



Easter 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic spring term at Erpingham.

We saw some fabulous costumes being worn for World Book Day, and the mufti day for Red Nose Day raised £40.

Skylarks class enjoyed a morning working with the Young Norfolk Arts Creative Writing group, which involved a range of creative and engaging writing practices on the theme of climate change, coastal erosion and the environment.

The whole school took part in some Street Dance sessions, and took part in the Wellbeing sessions.

Our younger pupils have visited the Sealife Centre and Amazona Zoo, looking at ways in which different animals survive in different climates.

I would also like to let you know that in May, I will be completing a feat of endurance: walking / running Hadrian's Wall (85 miles) in 3 days. This has been a long held ambition which I am about to fulfill with support from Norwich City Community Sports Foundation. If you would like to sponsor me please use this link :

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pagelid=1020992>

Thank you to everyone for supporting your children with their learning.

Happy Easter!

Angie Hamilton

Executive Headteacher Blue Sky Federation

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor for the Federation, following Catherine Fletcher's decision not to take on the role. We would like to encourage any parent who would like to find out more about this role to talk to Sam Lee (Chair of Governors) for more information. Nomination forms for anyone wishing to take on this role should be collected from and returned to the school office by Monday 6th May 2019.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Laura Watts who has become a Specialist Leader of Education. This means that she will be able to share her excellent skills beyond our federation and support schools with developing their curriculum and assessment systems. She will continue to work across both our schools as Assistant Head

STAFF CHANGES

We have recently said goodbye to Linda Youngs who was a teaching assistant in Blackbirds class and Forest School. The school presented her with a 'Linda Ladybird' gift. We wish her well for the future.

We are delighted to let you know that Aggie Rotheron has returned to school and is now our Forest School Teaching Assistant.

Jo Fenner will be continuing in her role as Office Administrator.

We also welcome Kay Willis as Teaching Assistant, and Grace Partis who you may have seen helping out in school and pre-school.

UNIFORM

As we look towards the summer term and some warmer weather coming (hopefully) please can you ensure you send your children to school in uniform appropriate for the climate. Our weather is very changeable so please make sure children bring in a waterproof coat every day, even if it looks warm and sunny.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SUMMER TERM 1

- TUESDAYS -

BAKING CLUB WITH KATE WRIGHT

- WEDNESDAYS -

ART CLUB WITH MRS ROWE

- THURSDAYS -

YOGA CLUB WITH REBECCA

WAGTAILS SWIMMING DATES

(Fridays)

10th May 14th June

28th June 26th April

12th July

The Great Erpingham Bake Off!

The Bake Off started in great style with many entries coming in from Blackbirds Class. The judging was a hard job, but someone had to do it! The cakes and bakes were all delicious but there can be only one winner to go through to the finals.....

CONGRATULATIONS FREDDIE HOLLINGER!



29th April Wagtails— 3rd June Skylarks—1st July The Final!

SCHOOL VACANCIES

The School and Pre-school both have vacancies for children to come and join us. If you know anyone looking for a school or pre-school place please encourage them to come and have a look round.

SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of a hot dinner is increasing to £2.30 per day, for those children who pay for their dinners. Thank you for ensuring that your outstanding meals balances remain low. The school appreciates your prompt payment.

Please where possible pay by BACS (sort 20 62 61 account 00382256) stating clearly lunch payment and name.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Looking ahead to September we are planning to introduce a cashless system of payments via Pupil Asset. The system will allow you to see all costs due for meals, clubs, trips etc and allow you to add credit to your child's account. More details about logins will be available nearer the time. We anticipated that there will be a minimum top up of around £20, as the school will be charged a fee per transaction.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday 5th April

This is now a family learning afternoon at school from 1.30-3pm. Parents are invited into school to take part in activities with their child. All children should be collected from school as normal at 3.15pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL—Tuesday 23rd April

Please note there is a new menu for the summer term1, and the meal for the first day back is Jacket Potato.

HOW HILL PARENTS MEETING—Wednesday 24th April 3.15pm

GROWING DAY AT WOODGATE NURSERY, AYLSHAM—Saturday 27th April 2-4pm

Please come along and have a go at making your own Cress Caterpillar

BLACKBIRDS LEARNING CAFÉ—Thursday 2nd May 9-10.30am

Bank Holiday 6th May—School Closed

HOW HILL RESIDENTIAL—20th to 22nd May

MESSY CHURCH—Friday 24th May (Last day of Term)