



NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th February 2020

Dear All,

As you may know, last Friday we had some **amazing** news! We found out that our National Lottery grant application had been accepted. We have won a fantastic **£10,000** to rebuild the trim trail. This will mean we are able to replace the existing trim trail with a new, slightly more exciting, one. We will also have money to buy a sandpit for the children to enjoy and a pre-school climbing frame with a little stage. This should transform the lower part of our field. Hopefully work will begin soon as the contractors will be working during term-time. Other plans for the outdoor area this year are to resurface the playground, move the quiet area to the top of the field, establish a gardening area on the big field and create a den building/Forest school area nearest to the Portakabin. Hopefully we will be able to raise some extra money from the Tesco bags for life fundraising which will help to pay for all of these extras. So, lots to look forward to! We hope to see some real progress soon.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: Everyone has been very busy in Little Brown Hare this week. The children have loved enjoying the sunnier and slightly warmer weather. They also enjoyed joining Blackbirds for their number day activities.

Blackbirds: Blackbirds have had a fantastic time this week creating their chocolate bars and designing packaging for them. They also loved their number day activities, following a recipe carefully to make playdough and playing lots of exciting maths games.

Wagtails: This week we have been looking at the different types of climate around the world. We have also looked at what types of spice/food grow in these climates. We are going to use this information to plan expeditions in search of new flavours.

Skylarks: Skylarks mindfulness bottles are wonderfully engaging and have helped us to get into our learning each day. Family learning had a fun and science theme this time round which was exciting. The children are looking forward to seeing what grows from the seeds and vegetable tops! We have been busy learning about the human circulatory system as well as writing explanation texts.

World Book Day takes place this year on March 5th and we are already beginning to plan lots of exciting reading activities. Our theme this year will be *bedtime stories* so we will be asking children to come to school in their pyjamas rather than dressed as their favourite story book character.

Mr Kimpton – unfortunately Mr Kimpton injured his leg and has had to be on crutches for the last two weeks. In order to help his leg to heal, he needs to rest it completely and so will be off again next week. We are very grateful to Mrs Blakesly who has been able to provide some consistent cover. We are hoping Mr Kimpton will be able to return after half-term. I'm sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.



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Lateness is becoming a real problem in school. The number of families arriving after 9.10am is increasing. First thing in the morning is a really important time to help children settle into their day and prepare for learning. We see a real difference in the children who have arrived early enough to have a run around before school - they are much more ready to learn. Interventions also take place first thing which children can't afford to miss. Children coming in late can disrupt registration for all of the children in the class and often means that we don't order to correct number of lunches as children arrive after the register has closed. **Please** can you make a real effort to be in school for 9am. **Thankyou!**

Please check out our facebook page...
<https://www.facebook.com/ErpinghamPrimarySchool/>

Ros Fretwell is a local PE teacher with over 20 years' experience teaching at North Walsham High School. She is passionate about helping children to be active and enjoy activities in the outdoors. She would love to set up an after school club at the MUGA by the village hall, focusing on team work, fitness and coordination. It may be possible for us to transport children from school to the club which would mean parents could collect at a later time. If you would be interested in your child attending this club, please could you let the office know? Many thanks.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 10th February – Blackbirds' Bakeoff

Wednesday 12th February – Wagtails Forest School immersion day

Friday 14th February – **Last** swimming for Skylarks (who will join us at church afterwards)

Friday 14th February – Messy Church @ 2pm – **collect from the church**

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – half-term

Tuesday 3rd March – Parents' Consultations

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Y3 swimming

Friday 20th March – Y3 swimming

Wednesday 25th March – Skylarks Forest School immersion day

Monday 30th March – Wagtails' Bake Off

Wednesday 1st April – Messy Church – end of term



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