of rocks on the Jurassic Coast and their geological timeline.



Swallows

Maths

This week we have been solving problems involving money and planning a party (to include food, drink and party bags) with a given budget. Y5 have also learnt formal division methods, and have been using numberlines to find the difference.

Literacy

We have finished our stories from a wolf's point of view, and are now starting to write a court case of the Big Bad Wolf versus The 3 Little Pigs. We have looked at examples and discussed the legal terminology.



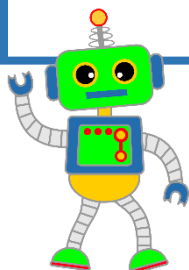
Waveney Foodbank

We have received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' from the Waveney Foodbank. They have thanked us for the 19kgs of food which was collected from our harvest festival. They have said that this will provide 21 meals, which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who donated items.



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.



Swallows Residential

The next payment is due by next Friday. Please make sure you send in your payment before then, thank you.

Important Notice

PTA Valentines Cake Stall - Thursday 14th February

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!



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.



Waste Free Lunch - Monday 11th February

The eco-rangers responsible for waste are having a 'Waste Free Monday' on Monday 11th February. They would like everyone to have a waste free packed lunch on this day as they feel this is important to the environment. The waste from lunch boxes goes into landfill which produces toxic gases that are bad for the environment and our health.

Please try and store food in reusable containers rather than foil or cling film, and buy larger packets of crisps and yoghurt so that they can be distributed into tubs. Refill a drinks bottle every day rather than buying cartons.

Please can you also make sure your lunches are healthy, try and avoid too much sugary food as it is bad for you and it can build up fat in your body. Foods to avoid having everyday are buns, cakes, pastries, biscuits, breakfast cereals, yoghurts, sweets and chocolate as these contain a lot of sugar.



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.



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.



Children's Valentine Disco

There will be a disco in the Kirby Cane Memorial Hall on Tuesday 19th February, from 3pm until 5pm. This is being organised by Sarah Hanlan (Stanley's Mum) and Jacqui Minns (Enola & Aubrey's Nanny.) Tickets are £5 per child and are available from Sarah and Jacqui.



Safer Internet Day

This week we had a safer internet day. The children learnt how to keep themselves safe whilst online. We have been made aware that many children are playing games and using social media that is either not age appropriate, or does not have the correct parental controls set up. Please be aware that age limits on games and social media have these limits for a reason.



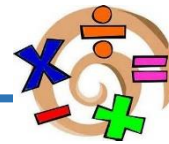
Going for Gold Spelling

Well done to Eilidh MacDonald, Thomas Page and Rowan Walker for getting their first 50 spellings. Also to Daisy FIlseil for getting her first 100 spellings on blue level. Well done!



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to the following children who have achieved the following in their Times Tables Olympics;
Rosie Giller and Holly Beveridge - Finalist
Eleanor Parlett - European



Sparrows Reading

This week our Book Worm is Ethan Ball. Well done Ethan for being a reading superstar! Let's see if the rest of Sparrows can get their reading awards by reading more.

Dates for the Diary

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

***New Date* Monday 11th February** - Waste Free Lunch

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

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

Monday 18th February - Half Term

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

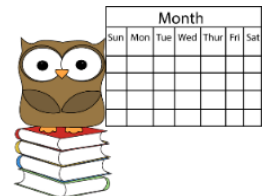
Thursday 21st March - 2.00pm - Parent Stay & Share Sessions - More details to follow

Thursday 28th March - Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards Ceremony

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

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

***New Date* Monday 1st April** - Swifts Class Trip to the Time and Tide Museum



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