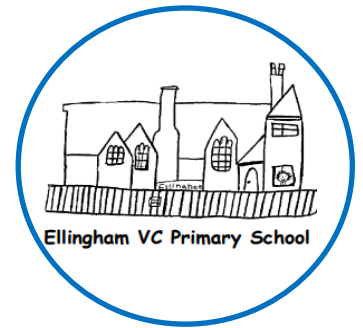


Newsletter

Friday 1st November



Class Attendance - From Friday 18th October until Thursday 31st 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 - 95.3% Well done Sparrows! 😊

Skylarks - 92.88%

Swifts - 90.63%

Swallows - 91.79%



Sparrows

This week in Sparrows we have been learning about Diwali and Halloween. We have learnt the Diwali story and created our own labelled pictures of the story. In maths we have practised counting sounds, actions and irregular arrangements of objects.



Skylarks

Maths

We have begun addition and subtraction this week. The year 1s have become familiar with the symbols and used objects and pictures to solve problems. Year 2s have revised their calculation skills and begun adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers and multiples of 10.

English

We couldn't do Halloween without writing some spooky spells! Watch out for some rather unsavoury ingredients. The children have really been enjoying their outdoor learning and eco school work. We have been re-cycling and improving our school grounds this week.

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



Swifts

A warm welcome back to the new half term. Mrs Bailey, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Wren and Mrs Sayer have enjoyed hearing about Swifts' half term adventures (some have even been Tudor themed.)



During maths this week year 3s have been learning to read and plot 2D shape co-ordinates. Year 4 have been completing polygons by giving a missing co-ordinate on a grid. They have also used x, y co-ordinates to draw and translate shapes.

In English Swifts have had a spooktacular time writing instructions for magical potions and spells using imperative verbs and time fronted adverbials. We have looked at the difference between formal and informal letters and written a letter to invite our friends to a party.

Please continue to bring in any empty cereal boxes as Swifts will be using them for a Tudor DT project and a Christmas craft.

Swallows

Maths

This week we have been estimating and measuring different types of angles - acute, obtuse and reflex - using protractors. We have learnt what the angles on a straight line, around a point, in a triangle and quadrilateral add up to. We have also calculated missing angles.



English

This week we have planned and written a balanced argument about whether it is right to dig up ancient Egyptian tombs and remove the mummies and artefacts. We have written formally, including emotive language, rhetorical questions and connectives to link each new point.

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. Vouchers for money off have been sent home this week.

Beccles & Bungay
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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 6th 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.



Times Tables Olympics

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

Tyler - Gold
Finn - Silver



PTA Pumpkin Competition

We had lots of amazing pumpkins brought into school yesterday for the competition. It was a very hard job for Miss Read to pick the winners. All the children got given a bag of sweets from the PTA and the winners in each year received a book voucher. Thank you PTA for organising this event and supplying the prizes. The children all enjoyed taking part and looking at all the different pumpkins.



PTA Pumpkin Competition

Congratulations to our winners!



PTA Christmas Cards

Some of the children have been busy creating some wonderful Christmas cards in their classes. These will be sent away to be professionally printed and you will be able to purchase them towards the end of November, as well as other items e.g. tea towels, tote bags and magnets.

If you would like to create a family card at home, we have templates available in the school office. All media is accepted, i.e. pencils, crayons, felt tips and paint. The only thing not allowed is anything 3D, googly eyes or glitter.

If you would like to collect a template, we need them returned back to the office no later than Wednesday 6th November.



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.

Swifts Trip to Stranger's Hall

Please check your Pupil Asset app for details of the trip on Wednesday 20th November. Consent can be given via the app and payment can be made to the school office.



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.



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.

Important Notice

Walking Bus

The walking bus runs **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.

KS1 After School Football

There are still places on the KS1 after school football club on a Tuesday. Please speak to the office if your child would like to attend.



Fruit Kebab Friday

Our next Fruit Kebab Friday will be on **Friday 15th November**. Please send in a piece of prepared fruit for the children to enjoy at break time. As always, we need helpers to come in and prepare the kebabs. Please let the office know if you are able to help.



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.



Inflatable 5K Run

Over half term, a few members of staff, parents and children took part in an inflatable 5K run. There is still time to donate if you would like to support the PTA. Please visit 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

Friday 1st November - PTA Autumn Cake Sale

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

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

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

Monday 4th November - Football League Tournament - Letters have gone home to those participating

Thursday 7th November - Parents Evening

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

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

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



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