



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear All,

What a difference a week has made to the weather, it has been a real pleasure to be on playground duty this week enjoying the sun. The time has come to ask you to send a hat and suncream for your children so that they can stay safe and sunburn free whilst we enjoy the outside.

It has been a very busy week for all of the children – especially Skylarks class who had a fantastic time at their residential. Thank you to Mr Portas and Mrs Rowe for helping to provide this fantastic opportunity for the children. Year 6 surfing was also well-received and the children had a great time in the waves, I'm sure they will all sleep well this weekend!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

#### **This week in class...**

**Little Brown Hare:** We are providing the children with many opportunities to learn about lifecycles this month, so far this week it has been about the butterfly and the frog. Our focus books are 'The very hungry caterpillar' and 'Tadpoles Promise' along with many non-fiction books about mini beasts. Some of the children have enjoyed being creative, making butterflies, caterpillars and other insects, providing an opportunity to talk about shapes and patterns in the environment. The children have also been gardening this week, planting the tomato plants that were kindly donated to us and sowing some wildflower seeds.

**Blackbirds:** In Blackbirds Class, we have been learning about multiplication in our maths lessons. We have been investigating doubles and trying hard to recall as many of them as we can quickly. We have learnt about arrays (where things are arranged in rows and columns) and have had fun making our own arrays and counting up the rows, columns and total number of objects. The children have also been working very hard at our new phonics scheme and doing lots of reading with our new reading books. We have learnt all about birds, animals, reptiles, fish and amphibians - the five vertebrate groups, and know how to sort animals into each of these groups. There has also been lots of playing in our outdoor area - this week cafes have been very popular, with some delicious meals being served and tasty sounding menus written.

**Wagtails:** This week in Wagtails we have been looking at the local environment and creating a huge word bank for poems we will be writing next week. Our poems will be themed around the school grounds and how lucky we are to have this beautiful countryside all around us. We have also been making big art displays pieces based around the different environments. The children have really enjoyed working on a much grander scale than normal. It was great to revisit our school trip pictures and think about the different ways the natural beauty of Blickling was protected and cared for.

**Skylarks:** Skylarks have had an extremely busy week - challenging themselves at the first school residential trip since COVID at Hilltop and with the first Year 6 surfing session. The consensus was that most people's favourite experience was the massive (and terrifying!) 'Super Swing'. The Air Jump and High Ropes were also popular, rounded off with fish and chips for supper and 'Mad Hatters' game and film in the evening. An exciting time was had by all and a very late night had by many! Thank you to everyone whose efforts contributed to making this a very memorable experience!



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**Forest School News** This week we have been exploring the pond area and trying to find tadpoles. We also have set up a camera in the pond area to see if we can capture some of the creatures that enjoy our space when we are not around. We have also spotted a kestrel in our nest box! we will keep you posted on any sightings. We checked in with Andy, the pond man, about how the pond area is growing back after the work at Christmas, and he was really happy with its progress!

**Friends of Erpingham Primary School** Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Friends meeting on Wednesday. We have some good ideas for the new term including a Scoot and icecream on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Fathers' Day shop on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and an amazing Summer Fayre on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. It will be fantastic to be able to celebrate the summer weather, have lots of fun and raise some money for the first time in a long time. We hope to see you all there!

### Dates for your diary

**Year 6 Forest School** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of May

**Year 5 Forest School** – Wednesdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May

**Y2/3 Forest School** – Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May

**Year 4 Forest School** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of May

**Blackbirds' Forest School** – every Tuesday afternoon

**Baking club group 2** – Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May

**Wagtails swimming** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of May

**Year 6 surfing** – Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> of May and 16<sup>th</sup> of June

**Drama Club** – 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May

**Summer Census Day (all flexi children in school)** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of May





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