

# Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October



## Class Attendance - From Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October until Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

The class with the highest attendance each week will have a little in class treat from their teacher. They will also receive a star for their door and the class with the most stars will win a prize at the end of term. This will run from the previous Friday to the current Thursday. Let's see which class can get 100% attendance every week.

Sparrows - 90.6%

Skylarks - 95.49% Well done Skylarks! 😊

Swifts - 94.06%

Swallows - 95.36%



### Sparrows

This week we have continued with our harvest theme and baked bread. We have written instructions to make bread and practised reading and solving addition sentences.



Please remember your child must have wellies and a coat in school for outdoor play.

### Skylarks

This week in maths we have continued to learn about time and understand how an analogue clock works. We have made our own clocks and used these to show times to o'clock, half past and even a quarter to and past. Can they tell you about it when looking at clocks at home? During English we have continued our topic by making information posters all about the Great Fire of London. The children have made me very proud with how much they have learnt and how they have shown an interest by continuing their learning at home. Well done Skylarks! Have a relaxing half term break, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.



## Swifts

Swifts began this week by making a traditional Tudor treat called gingered bread. We learnt that wealthy Tudors could only afford to make it because spices were very expensive during Tudor times. During tasting, opinions were quite mixed. Although some children really enjoyed the gingered bread, we were not sure if we considered it a treat!



In maths this week Swifts have been learning about symmetry. They investigated lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and completed symmetrical drawings. We have then moved on to look at different 3D shapes and their properties. Over half term you could do some shape spotting when you are at home or out and about.

During English Swifts continued writing their diary entries as a Tudor kitchen helper. They also worked hard to complete an English assessment.

Very well done to those Swifts who took part in a football tournament at Goals this week. Super teamwork girls! Also well done to Swifts for their wonderful singing and fantastic poetry readings during the harvest assembly. What a lovely way to finish a very busy half term.

Please bring in an empty cereal box on the Monday after half term.

## Swallows

### Maths

This week we have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes - especially quadrilaterals. We have sorted shapes using Carroll, Venn and Tree diagrams, using mathematical concepts such as parallel lines, perpendicular diagonals, symmetry, acute, obtuse and reflex angles etc. Year 5 have also continued with assessments.



### English

We have written prayers for harvest festival and have finished our recount of our trip to Norwich Castle, including time adverbials and direct speech to add detail.

Please can each child bring in 2 small jam jars (not pasta sauce size) after half term, thank you.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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## Request for Items

Please can we have 2 litre bottles and any type of bottle tops. This will be an ongoing request so please bring any items into the school office, thank you.



## KS2 Parents Grammar Session

Ms Kenyon will be holding a grammar session for all parents/carers in KS2 on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm until approx. 4.30pm**. This will explain what your child is expected to know and will be very beneficial. If you have previously attended this session in the past, you don't need to come along, unless you would like to refresh your memory.



## Year 6 Forest School

A reminder that year 6 will be doing Forest School on a Wednesday afternoon after half term. If you haven't returned your permission form, please do so as the children are unable to take part without it.

## Girls Football Tournament Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

A huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 girl's football teams! They played at Goals on Tuesday and were fantastic. Our Year 3/4 team came 4th out of 11 teams, while our Year 5/6 team came 2nd out of 14 teams and will be representing our school at the South Norfolk Winter School Games in February. We are very proud of you girls, well done!



## 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.



## Eye Tests

Can we ask parents/carers to make sure that children have their eyes tested regularly. After having their vision screening in reception class, no further checks are carried out and so it is up to parents/carers to organise having eye tests done.



## 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.

## Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals (Not the Universal Free Meals) please speak to the school office who can supply you with an application form.

## Out of School Achievements



At the weekend these girls performed in a show with their rainbow, brownie and guide group. The performances were all linked to TV shows. Florence, Billy and Felicity turned into Pokemon characters and performed a lovely song. Lilly was transferred into Dec and met Skye in the jungle where she had to compete in a challenge to win a gold star. In BGT the two Rosie's perform a lovely gymnastic routine, Imogen performed some magical magic, Amy and Eleanor sang Do-Re-Mi with beautiful voices. Emily played some music for her group to follow and join in with. We were then taken to the tent for the Great British Bake off where Maddie was awarded star baker and Zara had a mishap with the flour. We were also entertained with a visit to Casualty where Amelia played a great receptionist, Verity was a very dramatic patient and Grace had the gruelling job to clear up after them all. They were all truly amazing and brave to stand up on the big stage with a large audience to perform to. Well done everyone.

If anyone is interested in joining rainbows, brownies or guides please speak to one of the girls and visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).



We also had Annabella and Tabatha perform at the Britannia Pier theatre at the weekend with June Glennie school of Dance. Well done girls!

### **Aldi Tokens**

A reminder to help us collect stickers to help us be in with a chance to win a sports kit.



#### **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.

### **Swallows Swimming**

The children in Swallows will be continuing to swim after the half term. The first lesson will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and the last will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The coach will be leaving at 9am, so please ensure that your child is in on time.



### **Kiddy Cook - Year 3 & 4**

We still have a few spaces on this after school club. Please put your child's name asap if you would like them to attend.



### **Parents Evenings - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Time slots have now gone up in the office. Please note these are 10 minute slots. If you wish to speak longer with your child's teacher, please make an appointment.



### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to all the parents/Carers who came along to our Harvest Festival this week. I'm sure you will agree that the children were all fantastic and we hope you enjoyed it. Thank you to all who kindly donated items of food. These will be going to the Waveney Food Bank.



### **Bungay Lions**

A huge thank you to the Bungay Lions who have very kindly donated some eco books to the school. They are as passionate as us about looking after our planet and the books will be a valuable resource.



### Morning Drop Off

A polite request that when dropping off children in the morning, can parents please stand towards the back of the playground so that we can get the children into school easily in their class lines. Thank you.

### Skylarks - Maths Whizz

A note to all year 1 parents - All children now have a Maths Whizz log in. Details are in the front of their reading diaries so please check these and ensure your child can log on at home.



### Inflatable 5K Run

This Saturday a few members of staff, parents and children will be taking part in an inflatable 5K run. They are raising money for the PTA and any donations would be gratefully received. Please visit

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/ellingham-staff-inflatable-5k?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/ellingham-staff-inflatable-5k?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)



### Dates for the Diary

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - 11.00 - Holy Communion and Baptism at All Saints, Kirby Cane

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Half Term

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - 10.00 - Morning Prayer at St. Mary's, Ellingham

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** - Football League Tournament - Letters have gone home to those participating

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** - Parents Evening

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - PTA Decorate a Pumpkin Competition

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - PTA Autumn Cake Sale

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - 1.00pm - PTA Meeting at the Geldeston Locks

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** - 3.30pm - 4.30pm - KS2 Grammar Session for parents/carers with Ms Kenyon

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - 10.00 - Morning Prayer at St. Mary's, Ellingham

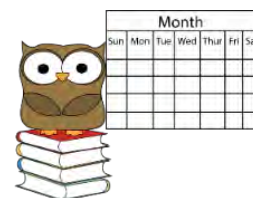
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - Football League Tournament - Letters have gone home to those participating

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents Evening

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - PTA Non Uniform Day in exchange for £1

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - 3.15 - 5.00pm - PTA Christmas fair in the school hall

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - 3.15 - 5.30pm - PTA whole school Christmas party



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# Girls Football *Ages 5-11*

Starting again

Sat Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

# PIMP YOUR PUMPKIN

Please bring your pimped up pumpkins to the school hall at 8:30 on 31st October for judging. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative in each year. Pumpkins can be carved, decorated or accessorised!







• THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL CENTRES •  
GET INVOLVED WITH SSE WILDCATS  
HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, **PLAY FOOTBALL**

**SIGN UP NOW**

Bungay Town FC - SSE Wildcats Centre

Bungay Town FC, Maltings Meadow, Ditchingham, NR35 2RU

Starting Saturday 12 th Oct | 10:00-11:00 | Age Group | 5-11 Years

Contact: Joanne Pipe | 07958251902



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