



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear All,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half-term, in spite of the weather! It has been lovely to see the children back in school again, refreshed and ready to learn.

As you know, yesterday we entered a 4-week period of national lockdown. We hope that school will remain the same as much as possible and a constant for the children, but please see below for details of a couple of changes which we need to make. I know we can count on your support in making our school as safe as possible for everyone.

I hope that you all stay safe and well during this time. If you ever find yourself needing support in any way, please just let us know and we will do our best to help!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

## This week in class...

**Little Brown Hare** Our story this month is 'It was a cold, dark night', all about Ned the hedgehog who needed somewhere to sleep for the winter. The children have made their own homes for a hedgehog which they have made from clay and pumpkin seeds.

**Blackbirds:** In Blackbirds Class, the children are learning a new poem about colours. They had a treasure hunt to help them find out about the different verses of the poem and will be writing some poems of their own over the next few weeks. They have also been thinking about favourite colours and have painted some beautiful pictures with different colours to make into book covers. In maths, the children have been using the farm animals to investigate addition and subtraction.

**Wagtails:** This week in wagtails, we have started to make our own calaveras – see the pictures below! This has involved lots of new skills to help shape the clay into our desired shape. We will be designing and painting them next week using our knowledge of important symbols in Day of the Dead. We have also been writing non-chronological reports to share our knowledge on Day of the Dead with others. The children have been working hard on the language they have been using and how to make our writing as interesting and engaging as possible!

**Skylarks:** Skylarks have been super busy, despite being in isolation. It's been facts, factors and multiples in maths followed by some fantastic detailed descriptive writing using similes, adverbs and senses in literacy. As part of our topic the children were challenged to use detective's viewfinders to look at their homes from different and unusual points of view to create their own photographic art collages.

## Housepoints so far this term...

Willow

425

Elm

454

Oak

366

Ash

262



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## Attendance Awards

Well done to the following children who achieved 100 % attendance last half-term.

### Blackbirds

Leonora, Isaac, Rosa, Izzie, Rowan, Thaddy, Ella-Joy and Harry

### Wagtails

Leo, Freddie H, Toby, Henry, Theo, Oscar, Owen and Kit

### Skylarks

Sophie, Beth, Kris, Summer, Lily-Beth, Esme, Amelie, Jack, Izzie and Cameron



## Christmas

As November hurtles past us, we are turning our thoughts towards Christmas. Although we may have to celebrate differently, we hope to be able to continue some of our traditions. We will be joining in the virtual Sheringham Pantomime from our classrooms – Oh yes we will!, we will be having Christmas dinner as usual in school followed by class parties, there will be an adapted 'virtual' Christingle service and also – a specially adapted visit from Father Christmas. In addition there will be some form of recorded Christmas production which we will be able to share with parents and carers – more details to follow as we have them.



## Children in Need

Next Friday is Children in Need. We are asking children to come in non-school uniform on that day and to bring in £1 for the charity. Children in Need is a charity which all of our children might benefit from at some point in their lives and it would be really great to be able to raise more than £50. Please give what you can. See below for more details of Skylarks ideas for fundraising.



## National Lockdown

Due to the national lockdown, we are asking parents to wear face masks onsite at drop-off and pick up times. This will help us to keep our children and staff as safe as possible whilst they work to keep our school open for everyone. This will come into effect from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Please could we also remind you to socially distance whilst on the playground and leave as soon as possible once you have dropped off/collected your child(ren). Please remember also that staff aren't able to talk to parents after school but are very happy to be contacted via phone or email. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## Forest School

Please could all children come to school **in** their Forest School kit on the day of their session. This includes Blackbirds whose session is in the afternoon. We hope this will mean the children get more valuable time in the Forest and it will help us to keep our Forest School team safe as they won't need to come indoors.

**Please bring school uniform to change into afterwards (Y2-6).**

**And remember...**

**no kit = no Forest School**



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Dear Families,

Here are just a few messages from Skylarks. On November 27th Skylarks will hold a series of sponsored events in class or at home. I hope you can help in whatever way you can.

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Skylarks we have been learning about Children in Need (with its famous mascot Pudsey Bear) and the 'rickshaw challenge'. The rickshaw challenge is where six young people ride on a bike for hundreds of miles to raise money for children in need.

We are thinking of doing a sponsorship to support them. It would be incredibly helpful if you could sponsor us?

I am doing a sponsored silence!

If everyone sponsors even a small amount of money it could all make a difference.  
From Beth.

To Parents and Carers,

We have been learning about these children from Children in Need. We think you might be able to help. Their names are Eion, Rosie and Jim. They are very sweet and amazing! We discovered that Eion's father died and he was very sad but he found a football club funded by Children in Need. We were so pleased that because of the support he became confident and he even challenged himself to do the rickshaw bike ride. We were thinking about a sponsor mini ride around our playground.

If everyone does a little thing it could help a lot thank you!



From Esme in Skylarks





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