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Friday 16th September

Dear All,

It's been another lovely week in school with lots of learning going on. The children have been thinking about how we can live our school values of **love, courage, friendship** and **respect** and creating their class agreements for how we treat one another with kindness. The cake sale for Skylarks was a great success and we were extremely grateful for all of your kind and generous donations – Thank you! Autumn is definitely on its way so please make sure your child has a named jumper and waterproof in school.

Lastly, just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - We have been on a bear hunt this week and we made some bear rice cakes for snack. The children have also enjoyed playing on the new drum kit, building up the strength in their arms and at the same time scaring the pigeons away from the garden. We have been doing several activities around 'all about me', talking about what makes us unique and celebrating who we are.

Next week we are setting up an Autumn display. If you have anything from your garden or whilst out on a walk that you would like to bring in eg leaves, acorns, conkers, apples we would love the children to add to the display

Blackbirds - The children in Blackbirds have been learning about friendship and colours. This week we have been making a colour chart for the classroom, working hard with a friend to make a colour collection for a photo for our chart. We have also been talking about what makes a good friend and saying the things we like about each other. Everyone has been doing a lot of counting in maths and the children have enjoyed finding different collections of things to count. The new Blackbirds have had a very good week doing their very first phonics lessons and learning s, a, t and p.

Wagtails - We have been looking at what a habitat needs to provide for an animal. The class were fantastic at thinking of different ways to remember the 3 important things that a habitat must provide. We used this knowledge to match a whole range of animals to their correct habitat and also think about how they are suited to them. We also looked at a British artist called Daniel Mackie as he specialises in drawing animals with their habitats within their bodies. The children became art critics and picked out the things they liked about the pictures and those things they did not like. We have started to try this style out by copying our favourite pieces of his. The class are very excited to be creating our own versions using our favourite animals early next week.



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Skylarks - Skylarks have been thinking about what makes things move and learning about the scientific vocabulary of forces. They explained all about gravity and shared their knowledge of Issac Newton in our assembly this week. Well done to the new year 6's who are really stepping up and setting a great example to the rest of the school. For the mystery trip this term, Skylarks organised a bake sale and it was really well attended, with lots of kindly donated tasty treats being sold. Thanks to everyone who baked or made a donation

Forest School - It has been great being out in the woods again with the children. We have been busy making plans with them, with requests for trips to other woods and autumnal crafting and constructing.

We explored risk and what we might do in an emergency with Year 5. We also made a potion station using saws and hammer and nails.

Year 2 enjoyed their first full day in the woods. We explored the wood and discussed keeping safe and our green guidelines. They loved the potion table and the swings. We also played lots of Kings and Queen games and voted for their next king and Queen of the wood.

Please could we ask that children do not go on the footpath alongside the field opposite the school gates as this is a private path and not a public footpath.

Garden news: Mrs Witham will be running a gardening club every Thursday lunch time for any of the children in the school who would like to come. She is looking forward to growing all sorts of vegetables with them and looking after the planters around the school. One of the first jobs will be planting out bulbs for the spring. If anyone has any spare bulbs they would like to donate or any onions left over from onion sets, then all donations are gratefully received.

Parent Welcome and Friends of Erpingham Primary School – Please do come along to the village hall on **Thursday 22nd September** between 2:15 and 3:00pm for our Parent & Carer Welcome meeting. This is for parents new and old to come and find out all about our curriculum and plans for the Autumn term. The Friends of Erpingham will be introducing themselves and will be available to chat to any new parents who are thinking of joining.

There will be tea, coffee and cake and time to chat to us and each other. If you have younger children please do bring them along.





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Diary Dates:

Tuesday 20th September – Skylarks Gymnastics - children come to school in PE kit and visit North Walsham Gymnastics Club 9:30 – 11:30am

Wednesday 21st September – Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 22nd September – Skylarks Trip Year 3&4 Forest School Parent & Carer Welcome Meeting 2:15pm at the Village Hall

Friday 23rd September – Skylarks swimming

Wednesday 28th September – Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 29th September – Year 2 Forest School

Wednesday 5th October – Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 6th October – CENSUS DAY & Year 3&4 Forest School

Friday 7th October – Skylarks Swimming

Tuesday 11th October – Blackbirds Gymnastics - children come to school in PE kit and visit North Walsham Gymnastics Club 9:30 – 11:30am **No Forest School on this day**

Wednesday 12th October – Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 13th October – Year 2 Forest School

Monday 17th October – Harvest House Event – More details to follow soon. All welcome!

Wednesday 19th October – Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 20th October – Year 3&4 Forest School

Friday 21st October – Harvest Service at the Church 9am – All Welcome Please note no swimming that day for Skylarks

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October – HALF TERM

Open Afternoons to share your child's learning, Parent's Consultations & Family Learning Afternoon will all take place after half term and I will provide dates soon.





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