

Newsletter

Friday 4th October



Sparrows

This week in Sparrows we have been learning about planets in the solar system and planning things to take to space in our rockets. We have practised hearing and writing the letters and sounds s, a, t, p and i. We've also been working really hard to remember our class rules - sharing turns and tidying up.



Skylarks

This week we have been finding out about Samuel Pepys and writing our own diary entries as if we were him - documenting all the things that happened during the Great Fire of London. Can the children tell you what he buried? In maths we have investigated fractions. The children have made their own fraction strips and investigated parts of whole shapes. Can they discuss halves and quarters during meal times? We have been historians this week and looked at the differences and similarities between London today and London in 1666. 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.



Change of Date - #Hello Yellow for World Mental Health Day

Please note that we have had to change the date of this to **Friday 11th October**. #Hello Yellow Day - Wear something Yellow in exchange for £1 donation to YoungMinds.

Say
#HelloYellow
for World Mental
Health Day

Swifts

During maths this week Swifts have been learning about column addition. Year 3 have been learning to add numbers using partitioning and the expanded column addition method. Year 4 have been focusing on the compact column addition method. In English Swifts have learnt about how powerful verbs and adverbs can be used to improve their descriptive writing. They have studied Tudor sentences from a Tudor themed book called 'The Prince, the Cook and the Cunning King.'

During art we have enjoyed learning about a Tudor artist called Hans Holbein who was the official portrait artist for King Henry VIII. We have studied the portraits Hans painted and begun creating our own masterpieces in a similar style.

Very well done to Swifts for making Mrs Bailey, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Sayer and Mrs Wren very proud by working hard to achieve some fantastic Maths Whizz results!



Swallows

Maths

This week we have been working with fractions. Year 5 have been partitioning and halving numbers and finding equivalent fractions. Year 6 have been comparing adding and subtracting fractions using equivalence and by finding the common denominator. Please can you make sure you help your child to learn their times tables, as it is essential they know them in years 5 and 6.

English

We have continued writing our newspaper reports, thinking particularly about using eyewitness reports to give extra detail. We have thought carefully about using the correct speech punctuation, and using different verbs instead of 'said' in the reporting clause.

We have also started mummifying our chickens!



Beccles and Bungay 'First Class' Supplement

The children in Sparrow's class will be featured in the Beccles and Bungay 'First Class' supplement. This will be in the edition published on Friday 8th November.

Beccles & Bungay
JOURNAL

Sparrows' & Skylarks' Sunflowers

A final call for sponsorship money. Please also let us know how tall your sunflower grew. The winner of the tallest sunflower will get to raise our Green Flag!



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.

Contact Details

If you haven't already done so, please return your contact details form, even if there are no changes. It is very important that we have up to date information for your child.



Out of School Achievements

Thomas is a keen fisherman and loves to go fishing with his Dad. He was very proud to catch a 2lb Roach.



If your child has done something amazing out of school, please email the school office with details.

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 16th October

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 16th October at 9am in the school hall. The children have been busy practising their songs and we hope that you can come along and enjoy watching them.

We are collecting items of food for the Waveney Food Bank this year. For more information please visit

<https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk/>

Please bring all donations into the school office by the morning of Tuesday 15th October at the latest.



They urgently need the following items:

Pasta Sauce
500g Sugar
Coffee
Tinned Tomatoes
Long Life Fruit Juice
Custard Powder
Tinned Vegetables
Rice Pudding

They have plenty of beans, pasta and cereal.

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.



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.



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.



'Veggie Tub Tuesday' - 8th

October

A reminder that '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.**



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 News

Brian Heard talk - Friday 11th October at Ellingham Village Hall. Tickets are £5 each, available from the PTA or the school office. Fascinating evening, Brian has many fascinating stories to share about amazing career in forensic science. I guarantee a great evening!

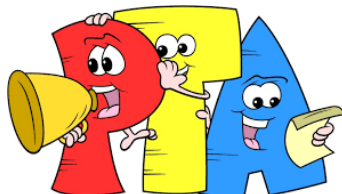
Friday 1 November - Autumn cake sale, let your creative flare flow!

Friday 1 November - PTA meeting 1pm, Gelderston locks.

Friday 8 November - Non uniform in exchange for £1. The money will go towards the festive hampers for the Christmas raffle.

Thursday 5 December - Christmas fair in the school hall 3.15 - 5pm.

Monday 16 December - whole school Christmas party, 3.15pm - 5.30pm full details to follow.



Raffle prize donations - the PTA are always looking for raffle prizes! Everyone loves a raffle, they are always very popular. Looking for wine, chocolate, unwanted gifts. Thank you.



Class Attendance - From Wednesday 27th September until Thursday 3rd October

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 - 98.62% Well done Sparrows! 😊

Skylarks - 92.31%

Swifts - 95.94%

Swallows - 93.93%



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.



Swifts Items for Next Week

Swifts will be writing a harvest poem next week and so we would welcome children bringing in any harvest themed items for Monday. These could be:

1 or 2 of following fruit or Vegetables (apples, carrots, sprouts, onions, leeks, peas in pod, whole cauliflower, whole sweetcorn in husk.)

Pumpkins

Conkers

Fallen Autumn leaves

Small toy tractors / combine harvesters

Toy scarecrow



Tempest Photography

Individual and siblings photos were sent home with the children on Friday. Please can you return your orders to the school office by Monday 14th October.



Coats

Now that the weather is very changeable, please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school at all times. The children go out to play in all weathers and need appropriate clothing for the weather, thank you.



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 6th October - 10.00 - Holy Communion and Baptism at All Saints, Kirby Cane

Monday 7th October - 8.50am - Phonics Workshop for Sparrows & Skylarks parents/Carers

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

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

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Sunday 13th October - 11.00 - Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Ellingham

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

Wednesday 16th October - 9am - Harvest Festival

Sunday 20th October - 11.00 - Holy Communion and Baptism at All Saints, Kirby Cane

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

Sunday 27th October - 10.00 - Morning Prayer at St. Mary's, Ellingham

Tuesday 29th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 31st October - PTA Decorate a Pumpkin Competition

***New date* Friday 1st November** - PTA Autumn Cake Sale

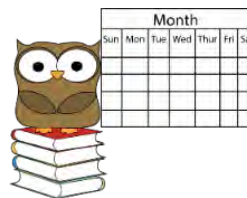
***New date* Friday 1st November** - 1.00pm - PTA Meeting at the Geldeston Locks

Thursday 7th November - Parents Evening

***New date* - Friday 8th November** - PTA Non Uniform Day in exchange for £1

***New Date* Thursday 5th December** - 3.15 - 5.00pm - PTA Christmas fair in the school hall

***New Date* Monday 16th December** - 3.15 - 5.30pm - PTA whole school Christmas party



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Ellingham VC Primary School

Girls Football *Ages 5-11*

Starting again

Sat Oct 12th 10am to 11am

Bungay Town FC



Football Club



Maltings Meadow, Ditchingham

NR35 2RU

Contact Joanne Pipe

07958 251902 (if details needed)

Run in conjunction with the FA "WILDCATS" programme