

Newsletter

Friday 17th May



Values for Life - Wisdom

The theme for next week is 'Multiplying Money (The Parable of the Talents).'



Welcome

We would like to say a warm welcome to our new headteacher, Miss Dawn Read. Thank you to those who came along to meet her at the coffee morning. For those of you who couldn't make it, Miss Read is out in the playground on the mornings she is at Ellingham.



Lego Tokens

A huge thank you to all who have collected the Lego tokens out of the local newspapers. They are now in the process of being counted. Please don't forget to send in any tokens you have asap so we can include them in the final figure.



Forest School

Please can we remind you that children need appropriate clothes when they are attending Forest School on a Wednesday afternoon. This is currently for year 3 children and will be year 2 children after half term.



Class Updates

These will return after half term. Some of our children have been busy with their SATs papers and we are extremely proud of all their hard work. All classes have been working on their new topics for this term, and we have a couple of school trip trips planned to enhance the children's' learning.

Out of School Achievements

Over the past weeks we have had lots of children take part in various events and we are very proud to share their achievements with you.

Theo Roos passed his grade 1 singing exam with a merit. That is amazing Theo, well done!

Well done to Megan Brooks and Katie Page for cycling an epic 25 miles in the Beccles Cycle for Life event. What an amazing achievement!

Joshua Ford plays rugby with Beccles Rugby Club under 10's. Along with his team, they played at Leicester Tigers Rugby Club in the final of the Prima Cup. The final marks at the end of a series of matches played over 3 tournaments, pitching their skills against teams from as far away as Sheffield, Rotherham, Leicester and Tamworth. The boys and girls played some superb rugby on the Welford Road pitch and had their winner's trophy presented by Manu Tuilagi, a Leicester and England rugby player.



After an excellent football season of training and matches, the children attended the presentation night at which they all received a medal and certificate. From the under 7's team, Riley was awarded the Black Dog Trophy for his 100% commitment, hard work and goal scoring. Adam was awarded the Player of the Year Trophy for his dedication and excellent defending skills. Well done to all the players, Aubrey, Logan, Charlie, Jack, Riley, Lucas, Adam and Thomas.



Maths Whizz - For 22nd March to 21st April

Amazing Usage: Isabelle McDonald, Sam Elliott, Edie Vass, Isaac Wren, Jamie Cave, Layla Naphine, Ellause Ball, Florence Vass, Lilly Newman, Morgan Mulhearn and Jamie Carter.



Most Improved: Isabelle McDonald, Joshua Ford, Sam Elliott, Jamie Cave, Isaac Wren, Tyler Carter, Lilly Newman, Ellause Ball, Olivia Collins, Jamie Carter and Morgan Mulhearn.

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

Going for Gold

Well done to Eleanor who achieved was the first in her class to get all her spellings on the Gold level!



Walking Bus

Due to the popularity of the walking bus, we would like to increase it to three days a week after half term. It will run on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please can you see the office to put your name down if you want your child to be included.

The walking bus meets 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.

Please note that for those who live outside of the village, the owners of The Olive Tree have said that it is ok to use their car park as a safe dropping off point.



Parish Council

We have been asked by the Parish Council if any parents/carers would be interested in joining the Parish Council Playground Committee. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Jane Love, by email kceclerk@gmail.com.

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 - 96.47%

Skylarks - 99.62% Well done Skylarks 😊

Swifts - 95.17%

Swallows - 97.67%



Eco Bricks

We now have an Eco Brick Station in the school office foyer. Please help yourself to any empty bottles and return your full ones. If you need a label for your bottle, we have some in the office for you.



Eco Day - Wednesday 5th June

We are having an Eco Day in school on Wednesday 5th June to celebrate getting our Eco Flag and winning the Norwich & Norfolk Eco Award. The children will be spending the day taking part in various eco themed activities.



We have asked the school kitchen if they can provide a 'Waste Free Packed Lunch' on this day. There will be no hot dinners on this day, so please either order a school packed lunch, or provide your own 'Waste Free Packed Lunch'.

As part of the activities, classes need 2 litre plastic bottles or 1 pint milk bottles. Please bring them to the school office as soon as you can. Thank you.

Green Flag

We were delighted to receive a letter with feedback from our assessor, which we would like to pass on to you.

Assessor's Comments:

'This is the largest and best informed Eco-team I have ever met: every child was able to talk about their area of responsibility. So many wonderful things to comment on: all the Global Citizenship fund-raising, sometimes in association with Healthy Living (Fruit kebab Fridays and Veg Tub Tuesdays) and recycling - the filled socks for homeless people, water bottles filled with pennies etc. Also the beautiful new pond incorporating the Gruffalo's log pile and the swishy grass from the Bear Hunt - and lovely designs for the garden; bird boxes of many different designs; eco-bricks as a way of monitoring plastic use; wonderful poems about loving the world...No part of the school is without evidence of concern for the biosphere - every classroom full of work that incorporates relevance. The two staff leading it have been doing so for twenty years and it is clearly deeply embedded in the ethos of the school. I especially enjoyed joining in the new Glyn Leyman Earth Song.'



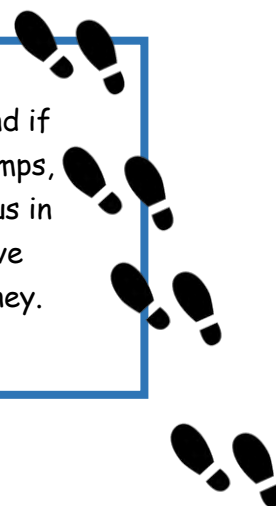
Walk to School Week

Next week is 'Walk to School Week'. The children will be issued with a card and if they walk/cycle/scoot to school, they will get a stamp. If they get enough stamps, they will receive a certificate at the end of the week. Please try and support us in reducing the amount of traffic and pollution outside our school. If you don't live locally, why not park slightly further away and walk in the last bit of your journey.

Happier
and healthier
CHILDREN

Less
CONGESTION
and
POLLUTION

SWAP
your school
ride for a
SCHOOL WALK



Maths Whizz Cup

The Maths Whizz cup was won at the start of term by Sparrows class!
Well done!
Let's see who will win it next fortnight.



After School Clubs

Please can you provide your child with a snack if they are attending after school clubs, as they do get peckish! Children have been taking the KS1 fruit to eat and this means there aren't enough break time snacks the next day.



After School Supervision

We have noticed that some children have been climbing on the fences after school. Please can you make sure your children do not climb any of our fences as this could lead to an accident.



Guitar Lessons

Please note that there are no guitar lessons next week.



Footballs

We have now had a new supply of school footballs. Please can you refrain from bringing in your own footballs from now on, thank you.



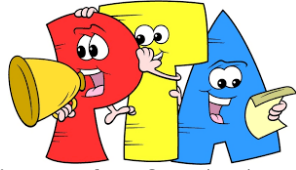
Village News

During the Easter holidays, an egg hunt was organised for the local children. A lot of work and effort went into making this a fun event for the children and I am sure all parents/carers agree that we are very grateful. Thank you to all of those who were involved, especially Jacqui Minns and Sarah Hanlan.



PTA News

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of the PTA for the lovely cakes sent in to school for 'Staff Appreciation Day'. They were very gratefully received.



Non uniform 21st June in exchange for £1 which will go towards sweets for sweetie tombola.

The PTA would greatly appreciate any wine bottles, empty with lids or full of wine for the water or wine stall. Please take to the office or give to a lovely PTA lady.

21 June - forensic expert Brian Heard will be talking about his fascinating career, has was involved in the Krays case which he will talk about and he has many other interesting stories. Tickets only £5, held at Ellingham village hall, 8-10pm. Tickets available soon.

6 July - summer fair, any helpers greatly appreciated, 12-3pm. We have alpacas, live music, ice cream van, craft stalls, face painting, tattoos, fancy dress competition, raffle, BBQ, bar, county castles, ambulance, games and so much more.



Dates for the Diary

New Date Tuesday 21st May - Swallows Trip to Holt Station - Don't forget to come in dressed as a WWII evacuee and be in school at 8.10am, ready for an 8.15am departure.

New Date Monday 27th May until Friday 31st May - Half Term

New Date Wednesday 5th June - Eco Day

New Date Thursday 6th June - Swifts Trip to Norwich Castle - 'A Day with the Romans & Iceni.'

New Date Monday 10th June - Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos

New Date Friday 21st June - Non Uniform Day in exchange for £1 for PTA Sweet Tombola

New Date Friday 21st June - 8pm - 10pm - Talk in Village Hall by Brian Heard - See PTA for tickets, £5 each.

New Date Wednesday 26th June until Friday 28th June - Swallows at Hilltop Residential

New Date Thursday 27th June - Whole School Trip (Except Swallows) to Royal Norfolk Show - More details to Follow.

New Date Friday 28th June - New Parents Meeting for September 2019 Intake

New Date Thursday 4th July - Transition Afternoon

Saturday 6th July - Pirate themed Summer Fete 12noon - 3pm

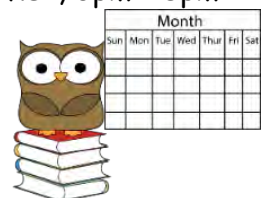
New Date Monday 8th July - Transition Afternoon

New Date Thursday 11th July - Summer Production Afternoon Performance

New Date Friday 12th July - Summer Production Evening Performance

Friday 19th July - End of year celebrations, Party in the Park for Reception and KS1, 6pm - 8pm
KS2 Disco.

Wednesday 24th July - Last Day of Term



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Using Maths-Whizz on IE11? Update your browser before May 20.

As you may know, Whizz Education recently rolled out the new and improved Maths-Whizz 2.0. The new experience is optimised to work with the latest browser versions of Google Chrome, Edge, Safari and Firefox but not with Internet Explorer 11. From Monday 20 May, you will no longer be able to access Maths-Whizz if you're still using Internet Explorer 11. So act now - check which browser you currently use to access Maths-Whizz, and switch or upgrade to ensure you and your children can still enjoy all the amazing maths content of Maths-Whizz after this date.

How to check your browser version

It's easy! Simply go to <https://www.whatsmybrowser.org/> and your current browser will be displayed.

Why will I no longer be able to use Internet Explorer 11?

Maths-Whizz is fully compatible, and optimised to work best, with all the latest versions of Google Chrome, Safari, Firefox and Edge. Internet Explorer 11 is not supported or compatible with our new experience. For this reason, it's essential that any existing Internet Explorer 11 users change their browser to use one of those listed.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please email us at support@whizz.com