



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Dear All,

It has been another busy and productive week in school and I have loved seeing how much pride the children are taking in their learning. The classrooms are filling up fast with the children's creations and work as the term really gets underway. I am delighted by how many Hi-five awards we have had! – see further down for this week's awards!

Thank you to all who were able to come to the parent information afternoon this week. I hope you found it useful and that it gave you a brief insight into our curriculum and future events. Thank you to the Friends for providing tea, coffee and fabulous cake! We will be holding a parent information meeting once a term so that we can keep you informed about what we are doing as a school.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

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

**Little Brown Hare** - We have had a busy week at pre-school this week with the children engaging with many activities. We have made clay faces on the trees with the children who found natural items to make the features. The children have also been looking closely at the seeds from our sunflowers, with some being saved to sow next spring. We have been on nature walks to notice the changes to our environment and to forage the abundance of fruit. Our Autumn table is looking wonderful and the children have enjoyed exploring the variety of textures and smells.

**Blackbirds** - We have been having a lot of fun in blackbirds this week exploring primary and secondary colours. The children have all learnt that primary colours are colours you cannot make by mixing and that they are red, yellow and blue. They have done some beautiful paintings using primary colours where they had a lot of fun experimenting with ways of spreading and marking with the paint using all sorts of things, including wheels and feathers! We have also spent time mixing the primary colours together and now know how to make orange, green and purple.

**Wagtails** - This week in Wagtails, we have been busy creating our own Daniel Mackie inspired artwork. The children picked their favourite animals and studied pictures of them to create a simple outline. We then spent time giving and responding to kind, helpful and specific peer feedback to create our final outlines. Next up was looking at the animal's habitat and thinking about the different things that make up their habitat. The class then set about filling their outlines with the matching habitat in amazing detail. We have a few final touches to put on them and look forward to sharing some examples in next week's newsletter.



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**Skylarks** - Skylarks have had such a busy and varied week! They were brilliant at North Walsham Gymnastics club showing off their skills and energy levels. We were super impressed with their work on the high bars and their teamwork too. Year 6 enjoyed their first session in the woods and luckily the weather was nice and dry. In science the children have been investigating how and why things fall. This included estimation and measuring using Newton Meters. The trip to the Puppet Theatre was really exciting, with lots of detective work opening up the world of performance and puppetry. This session has inspired the children going forwards with plans for putting on a puppet show of their own.

**Forest School News** - This week we continued our exploration of risk and emergencies that could occur in the wood. Y6 dramatically played out some scenarios which we then discussed what we would do and what they might see or need to do. There was lots of play round the potion station which became a lab full of sweet chestnuts and some brilliant team work sawing and building dens!

Y3/4 worked hard together to create a new wood store. They created a chant as they collected long logs from around the wood. We also reminded ourselves of the green guidelines and how to keep each other safe. Great team work and building Wagtails!

**Garden news:** Gardening club with Mrs Witham is well underway with the children busy preparing our planters around the school grounds. 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.

**Gates** – Please help us keep everybody safe by not letting children go through the school gates onto the road without you. Whilst cars do generally drive slowly past the school there can be a lot of coming and going. Over the next week we will be looking at ways to help reduce traffic at drop off and pick up times and we will share these in next week's newsletter.

## **Friends of Erpingham Primary School –**

Welcome back from The Friends! We would love to invite you to join us next Wednesday morning, straight after drop off (28th Sept) for our first meeting, as we share ideas and plan fundraising for the year ahead. This is open to all parents and carers of school and pre-school children. Also, date for the diary, our next AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th October - invitation open to all to attend...more info to follow.

**Find us on Facebook at Friends of Erpingham Primary School!**



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## **PE/Forest School/Swimming**

### **Blackbirds**

**Tuesday afternoons Forest School** – Please can children come to school in Forest School kits – waterproofs and wellies should be kept in school.

**Friday PE** – Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers.

### **Wagtails**

**Wednesday PE** - Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers

**Every other Thursday Forest School** - Please can children come to school in Forest School kits and bring packed lunch. See dates below for which week your child has Forest School.

### **Skylarks**

**Monday PE (unless swimming that week)** - Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers.

**Every other Wednesday Forest School** - Please can children come to school in Forest School kits and bring packed lunch. See dates below for which week your child has Forest School.

### **Diary Dates:**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 Forest School Friends Meeting at 9am – all welcome**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 Forest School**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Forest School**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – CENSUS DAY & Year 3&4 Forest School**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Skylarks Swimming**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 Forest School**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Forest School**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Family Harvest Service at the church – see noticeboard for info**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest House Event** – More details to follow soon. All welcome!

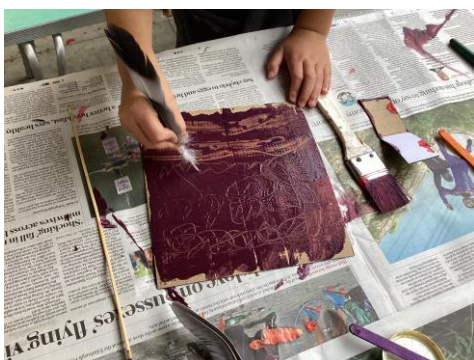
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Forest School**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3&4 Forest School**

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

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**



### **This week's Hi-Five Awards**

**Well done to...**

**Rosa, Indigo, Penny, Leo, Stella, Charlie-May, Rowan, Wednesday & Charlie**

This week the children were awarded certificates for super hi-five listening and attention, excellent times tables knowledge, showing maturity, positive attitudes towards learning, enthusiasm and effort, taking initiative and doing things to help our school.

**Congratulations to all!**



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