



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear All,

It has been lovely to hear the many tales of success at Parents' Evenings this week. The children are all making fantastic progress and it has been great to be able to share this with you. Thank you for embracing the slightly different way of working this term. The Zoom sessions worked really well and allowed parents to attend who otherwise might not have been able to. We hope to continue with these as an option in the future for those who prefer them.

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas celebrations over the next two weeks and hope that we can make the festive period feel as normal as possible for the children. There will be lots of opportunities for some Christmas crafts, fun and stories as we bring festive cheer to these darker days – including a special visit from Father Christmas in the last week of term!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

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

**Little Brown Hare:** Christmas has arrived at Little Brown Hare with many craft activities that involve plenty of glue and sparkles along with decorating the pine tree. This week the children have also been engaging in large scale construction, challenging themselves physically and mentally as they take risks climbing, jumping and balancing. At LBH we follow the children's interests and enhance their play, some of the children have been pirates which has also included lots of mark making opportunities.

**Blackbirds:** Blackbirds Class have continued painting and writing about their feelings and this week. As well as some very thoughtful poems, they have been painting pictures in the style of Mark Rothko. The pictures in the photo are of 'having a cold' and 'feeling sleepy and calm'. In maths, we have all been very busy making and ordering numbers and starting to think about place value. The children have been excited to celebrate advent as we look forward to Christmas. Father Christmas has very kindly lent us some books, with one new story to unwrap each day of advent. We also have a kindness calendar and are thinking about a new kind thing each day.

**Wagtails:** We've been finding out all about Chinese dragons this week. We discovered that a Chinese dragon in most cases was actually made up of over 6 animals parts! We were very surprised to see that one of the animal parts was actually the eyes of a rabbit! We used this knowledge to then design our own dragons before then making them using the origami. The children then had to come up with a legend/myth for their dragon. The children really applied their prior knowledge to this section of the task and included many aspects of myths we have looked at over the course of this term. This helped them to create some very detailed and entertaining back stories.

**Skylarks:** Skylarks can at last announce the grand opening of their outdoor sculpture trail! It was formally opened courtesy of our esteemed Headteacher, Mrs Watts. The ribbon was cut, cakes were served (decorated by Skylarks) and the children showed Mrs Watts round the trail. She was very impressed with the art work and ideas they had come up with! Wagtails were invited and arrived later to find the sculptures using a leaflet produced by the Skylarks. Wagtails were excited to solve the puzzle/riddle at each station with prizes for the children who solved the challenge.



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**Thank you** to everyone who donated to our collection for the Poppy Appeal. We raised £100.45. This is fantastic, especially alongside our fundraising for Children in Need this term.

**Get your glitter on!** Don't forget that we will be supporting two worthy charities by raising money as we 'Get our glitter on'. On December 10<sup>th</sup> we would love children to wear something sparkly or glittery and to donate £1. This can be as much or as little glitter as you like from a full outfit to just some tinsel. This will also be the children's Christmas lunch and party day so they can embrace the festive spirit! Half of the money will go to the NSPCC and the other half to Aylsham Community Trust – Families who are raising money to help fund a dedicated mental health worker for the Aylsham Cluster schools.

## Dates for your Diary

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – wear something glittery! & Christmas lunch

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – virtual Sheringham pantomime

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** - end of term

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – back to school

**Thank you so much** Peter (Buffy) Wilcox from Erpingham House Farm for donating our wonderful Christmas tree. It looks fabulous with all your lovely decorations and is bringing some much needed festive cheer! There are still many trees left at the farm so do pop along if you're still to buy yours!

**Coats** As the weather becomes more wintry, please could you make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat? We are outdoors in all weathers and it is much easier for children to enjoy playtimes when they are warm and dry!

## **Attendance this week**

**Blackbirds = 97.6%**

**Wagtails = 95.8%**

**Skylarks = 94.0%**

Well done Blackbirds!

It gave me so much joy to open the Skylarks' sculpture trail this morning. The children have all worked so hard to create, not just the sculptures, but also maps, quizzes, information plaques and descriptions. They should be very proud of their work this term and I am thankful to Mr Portas for the work he has put in to creating the topic and organising today's event. We hope to put a video together soon to share the work with parents. This topic is just one example of the fantastic work teachers are putting in to our curriculum at the moment and it has been wonderful to see the children so invested in their learning. Well done Skylarks!

**Friends of Erpingham** Thank you to everyone who took part in the Marathon in a Month – we raised around £200 which was a fantastic amount. Prizes for all who took part will be sent home shortly. We would love to know how many miles we managed altogether so do remember to let us know your total!

**Tea towels** – the children have each drawn a self-portrait and these have been combined to create a fantastic teatowel. These will be on sale from the office for £5. If you would like to purchase one, two or even more, please send in the money **in cash, in a marked envelope**, and we will make sure the tea towels are with you as soon as possible. Could there be a more perfect present for Christmas?

**One man's trash...**If you receive any gifts over the festive period which don't quite hit the mark please think of us. We hope to have a gift amnesty in the new year where we can collect unwanted items for us to use as prizes in tombolas etc. All donations welcome!



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During December the following items would be very welcome - ready for us to be able to give Christmas goodies to clients

Christmas Puddings – no alcohol  
Christmas Cake – no alcohol  
Mince Pies – no alcohol  
Tinned Ham  
Tinned Salmon  
Christmas Crackers  
Boxes of biscuits  
Crisps nuts etc  
Chocolate treats  
Sponge Pudding  
Fruit Juice  
Squash

Please get donations to us by 18<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

Thank you!





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