



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Dear All,

It has been another exciting week of learning with mystical Jaberwockys in Skylarks, colourful creations in Blackbirds, brilliant biographies in Wagtails and adventures with slugs in Little Brown Hare. It is so lovely to hear of all of the exciting learning experiences which we are able to offer in our wonderful setting. As we get closer to the application date, do share our school with any parents you know who may be applying for Reception places this year. We are always open to visits from parents and would love to show them our exciting curriculum.

Thank you to all who attended the Friends' AGM this week, there is more information on the Friends below but I wanted to say thank you to Karen Carr for her time as Chair and welcome Laura Hollinger to the role. We are so grateful for the support of the Friends and the funds which they are able to provide – thank you!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

## This week in class...

**Little Brown Hare:** We've started a new focus book, 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy' and have begun the week cutting, gluing and sticking to make Hairy Maclary models and masks. We've made 'dog food' in the mud kitchen and shared it out into bowls practising numeracy in a role-play context. A highlight has been discovering more carrots in the garden and eating them and finding some amazing slugs of different sizes and colours. We've also enjoyed dressing up and dancing to different music in the 'snug', and doing puzzles together. The children have all been totally immersed in their own play, thinking and learning about things that they find interesting: how cars move down tracks, how to spin in a tyre, how to make a big puddle, how to stick glitter on paper, how to make a soft bed for toys... endless ideas and always learning through play.

**Blackbirds:** This week, Blackbirds have had a fantastic time in Forest School, where they were looking at autumn leaves, using berries to dye fabric and bashing leaves to make colourful prints. They have also been out and about doing a pattern seeking science experiment to find out if all oak leaves have the same number of lobes (bumpy bits) - we found out that they do not. We have also been doing very careful colour mixing, creating colours to exactly match our skin. In maths, everyone has been busy counting, using number lines and thinking about place value and creating bigger numbers using tens and ones.

**Wagtails:** We have been looking carefully at the different features of biography writing in preparation for our Frida Kahlo biographies. The children have worked really well using everything from 3<sup>rd</sup> person pronouns to the past tense and paragraphs. It's been great to see so many really thinking about their presentation and how the way we display our writing can really help the reader find information quickly. We have also taken inspiration from Frida Kahlo and are looking at our feet as ways to represent ourselves. The class have chosen shoes that they feel show elements of their character and have begun to carefully sketch them focussing on texture, shadow and shape. It's been brilliant to see the class really engaging with this and giving superb specific feedback to each other to help improve on future drafts.

**Skylarks:** Amazing nonsense from Skylarks this week! Their Jabberwocky based poems are progressing well with lots of words made from two - portmanteau. Some children have written their own diary or sequels as if they were Lewis Carroll. In maths they have been working with their rounding and negative numbers. We really enjoyed Freddie's amazing home learning project all about different artists and has had a go at creating his own art based in the Picasso's style.



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

- Molly** – for really good Hi-fives
- Raffi** – for always showing a good Hi-five
- Bella** – for superb 3 times table knowledge
- Arthur** – for fantastic Hi-five standards
- Amelie** – for being helpful at lunchtime
- Alaina** – for perseverance in maths and being an enthusiastic friend
- Lucy** – for fabulous Hi-fives



## Dates for your diary

- Skylarks Swimming** – Fridays: 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 19<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

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



THE AVULSHAM  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST  
(FAMILIES)

**It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child**

**Erpingham Primary School  
Family Learning**

We would like to invite you to join your child for a fun autumn themed family learning afternoon on  
**Thursday 18th November**  
**1.30pm - 3pm**

On arrival please wait in the main playground where we will meet you  
We hope to be outside as much as possible  
Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear

Arrangements for the day are subject to change giving consideration to current cases of COVID-19 and weather conditions





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## A guide to the Friends of Erpingham primary School

### Who we are and what we do:

We are a friendly, welcoming group of parents who help raise money for the school and pre-school through fundraising initiatives that are fun for pupils and parents, building the relationships between parents and teachers and engaging with the wider community.

We are a registered charity which allows us to access additional schemes and benefits, and we are registered members of Parentkind, an organisation that provides our insurance and PTA resources.

Our new Chair is Laura Hollinger, and she's supported by Genna Witham. Kezia Everson is the Secretary, with support from Polly and Jaide Carter is the Treasurer with support from Katherine.

Our Facebook group FRIENDS OF ERPINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL is a closed group where all parents can post ideas of things to do, ask questions (is it a Forest School Day for year 4 Wagtails today? When is the last day of term? etc.) and share event reminders with the school community. Please do join it if you use Facebook!

Over the past year and a half, raising funds for the school has been quite a challenge and most of our income has come from the clothes bank in the car park at the village hall. If you have any clothes, bags or shoes you or your family no longer need, please pop them in there. It's emptied every week and the money raised goes to helping the school.

Some of the activities and fundraising events we have run in the past include school bake-off competitions, movie nights, scoot and cake evenings, run/walk/cycle a marathon in a month, wreath making for parents, winter wonderland evening with Father Christmas, Christmas presents for parents and tea towels. We've also done a village coffee morning take-over!

The money we raise goes towards the annual school trip to see a Christmas panto, books for the library, Chromebook laptops for pupils and last year we paid the balance (above the grant obtained by the school) of the cost of the new trim trail.

### Can I join in?

Yes! While we keep committee members to a minimum, we are always keen to have a group of parents to join us for meetings, to share new fundraising ideas and lend a hand at events. If you'd like to be involved, please get in touch: [friendsoferpinghamprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoferpinghamprimary@gmail.com) or send us a message through our Facebook page.