Newsletter

Friday 20th September









Sparrows

Well done Sparrows for completing your first full week at school. You have been amazing super stars! This weeks learning has been about the story 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. We have been making name rockets, counting and matching numbers to space rocks and stars. Great work and thumbs up to the children, parents and carers who have been reading together. Please remember to write in your child's reading record every time you read together. We check every week to see who our 'Star Readers' are. If your child reads every day for a fortnight they will receive their 'Star Reader' badge.

Please make sure all school uniform is clearly labelled so we can return any lost items, thank you.

Skylarks

This week in maths we have continued to look at number and place value. We have ordered numbers and used number resources to identify 10s and 1s.

In English we have been reading all about the historical events of the Great Fire of London and asking and answering questions about it. We also sequenced the events and made our own timelines.

In science we have investigated the different materials used for buildings and designed our own, explaining the choices we have made.

The children have been creating some lovely images for display and have used a variety of techniques to show this.

Swifts

A warm welcome back to the new school year. During maths this week Swifts have been learning about the place value of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. They have explored 3-digit and 4-digit numbers by placing them on landmarked and empty number lines and have partitioned them in different ways to show their place value.

In English Swifts have started learning about the terrible Tudors! They have worked hard to recognise the differences between rich and poor Tudors whilst focusing on their use of powerful adjectives. They have also been writing some wonderful poems about rich and poor Tudors. Doris and Geoffrey, our pet giant African land snails, have made a welcome return to Swifts class after their relaxing summer break. The year 4 children are looking forward to showing the year 3 children how to care for them. This year Swifts will have weekly homework of spellings, spelling word search, Times Tables Olympics and Maths Whizz (aiming to make four progressions). Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it in their reading record book. Reading books and reading records need to return to school each day.

<u>Swallows</u>

<u>Maths</u>

This week we have been working

On rounding numbers to the nearest 10,
100, 1000 and 10,000, and using column
addition and subtraction - checking our
answers using number lines.

Year 6 have completed some initial assessments.

Literacy

We have been writing descriptions of an ancient Egyptian tomb, including powerful adjectives and adverbs and using prepositional phrases to link sentences.

We have also started our work on microorganisms. If your child has not yet bought in 1kg of salt for mummification, please bring it in on Monday.

Pupil Asset Parent App

From next Friday, we will be blocking all meal bookings within a week. Therefore you will need to book your child's school lunches at least a week in advance. The kitchen we now use to cook our meals has asked that we do this as they need to place orders for food.

We will also be using the parent app for trip consents and eventually to book parents evenings so it is important that you download the app, or set up a log in to use on a computer or laptop.



If you have any questions regarding the app, or are having difficulty downloading it, please speak to the school office.

Tempest Photography

We have had to change the date of the school photos, due to Swallows class now swimming on a Monday morning. We are awaiting confirmation of a new date, and will let you know as soon as possible.

Swallows Swimming

As from Monday 23rd September, Swallows class will be swimming on a Monday morning. The coach will be leaving at 9am, so please ensure that your child is in on time.



Norfolk Library Service Books

The school library bus came to visit us on Monday. We have a few books that are overdue to return. Please can you check at home, or in your child's bag and if you have one of the books listed below, please return to school asap. Any books that are not returned are charged to the school.

Cabin Fever - Jeff Kinney
Have You Seen My Dragon? - Steve Light
It's A Dog's Life - Michael Morpurgo
Penguins - Emily Bone
Princess Polly and the Pony - Susanna
Davidson

The Three Wishes - Lesley Sims Underworld - Simon Furman We're Going on a Bear Hunt: My Adventure Field Guide - Hannah Pang



Walking Bus

Walking bus is up and running again. It will run every Tues, Wed and Thurs, unless the weather is really bad. There is a Whatsapp group for the walking bus so please make sure you are a member so you can get updates if it is cancelled. Thank you to all those who have supported the walking bus this year. It has been a huge success.

If you would like your child to join the walking bus, just turn up on the day and fill out a permission slip.

Drama Club

There are still spaces on the Y4,5 and 6 drama club starting next Monday after school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th Sept

The PTA will be holding a coffee morning, with an additional Game and Book Sale on Friday morning, and after school. We would welcome any donations, and would love to see you there. Children can bring in some change to buy a cake at break time.



PTA Ice Lollies

The PTA will be selling ice lollies after school on Fridays during September (weather permitting!)
They will be 50p, so don't forget to bring in some change.

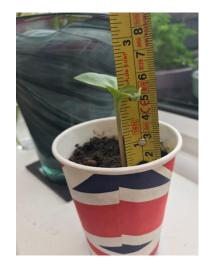


Sparrows' & Skylarks' Sunflowers

Please can you send in your child's sponsor money ASAP for the sunflowers. Many thanks to those who have already sent their money in.

The money raised from sponsorship will be going towards the repair of the wind turbine.















Schools Flu Immunisation Programme

This week an email was sent out to all parents regarding the school flu immunisation programme. Attached was a letter with details of how you can give/not give your consent. It is important that you follow the link and instructions, otherwise your child will not be able to have the immunisation. The closing date for consent is Monday 7th October.

Swallows Trip to Norwich Castle - Wednesday 9th October

Please check your Pupil Asset Parent App for details of the trip to Norwich Castle for Swallows class. Consent can be given via the app and payment can be made to the school office as usual.

Being an Eco School, we are reducing the amount of letters sent out so all trips will be dealt with via the Pupil Asset parent App.



Class Attendance - From Wednesday 4th September until Thursday 12th September

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 - 93.1%
Skylarks - 97.88%
Swifts - 98.44% Well done Swifts! ©
Swallows - 96.07%



New School Council

Our new school council members are Isaac, Sam, Faith, Finlay, Ruby, Chloe, Josh F, Peter, Jamie, Maisie, Olive, Amelia, Verity, Daisy, Oskar, Lilly, Rowan and Florence.



Eco Committee Meeting

The next Eco Committee meeting will be on Monday 14th October. All children who are on the Eco Committee will need to bring in a packed lunch that day at the meeting is at lunch time.

<u>'Veggie Tub Tuesday' - 8th</u> October

Our next 'Veggie Tub Tuesday' will be on Tuesday 8th October. Please can all children bring in a vegetable (prepared if possible) so that the children can all enjoy a 'veggie tub' at break time.

As always, we need parent/carer helpers to come in on the morning and prepare the vegetables. Please let the office know if you are able to help, thank you.

Car Free Friday

As an eco school we try and encourage children to walk or cycle to school as much as possible. The walking bus now runs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which reduces the amount of cars parked around the school gates. Please try and make every Friday a car free day by walking or cycling to school. If you live outside the village, try and park further away and walk the last part.



#Hello Yellow - Thursday 10th October

This year we have decided to support
#Hello Yellow. Thursday 10th October is
World Mental Health Day and by taking
part in Hello Yellow, we will be raising
funds for YoungMinds, a charity which
helps young people with their mental health.
Help us spread the word that whatever you"re
going through, you're not alone with your mental
health, by wearing something yellow and donating

£1. You can wear top to toe yellow, or just a

All money raised will go to YoungMinds.

Earrings

yellow accessory.

A reminder that earrings MUST BE REMOVED for PE and swimming.
Safety earrings are allowed, but tape is not.

KS2 Snacks

KS2 children are allowed to bring in a snack to enjoy at break time. This MUST be a fresh piece of fruit or a vegetable. Thank you.

Healthy Living

The eco rangers responsible for healthy living carried out a lunch box check last week.

They found that 4 out of 5 children had fruit or vegetables in their lunch box.

They would like to see at least one piece of fruit or vegetable in every lunch box.

There were also lots of chocolate bars and cakes. These could be swapped for;

- *A slice of malt loaf
- *A fruit teacake
- *Sugar free jelly

Say #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day

PTA AGM

The PTA, AGM will be on Friday 27th September, 7.30pm (Please note time change) at Broome Artichoke. All are welcome to attend

Aldi Tokens

This September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Find out more and get stuck in at getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools

How it works... Get involved!

Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Take your stickers to school to help complete your poster



After School Club

Can those children taking part in after school club next week please bring in some old socks as we are going to be making sock puppets.

Thank you.



Stockton Fairy Walk - 28th & 29th September

The children in Swifts class have been decorating fairy doors to help with a fundraising event taking place to raise funds for road safety signs. If you would like to come along and support this event and see the lovely fairy doors, details are below;

Fairy Walk in Stockton, nr Beccles

Fairy Walk in village near Beccles. A little bit of magic is coming to Stockton. Come and look for fairies. Cost £2 map of walk and treasure trail. £1 per child. Refreshments available. In aid of Road Safety Project. All welcome. Starts at Manor Farm House. Bungay Road NR34 OHR 2-5pm each day, Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th September.



Dates for the Diary

New date Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning run by the PTA

Friday 27th September - 7.30pm - PTA AGM at the Artichoke, Broome

New date Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th September - Stockton Fairy Walk

New date Monday 7th October - Closing date for consent for nasal flu immunisation programme

New date Tuesday 8th October - 'Veggie Tub Tuesday'

New date Wednesday 9th October - Swallows Trip to Norwich Castle - Egyptians Workshop

New date Thursday 10^{th} October - #Hello Yellow Day - Wear something Yellow in exchange for £1 donation to YoungMinds

Monday 14th October - Schools Flu Immunisation Programme - School Nursing team coming in to administer to all children

New date Monday 14th October - Eco Committee meeting - Children on Eco Committee need to bring in a packed lunch

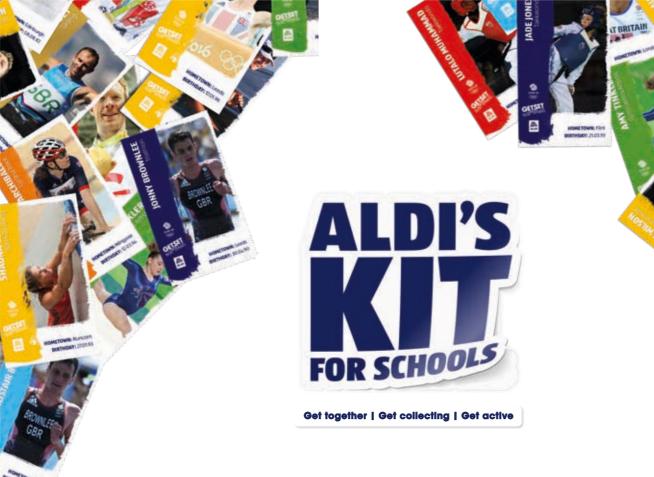
Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October - Half Term



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We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

Help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win

£20,000!





