



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear All,

Welcome back to the start of the final half-term. We have lots of exciting things planned over the next week so hope that the sun continues to shine!

With Father's Day soon approaching, see below for some information about a Friends' activity next week which we hope lots of you will want to join in with.

Please can I remind you not to park opposite the school gates, whenever you arrive at school. We understand that parking can be tricky but it is far more important that we keep the children safe. We will always hold on to children at the end of the day if you need more time to park.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

## This week in class...

**Little Brown Hare:** The site is looking very green and lush after our week off so we have been on a few nature walks to notice some of the changes that are taking place in our environment. The children spotted many mini beasts and enjoyed using their magnifiers to take a closer look, the older children were able to identify many and learnt the names of others, we found a Wasp beetle and a Cardinal beetle which we identified using ICT. Chalk bashing is another activity the children have really enjoyed this week. This involved using a hammer or mallet to crush the chalks which could then be mixed to make another colour. The children decided to add the powder to the mud pies, a special ingredient which engaged the children for quite some time. Our focus books this month are 'Brown bear, brown bear' and the 'Hare and the tortoise'.

**Blackbirds:** This week in Blackbirds, we are investigating the question, "Who is living around our school?" We have been enjoying comparing garden snails with our African land snails. We found out that whilst they both have shells, tentacles and slimy bodies, they are very different sizes and their shells are different shapes. We found out where they both come from and what sort of animals would live near them in the wild. We have started to learn an information text about snails to help us with our writing. We have been thinking about adjectives and what they are, then the year one children wrote compliments for the snails, making sure to include some good adjectives. On Thursday, we headed out for a minibeast hunt around the school, finding loads of different creatures hiding under logs, on plants and in our vegetable garden.

**Wagtails:** We've had a busy week in Wagtails looking at the four cardinal points and four inter cardinal points of a compass. We used this knowledge and language to create our own maps complete with precise directions for people to follow. We then tested out each other's directions to see if they were easy to follow. We have also spent some time learning about the RNLI and the important work they do around the UK. The children were shocked to find out that the busiest lifeboat station is actually in central London on the Thames. We looked at the different dangers of being around water and how to make sensible decisions and how the RNLI helps to keep people safe.

**Skylarks:** Skylarks have been astronomers this week, looking at the stars and planets, but in particular the Moon and how it moves and seems to change shape! As a back-up plan for the human race, they have been considering whether it is wise to set up a new colony on the Moon and what this might involve? The children have also started to learn their lines for an end of term performance...more details later, but keep Thursday 21st July 2pm free! Year 6's have started their transition; getting themselves to move to high school and have met the Friendly Face students.



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**Forest School News** We have had a very busy week Identifying our woods plants and trees, we even found redcurrants! We did some hapa zome which is a Japanese printing technique using hammers. We also enjoyed making Nettle pesto and pancakes with year 6 as part of their requested savoury cooking day!

## Dates for your diary

**Year 6 Forest School** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July

**Year 5 Forest School** – Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of June, and 13<sup>th</sup> of July

**Year 4 Forest School** - Thursdays 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of July

**Y2/3 Forest School** – Thursdays 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June and the 14<sup>th</sup> of July

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

**Friends' Father's Day Shop** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of June

**Year 6 surfing** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of June **and** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of June

**Year 6 leavers' service** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9.15am – more details to follow

**Messy Church** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm @ St Mary's Church – all welcome!

**End of Term** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July

**Friends of Erpingham Primary** Next week we have a Fathers' Day Gift Shop open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. If your child would like to come and buy a gift for Dad or Grandad etc., they just need to bring £2 to school with them and we'll make sure they have an opportunity to visit the "shop"! Also a shout out for our Summer Fete on 5th July... we are still looking for raffle prizes, please let us know if you have anything to donate! Many Thanks, the Friends!





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