



Friday 11th June 2021

Dear All,

I hope that you all enjoyed the half-term holiday, what a delight to be able to be out in the sunshine! As always the children have settled quickly back into school and returned to their 'Explore' topics.

The joy of the final half-term in school is always that we are able to maximise opportunities to be outside and to learn from wonderful experiences in new places. I am so pleased that we are returning to this this year. Skylarks enjoyed a wonderful (if very warm!) trip to the Sainsbury Centre this week and there are more trips for other classes booked too including to Hickling Broad, the food bank, Gressenhall and Pensthorpe. These visits add an important 'extra dimension' to the children's learning in school and we are thrilled that they are able to take place.

Elsewhere we returned this week to holding collective worship together as a school outside. It was wonderful to be able to gather together and talk about why this worship time is so important to our school family. We are also beginning to plan other events but, at the moment, are unable to confirm dates or whether parents will be able to attend. We hope that more information will be announced by the government on Monday and we will update you as soon as we possibly can.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: The children have come back all refreshed after their week off and raring to go. The weather has changed and summer appears to have arrived. Like flowers the children blossom too and it is lovely to watch and be a part of. At LBH we limit our daily transitions so that the children have time to deeply engage in their chosen activities. We will do a circle time activity before lunch just to gather and settle before eating, one of the activities is singing. Nursery rhymes are a great way to develop early phonic skills along with children's social skills, it is also a great way for children to get to know one another, you may have heard your child sing our 'hello song', an opportunity to meet and greet and speak out in a group.

Blackbirds: Blackbirds Class have been thinking about 'Does everyone have enough to eat?' The children did an exercise where they all had some money to buy a chocolate, but some of them did not have enough. The children with too much money straight away decided to share with the children who did not have enough, and so everyone could get the chocolate. The children thought that it was not fair if people do not have enough money to buy food and that people should help each other out. We have been finding out about how we can help out by learning about the foodbank. We have opened up a box to see what someone gets to eat and are also planning balanced meals from the class shop. Look out next week for more information about the foodbank collection that the children will be organising. Blackbirds class have also been out identifying some wild flowers and investigating what creatures live on the grass and flowers.

Wagtails: We have been working on diary writing this week. This has come in handy for documenting our voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to the island of San Salvador. We had a lot to deal with along our voyage with cramped sleeping conditions, ocean storms and the heat of the Bahamas! The class have written some incredible entries in their diaries including how their feelings/ideas have changed with the different events of the voyage. We are planning on travelling north where we hope to meet some of the indigenous people and learn all about their culture.

Skylarks: Skylarks have been busy learning about explorers such as Sir Francis Drake and Christopher Columbus. We have had interesting discussions about the impact of their journeys and reflected on our key question of whether everyone should or can roam freely? We will be developing our thinking in relation to this and our concept of sustainability over the coming weeks. Another exciting piece of news is that Skylarks enjoyed their first foray out as a class to the Sainsbury Centre and UEA sculpture park this week. Despite it being quite hot we all managed to explore, draw, discuss, photograph and learn about the art and history of this amazing place.



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Nicola Newt We are very sad to announce that Nicola Newt (Mrs Poole) has decided to leave us as Forest School leader at the end of the term. Nicola has been an invaluable part of the team for over 10 years and her hard work in establishing Forest School was a big part in the increase in numbers which has kept our schools sustainable. Nicola is almost irreplaceable and we will miss her enthusiasm, passion for learning and sense of humour! Nicola is moving on to pursue her future in counselling and we will be very sad to see her go.

We are currently recruiting for a new leader and will update you with plans for September as soon as we can.

Village Fete Erpingham Village Fete is coming up on the 3rd July 12:30 -4:30! The Friends have been working hard to organise games and activities for our school stall and we would love for more parents to be involved. If you are interested in helping out on the stall for a half hour slot it would be very much appreciated and you may even get a free go on hook the duck! Please could you email Mrs Sacre on deputyhead@bsf.norfolk.sch.uk if you would be able to volunteer.

Dates for your diary

Skylarks Swimming - Fridays - 25th June, 9th July

Year 6 Surf School – Tuesdays - 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June, 5th July

Aylsham High School Year 6 Transition Days – 30th June and 1st & 2nd of July

Last Day of Term Wednesday 21st July.

Covid Restrictions Please can we remind you that, apart from sitting children in groups, our Covid restrictions haven't changed at all. We are still following government guidance.

Drop off times are as follows – Blackbirds 8.50am, Wagtails 9am, Skylarks 9.10am. Collection times are Blackbirds 3pm, Wagtails 3.10pm, Skylarks 3.20pm. Please don't come onto the site any earlier than you need to and remember that only one parent or carer can come onto site to reduce crowding. Whilst we know we are on the way out of lockdown we are not there yet and as a school we have a responsibility to make sure that we are following the guidance as closely as possible. We hope that further announcements from the government will follow soon but in the meantime, please help us to keep on keeping everyone safe.

Thank you!

Staffing Last time, we announced that Mrs Barker would be moving across to Skylarks in September to teach for half of the week. This left a space in Wagtails for a teaching assistant. We are delighted to announce that Miss Moore has accepted the position and will be staying with us after the summer. Miss Moore has been a fantastic addition to the team since lockdown and we are so pleased that we have found a longer-term position for her.

STEM Ambassador arrives (Well virtually anyway!!)

Our KS1 and 2 children at both Erpingham and Northrepps met Sam Lee and heard all about what inspired him to work in the world of aviation. He kindly organised some exciting, flight related challenges for the children to try in class and at home. We believe this is an important part of our role in widening children's opportunities and raising their aspirations for the future. Thanks to Sam for organising and presenting such an interesting event.

Holiday Please remember that all absences need to be reported to the office and that all term-time holiday must be applied for. There is a form to complete which can be obtained from the office. Holiday cannot be authorised unless it is exceptional circumstances but we always need to know where children are – thank you!





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