

Newsletter

Friday 27th September



Sparrows

This week in Sparrows

We have been reading 'Aliens Love Underpants.'



We've been describing the features of 2D shapes and using positional language to describe where the aliens are hiding.

We've designed our own aliens, giving them names and describing their features.

Skylarks

Maths

We have been naming and describing the properties of 2D shapes. The children have learnt to use the correct vocabulary. Can they tell you what 'vertices' mean?



English

The children have written their own diary entries and we have read some extracts from Samuel Pepy's diary. We have discovered the different ways of collecting evidence about events in the past.

Topic Work

The children have looked at how fire safety is different today from in the past. Thank you for contributing some fire engines from home.

This week Skylarks have been showing a good interest in the world around them - noticing the different plants and seeds in our environment and have added some great contributions to the nature table. Well done Skylarks!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.

Phonics Workshop for Sparrows & Skylarks Parents/Carers

Mrs Taylor will be running a phonics workshop on **Monday 7th October from 8.50am**. This will help you to understand how phonics works and how to support your child with their reading and writing at home. The workshop is open to Sparrows and Skylarks parents and carers.



Swifts

During maths this week Swifts have been learning to subtract by counting on using a number line. They have also been adding and subtracting 2/3 digit numbers and ones, tens and hundreds.

In English Swifts have continued learning about the terrible Tudors! They have been history detectives to recognise the features of stories set in the past. Swifts have learnt about powerful verbs and adverbs and used these to describe a character from a Tudor themed book called 'The Prince, the Cook and the Cunning King.'

Thank you for your ongoing support with Swifts 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.



Swallows

Maths

Our work this week has all been about decimal numbers. We have added decimal numbers with different amounts of decimal places, ensuring we line up the decimal points. We have also rounded decimals to the nearest 100th, 10th and whole number. We have used number lines to subtract decimals from whole numbers.

English

This week we have been learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We have written notes and are using them to write a newspaper report. We have thought about all the features we need to include, such as headline, by-line, formal language and eye witness reports.



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to the following children who have achieved their Times Tables Olympics awards;

Dexter Burlingham - Olympic 2

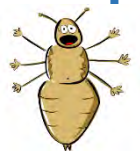
Ruby Tipple - Higher Level 8

Faith Wakefield - Bronze



Head Lice

We have had a reported case of head lice in Sparrows class. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary.



Tempest Photography

Tempest will be coming in on Thursday 3rd October to take Individual and siblings photos. If you have a younger child, you can come into the hall at 8.30am to have their photo taken with their sibling.



Tapestry Session

Mrs Taylor will be holding a drop in Tapestry support session on **Monday 7th October from 2.30 - 3.30pm**. If you have any questions about Tapestry or need any technical support, please pop in.

Summer Reading Challenge

We have had a couple of our children complete the Summer Reading Challenge run by Suffolk Libraries. Well done, that is awesome!



After School Club

Please can you only send in a piece of fruit or a vegetable for the after school club snack, thank you.



Pupil Asset

All trips and sporting events will now be put onto Pupil Asset, rather than sending letters home. Please ensure you have access to either the app, or the desktop version.

Emails will also be sent out via Pupil Asset, so please make sure these are coming into your inbox, and not your junk folder. Any problems, please see Mrs Cave in the school office.



Schools Flu Immunisation Programme

An email has been 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.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th Sept

Thank you to everyone who came to support the coffee morning today, and a huge thank you to the people who baked all the lovely cakes and savoury snacks. The children all enjoyed a treat at break time, for those who haven't yet donated, please bring in any donations to the school office.



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.

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

Here are some more photos of the sunflowers grown to raise funds for the wind turbine.
Please send in any outstanding money asap, many thanks.



Swallows Trip to Norwich Castle - Wednesday 9th October

A reminder to 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.



KS2 Cross Country - Friday 4th October

All KS2 children will be taking part in a cross country event at Langley School next Friday. Details are on the Pupil Asset parent app and you will need to give your consent. Please send your child into school in their PE kit, with clothing appropriate for the weather. They will also need a packed lunch and plenty of water.



'Veggie Tub Tuesday' - 8th 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.



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 - 97.24% Well done Sparrows! 😊

Skylarks - 92.63%

Swifts - 96.56%

Swallows - 93.21%



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.



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.



Book Fair

Next week we will be having a book fair visit us. There will be lots of reasonably priced books on offer, as well as some stationary items. Please come along and have a browse. Any books bought will help to raise money for the school to purchase books. The book fair will be open on the following days;

Tuesday 1st October - 08.30 - 08.45

Wednesday 2nd October - 15.00 - 15.30 (A chance for grown ups to visit whilst the children are still in school)

Thursday 3rd October - 15.15 - 15.30

Friday 4th October - 08.30 - 08.45

Please note that we can only take cash for the book fair and we cannot reserve any books. Payment must be made at the time of purchase.



Dates for the Diary

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

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

New date **Tuesday 1st October - Friday 4th October** - Travelling Book Fair

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New date **Monday 7th October** - 2.30 - 3.30pm - Tapestry Drop in Session for Sparrows
Parents/Carers

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

Tuesday 8th October - 'Veggie Tub Tuesday'

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

New date **Thursday 10th October** - Y6 Code Breaking at Hobart High School - More details to follow

Thursday 10th 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

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

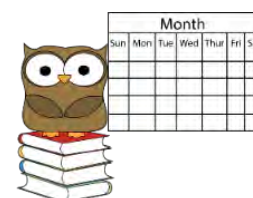
New date **Wednesday 16th October** - 9am - Harvest Festival - more details to follow

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

New date **Tuesday 29th October** - Parents Evening

New date **Thursday 31st October** - PTA Decorate a Pumpkin Competition

New date **Thursday 7th November** - Parents Evening



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FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION DAY

Sunday 6th October 2019

Falcon Meadow, Bungay

10am – 3pm

Autumn Themed Nature Exploration for families with children aged 0-11.

- Autumn themed craft and writing activities
 - Bird and wildlife identification
- Sensory nature activities for young children
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Nature themed reading corner
 - Hot food and drinks available
 - Reading corner
- Sheltered areas in case of bad weather

£3 per family, with proceeds going to Falcon Meadow Community Trust

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