



Friday 25th March

Dear All,

As always it has been beautiful to enjoy happy playtimes in the sunshine this week. It has been a real pleasure to be outside. The warmer weather has meant that we have been able to use some of the more fair-weather equipment such as the cardboard bricks, parachute and the sandpit which has meant the children have been able to enjoy much more variation in their play. Mrs Sacre has been working hard on the play charter with the children and you can see that below.

The Prayer Spaces sessions yesterday were a great success and gave the children lots of opportunities to reflect on different aspects of the Easter story which they did with real sensitivity. Thank you to Reverend Heather, Helen Burrell and the team for all their help in setting this up and running the sessions.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: Following on from discovering some frogs in our wild garden area a week ago we decided to go for a walk around the big pond in the Forest School site. Here we watched frogs swimming and listened to them croak, we also spotted lots of frog spawn and collected a little to take a closer look. The children have also enjoyed looking for mini beasts, finding ladybirds amongst the leaves and searching under logs, we lost count of how many worms we found whilst digging over the garden beds.

Blackbirds: On Wednesday, Blackbirds Class went on a visit to Mrs Witham's family tractor yard. We loved seeing all the different vehicles, spotting which were old and which were new and thinking about what they were all used for. Thank you so much to all the Withams for showing us round and giving us such an interesting trip. The children enjoyed sitting up in the cab of the big tractor and pretending to drive the small tractor. In other news, we have also been learning about capacity and volume in maths, dodgeball in PE and Easter in RE

Wagtails: This week we have been learning all about Boudicca and the revolt she led against the Romans. We practised our tortoise formation using our new shields and the children (and adults) had lots of fun testing out the new shields with dodge balls and foam javelins. We learnt that Boudicca had many different variations of her name and that some even believe she is buried under Kings Cross Station in London!

Skylarks: Skylarks have been pharaoh architects, engineers and designers this week, creating plans and models of tombs so they can go to the afterlife safely and well resourced. In class we have also been debating and writing a balanced argument 'Should everyone be famous like a pharaoh?' In this vein, Skylarks virtually met the well-known presenter Claire Balding via a zoom call where they found out about her life, work and latest book as well as being able to put forward questions. Everyone enjoyed their trip to Langley School to be entertained by the students' performance of Matilda.

Forest School News This week in Forest School we have been having our pizza party! The children have enjoyed making their pizzas from scratch. It was a lovey activity that brought everyone round the fire/mini pizza oven circle talking about pizza, from where it comes from to what their favourite toppings are! It turned out lots of the children and adults had connections to pizza and it made them reminisce and share stories of their families making pizza together and some of their Italian heritage. We also talked about all the areas of learning that pizza covers like knowledge about the world and even science and how the yeast works to make the dough so doughy! Some of you might know already but we had some work done on our pond area as it had become uninhabitable for animals to live and grow. Since the work has been done we have been keeping an eye on how the pond is changing and how we can now see into the water! This week it looks like frogs and toads have arrived and have laid lots of frogspawn so hopefully we will be able to witness the life cycle of them!



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Erpingham Jubilee Celebrations As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, a village committee is planning events for the Jubilee Weekend. On the 2nd of June there will be free cream teas at the Hall and, hopefully on the 5th there will be a concert in the church. On Saturday 4th June there will be a 'Fun Day' at the Village Hall and the committee would like to know what events you would like to have. If you have any ideas, please contact the office. As part of this event, the committee would love some parents to organise some races or games with the children from the village. If you would be prepared to help, please contact Helen Burrell directly or let the office know and we will pass your details on. **Many thanks**

Friends of Erpingham Primary School Hello from the Friends! We've had a great couple of weeks secretly working away on the Mothers' Day gifts, thanks to everyone who took part! So far we've raised over £50, which is fab, we hope you love your gifts - the children are really proud of them! Marathon in a Month is also back for the month of April. See the poster below for how you and your family can get involved... it's a really fun way to get moving through the Easter holidays and raise some funds for the school at the same time. It's £5 per child to enter (why not even ask a family member to sponsor them to enter?!) As always we're so thankful for your support! The Friends

Dates for your diary

Year 5 Forest School – Wednesday 30th of March

Y2/3 Forest School – Thursday 31st of March

Blackbirds' Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon

Oak sponsored event for the RSPB – date changed - TBC

Erpingham School Exhibition – Monday 28th March @ 2pm – all welcome! @ the Village Hall

Skylarks' Gymnastics – Tuesday 29th March

KS2 Cross Country @ North Walsham High – Thursday 31st March

Messy Church – Friday 1st April @ 2pm at the Church – All welcome!

End of Term – Friday 1st April

Back to School - **Wednesday** 20th April

Don't forget! The Erpingham School Exhibition (postponed before Christmas) is taking place on Monday at the Village Hall – 2pm. Please do come along to see the children's work from our 'Create' term as well as some of the learning that has been happening since Christmas. It promises to be a fantastic event!





OPAL play project As part of our Outdoor Play and Learning project, we have been developing a play charter with the children. It sets out how they want their play to be and the responsibilities which we all have to make playtimes great. You can see the charter below...

Our Play from the Children of Erpingham Primary School

Play is important because....

- It keeps us healthy, gives us exercise and makes us feel good
- It gives our minds a rest from classroom learning
- It helps us be ready to do our learning and be more focussed when we go back in
- It lets us be with other children from different classes
- It helps us with our friendships
- We are always learning when we play

At Playtime we want to feel...

SAFE

HAPPY

FREE

To make sure this happens we will....

- Be kind
- Play safely
- Listen to each other
- Help each other
- Share equipment
- Take care of our equipment





MARATHON IN A MONTH

Marathon in a Month is back during April 2022!

We invite you – that's pupils, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends – to participate in our virtual Marathon in a Month event. Can you travel 42.2km (that's 26.2miles) on foot, by bike, by scooting or swimming during April?

At the end of the month, you'll receive a medal, a certificate recognising your achievement and there are special prizes donated by local businesses for the best individual and family efforts!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Step 1: Make a donation to us. We recommend £5 per person, money raised will go towards the new woodworking shed.

Please pay by BACS: sort code 20-17-20 account no. 83210537

Step 2: Email us at friends@erpingham.vcprimary.com and state how many people are taking part. We will provide each participant with an activity tracker.

Step 3: Get active! All distance counts – walking, running, cycling, scooting, swimming, the choice is yours. Note down how far you go on your tracker sheet. The aim is to get to 42.2km by the end of the month. You might do something every day, or you might cover bigger distances at the weekend or over the Easter holiday, it's entirely up to you!

You can use free phone apps like Strava or MapMyRun to help record your distances. If you walk to the school from the pub, that's 0.5km. If you walk from the Village Hall to school, that's 1km each way. It all counts!

Step 4: At the end of the month, take a pic of your tracker sheet and email to friends@erpingham.vcprimary.com. We will then present you with your medal and certificate – and you can celebrate your amazing achievement!

PRE-SCHOOL & RECEPTION KIDS

We want this event to be accessible for as many kids as possible, so children under 5 could aim to do a Half Marathon in a Month – that's 21.1km or 13.1 miles. They will still receive a medal and certificate that they can feel really proud of!

THE ERPINGHAM 5KM LOOP

The Erpingham 5km route is a great walk or family bike ride. Start at the Village Hall, head to Calthorpe and up past the church, then turn left and descend down Scarrow Beck Lane, over the ford. Take the left turn to go past Scarrow Beck Farm and Grange Farm, then another left turn onto School Road past the Rectory and the School. Finally, go right at the T-junction to head back to the Village Hall via The Street.



YES... I can do a marathon!



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Owen, Oscar and Molly's grass heads – growing nicely!



Charlie's Lego model