



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Dear All,

It was really lovely to welcome so many parents to our drop-in on Monday – it almost felt like 'normal'! Thank you to everyone who attended, I hope that you also enjoyed the opportunity to get into school and to see the learning which has been taking place so far. Similarly, the Macmillan coffee afternoon and the Friends' family fun saw good numbers of parents come along. Thank you to all of the Friends who baked cakes, provided prizes and manned stalls. It was a lovely event and so nice to be able to come together once more.

The weather has definitely turned this week and so I will give my regular plea for children to have appropriate clothing – especially waterproof coats in school. We do our best to be outside whatever the weather and it's always nicer when you're snug and dry!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

#### This week in class...

**Little Brown Hare:** With the wild windy weather on Monday, we decided to make kites and run with the wind! At Little Brown Hare we are outside most of the time and the children have opportunity to do physical activity all year round and in all types of weather, building resilience and stamina. Outside this week, we harvested and tasted carrots from the garden, sang songs and shared stories around the firepit, drew around ourselves on paper and returned to familiar favourites such as the tyre swings, climbing the tree and using wooden blocks and guttering to build car tracks.

**Blackbirds:** This week we have started to think about the mini question, "Do we all like the same things?" We have talked about our favourite colours and mixed primary colours to create beautiful paintings. Year ones took their paintings one step further and added pictures of the things they like, to make a self-portrait with a difference. We have used similar 'portraits' by a range of artists as a starting point for discussions about our favourite foods, clothes, animals and much more. We have decided that we don't always like the same things - sometimes we do, sometimes we don't, but it is ok. We have also been out hunting leaves (they are all different too) and matching the different types of trees. We have used an app to learn how to use the different features of leaves to find out what tree they are from. Forest School on Tuesday continues to be wonderful. The children made binoculars and enjoyed watching the clouds and looking closely at the forest school area.

**Wagtails:** We've had a busy week learning all about the life of Frida Kahlo. The class have made some fantastic comic books detailing the key events in her life in preparation for writing biographies next week. We will also be taking inspiration from how she painted and sketched pictures of her feet, and doing similar but with shoes that represent a part of us i.e. football boots or ballet shoes. It was brilliant to have the parents come in on Monday and to see the children excitedly show off the classroom and their work.

**Skylarks:** It was lovely for the children to show their parents our classroom and some of their work, thanks to those of you who came. This week Skylarks have dived into the wonderful world of Jabberwocky, by Lewis Carroll. We have been learning and performing the poem, using a range of dramatic techniques. We've had a few strange characters popping in this week!



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## This week's Hi-five awards go to...

- Baird** – for fantastic handwriting, focus and concentration
- Thaddy** – for super, enthusiastic reading
- Rosa** – for superb hi-fives
- Ned** – for making his own maraca from his reading book and sharing with us
- Henry** – for considerably helping Reception to tidy the bikes
- Henry** – for fantastic rhythm in music
- Saffron** – for being very helpful at lunchtime
- Tom** – for a fantastic comic strip on Frida Kahlo's life
- Beth** – for great questions during hot-seating



## Dates for your diary

**Skylarks Swimming** – Fridays: 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of November and 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Skylarks Amazona trip** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

**Census day** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Half term** – **Thursday** 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Tempest School Photos** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Family learning Afternoon** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

## **Friends of Erpingham Primary**

Thank you to everyone who came along yesterday to support Macmillan cancer and the Friends. It was lovely to spend time together, in spite of the weather! We raised an amazing £75.87 for Macmillan and £154.55 for the school. Don't forget the Friends' AGM is taking place next Thursday (6<sup>th</sup>) after drop-off. Please come along to find out about our work and elect the

## **Apples and Berries**

The Forest School team would really welcome any donations of apples (windfalls are fine, they don't need to be perfect) and berries for their activities over the next few weeks. They are planning to make bird feeders and do some tie-dyeing. Please bring any donations to the office.

**Thank you in advance!**

**Don't forget** – the last day of term is **Thursday** 21<sup>st</sup> October.



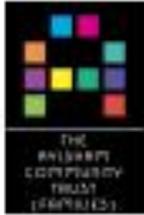


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## Parent Support Advisor

Parenting isn't easy and sometimes things can get tough. As a parent/carer you want what is best for your child.



**Our Parent Support Advisor is available to listen and support your family with any issues or concerns from home or school you may be facing.**

She may not have all of the answers, but she can offer:

- A confidential listening ear
- Help to enable you to express your concerns about your child to the school and act as a link between school and home
- Support and advice if you have concerns about your child's social, emotional or behavioural development, helping you to nip things in the bud before they get serious
- Support with transition - as they start or move between schools
- Give hints and tips about general parenting issues
- Help to find services and other agencies who are available to help you and your family including financial signposting
- Help with issues around school attendance

**Carol Flatters is our cluster Parent Support Advisor, she can be contacted by e-mail at [cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or by text/telephone on 07780 922545**

If you would like to meet Carol she will be at Aylsham High School on

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Wednesday 11th May 2022

9.30am – 10.30am

Please feel free to pop in and see her – no appointment required



Alternatively please contact Carol by e-mail or phone at any time throughout the school year (term time only)

