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Friday 24th September

Dear All,

As we begin to get into the swing of the new term, we are starting to find opportunities for you to come in and be part of our community again. On Monday of next week we will be holding our first drop-in. This will be an opportunity for you to pop-in, have a chat with teachers, look at the children's classrooms and maybe some of the learning they have been doing so far. You are welcome into school from 2.45pm and are free to take your children as soon as you have finished. On Thursday the Friends are holding a coffee afternoon for Macmillan and then some family fun, left over from the summer, after school. Please bring your pennies and support these worthwhile causes.

We hope that there will be many more opportunities for you to get involved in school this year. In particular, we are looking for parents to be subject champions, looking out for ideas and opportunities in the community in your favourite subject area. We would also love for more people to be involved in our growing (!) garden project. If you would like to be involved in either of these please drop me a line – head@bsf.norfolk.sch.uk. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class…

Little Brown Hare: As autumn arrives, we have been harvesting the fruits and vegetables from our garden. The children have pulled up onions, sweetcorn, potatoes and continue to savour the late raspberries. We've talked about size, colour, smell and taste and have used the vegetables in the mud kitchen in imaginary play making soups, cakes, porridge...whatever the children choose to create. We've re-told the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears, finding props around us and have spent lots of quiet time moulding playdough. We also started using the school playground during some lunchtimes, enjoying the sandpit, trim-trail and playing with our friends and siblings.

Blackbirds: Blackbirds Class have been learning about different parts of the body this week and the year ones have thought about 'My favourite part of me' and created a piece of writing for a class book. Most popular were feet for running, climbing and playing football, although hands and mouths got a look in too. It has been an exciting week for reception children, as they have started phonics and have all got their first book to take home and talk about. They have been very enthusiastic about both of these things, with some children even teaching their grown-ups at home how to write their new letters. They have also started doing 'finger gym' exercises every day to build strong hands for writing. This includes playdough, sweeping and threading and is always fun. In maths this week, we have learnt about the inequality signs <, . and =. We found out that the mouth of the crocodile always opens on the bigger number (unless they are the same... but we also know what to do then.) On Thursday afternoon, the children helped to weed the vegetable garden and as they did this looked closely at the parts of plants and found all sorts of different roots, which year ones have drawn careful labelled diagrams.

Wagtails: We have been super busy in Wagtails this week. We managed to finish our Keith Haring inspired class project and it is now in pride of place hanging from the ceiling in our classroom! We have been finding out all about Frida Kahlo as well. We were really surprised to find out how much money some of her work has sold for and how she conveyed her feelings and beliefs in her self-portraits. The children were fantastic at spotting items and animals in her work and thinking carefully about what they represented.

Skylarks: Skylarks have been learning about body proportion and about artists interested in human shape and form. Y5s went to the local Scarrow Beck to learn about the work of the National Trust in supporting and encouraging wildlife as well as helping to reduce flood risks in the area. Y6s had their first all day Forest and had a great time with our new forest team! Please can all the Skylarks bring in a family photo current and one from the past asap for our topic.

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This week's Hi-five awards go to…

Rowan – for consistently good and quick hi-fives.

Frankie – for excellent effort and attitude in class

Alaina – for excellent adverbial phrases in her Key Skills

Johnny – for excellent writing in Key Skills

Saffron – for excellent writing in Key Skills

Henry – for excellent analysis of Frida Kahlo's art work

Forest School Volunteers
Thank you to Emma and Karen who have volunteered to support the team in Forest School, we are so grateful for your time! We are still on the look-out for an extra volunteer on a Thursday morning until half-term. If you think this might be the role for you, please do get in touch as soon as you can. **Thank you!**

Dates for your diary

Skylarks Swimming – Fridays: 8th & 22nd of October, 12th & 26th of November and 10th December

Skylarks Amazona trip – Tuesday 5th October

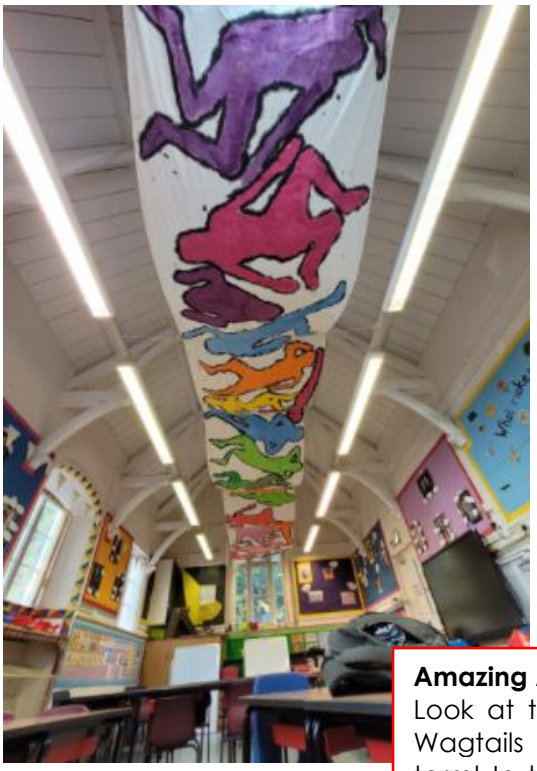
Census day, Thursday 7th October – Please can all flexi pupils in Reception, year 1 and 2 attend school to ensure we get full funding

Whole School Flu sprays - Friday 8th October

Half term w.c. 25th October

Tempest School Photos – Monday 15th November

Family learning Afternoon – Thursday 18th November



Little Brown Hare
You may have noticed that Sas has been away from the preschool for a little while. She has had surgery on her back. All went well and we wish her all the very best for a speedy recovery. In the meantime, thank you to Julie, Jenny, Rachel, Saara, Amy and Mrs Fenner for stepping up and helping out to keep everything running smoothly.

Friends of Erpingham Primary
On Thursday next week, the Friends are holding a Macmillan coffee afternoon and the long-awaited summer fete. The fun will start at 2.30pm with a chance for parents & friends old and new to get together and have a chat. This will be followed after school by fun games and activities so bring your pennies! There will be no Kwik Cricket session this week but if you need childcare, just let us know and we can mind the children until 4.30pm

Amazing Artwork!!
Look at the awesome art work which Wagtails have created already this term! In the style of Keith Haring, they have designed this wonderful ceiling hanging. Do pop in to have a look after school on Monday.

Drop-in Why not pop into school on Monday 27th at 2.45pm to see our amazing classrooms and to look at some of the things your child(ren) have been up to so far. Feel free to take your children once you have finished.

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