



Friday 29th April 2022

Dear All,

As you will have heard last week, I have made the very difficult decision to leave Blue Sky Federation at the end of the summer term. I have loved working across the federation for the last 7 years but feel I need some space and time to recharge after a turbulent few years. I am very much hoping to find a new opportunity which will enable me to get back to the heart of teaching and to spend more time with the children. In the meantime, I know that the governors are working hard to find a successor to strengthen the federation further and we will be in touch with more news as soon as we have it.

Elsewhere, it has been another great start to the term with the children enjoying the first sessions on their new topic. We have also had lots of excitement in school already with a visit from some goats, a trip to Blickling and drama workshops for each class. It has been a fantastic start to what promises to be an exciting term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: This week we have been learning all about castles, knights, princesses and dragons. The children have been making props to support their role play and have done some wonderful large scale painting of our very own LBH castle. Before the Easter break, we put some frog spawn into our mini pond. We now have many tadpoles which the children have observed, noticing the changes taking place. Some of the children also spotted a smooth newt under a nearby log which was very exciting. A quote from Zenobia Barlow - "Children are born with a sense of wonder and an affinity for Nature. Properly cultivated, these values can mature into ecological literacy, and eventually into sustainable patterns of living". This week we have also had three 2-week old kid goats come for a visit, which was lovely. The children were able to pet the goats, learning through first hand experiences, the adults also enjoyed the visit. Many thanks to Zoe Mitchell from Moorend Moisturisers for bringing them in.

Blackbirds: Blackbirds Class have come back for a new term full of enthusiasm for learning and are getting stuck into our new topic, with the question "Do we have an impact on where animals live?" We have started by thinking about what different sorts of animals there are and where they live. The children are learning about animal groups (mammals, fish, amphibians, birds and reptiles) and about the continents of the world through our Animal of the Day each day. On Thursday, they enjoyed meeting three special visitors in Little Brown Hare - three goat kids. This introduced them to the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, that we are learning in class. The children received a parcel with some ears and horns in it to wear and have been having fun acting the story out together.

Wagtails: We've had a great start to the new term and the class has been excitedly trying out various map skills already this week! We've looked at how the UK is made up of 4 different countries and what the bodies of water that surround them are called. The children have also been using digital maps to plot their journeys to school from home. We then spent some time plotting routes between landmarks in our local town using a combination of aerial photographs and digital maps. We even managed to squeeze in a trip to Blickling to see the magical bluebells!

Skylarks: Skylarks have come back refreshed and ready for the summer term's learning. Our key question is 'Should we be allowed to have another go?' in relation to establishing a settlement somewhere in space. We have challenged the class to create their own fact displays for the different biomes. Everyone was excited about the charity day and there was lots of scooting and lots of obstacle course laps done. Looking forward Skylarks have been super keen to go to Hilltop for their residential trip next week...more news next week. For a new approach to homework, look out for your child coming home with a challenge question lanyard each week.



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Forest School News Welcome back everyone! We have a fun packed term planned for Forest School including foodie treats and Bow and Arrow making as requested by Year 6! Just few reminders, Even though the weather is super lovely and warm please could children still wear long sleeves and trousers to protect their skin from bugs and bushes. Also can we give a big call back for our Forest school journals, we seem to have a few missing with the original plan to keep them in their trays. If all parents could help locate them and bring them in, then we will keep them safe in school for use out in the woods! Thank you in advance!

Friends of Erpingham Primary School Come and join us next Wednesday morning for our Friends meeting, straight after drop off in the school library. It's open to all and it would be great to get your ideas on building community and raising funds for our school this upcoming term! We also want to say a huge thank you to Jaide Carter who is sadly stepping down from her role as Treasurer. Jaide has been a part of The Friends for many years and brought so much to the school - she will be hugely missed on the team! We are therefore looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer - if you are interested and would like to know more then please chat to one of us in the playground, or come along next Wednesday!

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Forest School – Wednesday 18th of May

Year 5 Forest School – Wednesdays 11th and 25th of May

Please note Y5/6 will miss Forest School on the 4th of May due to the residential and the 11th will need to be Y5 as it is SATs week.

Y2/3 Forest School – Thursdays 12th and 26th of May

Year 4 Forest School – Thursdays 5th and 19th of May

Blackbirds' Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon

Baking club group 2 – Thursdays 12th, 19th and 26th of May

Wagtails swimming - Fridays 6th and 20th of May

Bank Holiday – school closed – Monday 2nd of May

Y5/6 residential – 3rd and 4th of May

Year 6 surfing – Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th of May and 16th of June

Drama Club – 9th, 16th and 23rd of May

Summer Census Day (all flexi children in school) Thursday 19th of May





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