



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear All,

Well the weather has certainly been a bit wild and windy this week! As the temperature drops, please make sure that you send your children to school in warm clothes. Not only do they need to be snug when they are out at playtime but we are also having to keep doors and windows open to increase ventilation so it can get a bit chilly!

On Monday we are celebrating World Mental Health Day to raise awareness that it is 'Ok to not be OK'. 10% of children in our country have a mental health problem and this is something which could strike any of us at any time. Please give generously to support this cause and help us to make a difference.

Happy Friday!

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

## **This week in class...**

**Little Brown Hare:** Some of the stories we will be listening to this month are 'Little Red Hen' and 'Hairy Maclary'. Apple the chicken has been in to visit the children this week and they have been able to feed her and look closely at the eggs she has laid. We will be talking to the children about the pets we have at home and how we look after them. Please email some photos of your pets to Pre-School and we can display them for the children to talk about.

Have you ever wondered what the benefits of bubble blowing are? Other than being a lot of fun, it helps young children with visual tracking as they follow the bubbles, this is a necessary foundation for reading & writing. Another benefit is breath control, blowing bubbles requires being mindful and breathing just right as many of us adults practice with yoga. It helps us to regulate our nervous system and control our emotions.

**Blackbirds:** In Blackbirds Class, we have been investigating the colours around us in the natural world. The children have been out hunting for different coloured leaves and have found out why leaves change colour in autumn and fall from the trees. They have used the leaves to inspire them with some really creative art work back in the classroom. In maths, year one have been investigating part-part-whole and using this to help them with addition - they are getting really good at it. Reception children have been choosing different ways to sort items.

**Wagtails:** We've been busy writing our own stories based on the story of Prahlad and Holika from the Hindu festival of Holi. The children have been coming up with their own challenges of good versus evil to keep our stories in the same style as the original. We have also been looking at the importance of sleep in our PSHE lessons. We will be looking at the work of Jackson Pollock at the end of the week to create our own Holi inspired art work.

**Skylarks:** In Skylarks we have been art detectives this week, investigating famous sculptors and their works to give us lots of ideas for exploring our own pieces. We also wrote a postcard to our visiting artist Jess Perry. We've been crunching negative numbers in numeracy and have discovered some interesting rules about them when adding and subtracting in our R.E. work we have compared tourists and pilgrims to further our understanding of our key question: 'Where will your journey take you?'



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## House points so far this term

**Willow**  
332

**Elm**  
350

**Oak**  
302

**Ash**  
227

### Random request!

If anyone has any old brollies which may be a bit broken, but would still manage to keep off the rain, we could do with 6 (large ones would be brilliant!) to cover over the hands free system for hand washing in the woods. The brollies would work to ensure the portable system is kept dry whilst children are drying their hands.



Skylarks are about to embark on a sculptural adventure but need some supplies to help! If you have any of the below, please bring them in to school by Wednesday 14th October.

- Clean Recyclables
- New Tin Foil
- SMALL boxes e.g. match/tissue box sized
- Small amounts of Fabrics/Textiles/Wool/Buttons
- Dried Pasta

Thank you in advance,  
Mr Portas

### Pre-loved uniform

Mrs Fenner has some second-hand uniform available for free if anyone needs anything. There is a selection of coats and footwear ready and waiting for a new home. If anyone has second-hand uniform they would like to donate, then please email the office and we will arrange for you to bring it in. We will leave it for 72 hours before trying to find it a new home. If you need any items, please email the office and we will match you up.



### World Mental Health Day

On Monday we will be raising money for the Young Minds Charity. Please wear something **YELLOW** and bring in a donation of £1 to support their vital work.

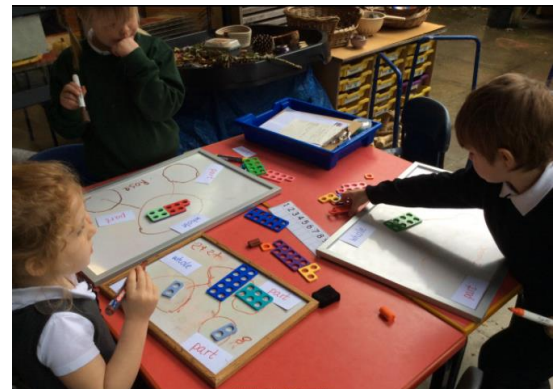
**Thank you!** A big thank you goes to Arthur's dad, Nigel, for constructing a wooden shed in the woodland so we can store equipment. We appreciate your time and efforts in making our lives in the woods that little bit easier! THANK YOU!

### INSET days

The remaining staff training days for this year are October 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup>. These are different from the Norfolk County dates. Children are **in** school on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and **out of** school on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Friends of Erpingham Primary

Please come along to our AGM on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am. This is a great opportunity to hear what we've been up to this year. There's also still...just about...time to sign up for the 'Marathon in a Month' challenge. Check out our Facebook page for more information and join in the fun!







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