



Friday 9th September

Dear All,

Welcome to the new school year!

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school term as much as we are. All of the staff have been busy planning and preparing for a fantastic term with lots of exciting learning and events! It has been lovely to see some new faces joining us this year and we wish our new children and families a warm welcome to our school community. We hope you will be very happy at Erpingham Primary School.

This week I have been extremely proud to see how kind, enthusiastic and courageous all of the children have been and how much they have already been doing in their learning. It has been a fun and busy time in school with the children settling into their new classes and starting their new topic; there has been a great atmosphere and buzz of excitement around school! To ensure you have all the information you need about your child's learning and class routines please do look out for your child's class teacher welcome letter and class information. These should provide you with the information you need but if you have any questions, however big or small, please do ask them on the playground at the end of the day or send them an email.

Lastly, we were all saddened to hear the announcement of the passing of the Queen yesterday. As a community, our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - The children have settled in really well this week as we welcome a few new boys and girls to pre-school. Over the next few weeks we will be focussing on forming good relationships with opportunities to talk about ourselves and our family. We have already started to harvest some produce from the garden, the raspberries and corn have grown well over the summer, we plan to do some cooking activities next week. The children's topic of conversation has been about the weather so we painted our very own storm clouds today. Our focus story this month is 'We're going on a bear hunt'

Blackbirds - Blackbirds class children have had a really good week settling in. Both the new reception children and the year ones have been hard at work getting used to routines, seeing old friends and making new ones. This week, the children have drawn some beautiful portraits of themselves and the year ones have jumped straight back into remembering all the phonics that they learnt last year.



NEWSLETTER



Wagtails – This week in Wagtails, we have been very excited to find out about our new topic of animals and their habitats. We have also welcomed a new member to the class with our pet Indian stick insect called Log. We have learned all about where she came from and how we need to take care of her. The children have been very keen to try and spot her whenever they get a moment as she is a master of disguise. It's been great to find out all of the things the children already know about animals and all of those things they want to find out. We've already looked at how to tell whether something is alive, dead or if it has never been alive with our very helpful friend MRS NERG.

Skylarks - Skylarks have settled into school really quickly. They have been curious detectives trying to piece clues together from the classroom to work out this term's theme. Great discussions were had and they were really close to getting it! Mrs Barker & I are hoping to inspire Skylarks with a mystery trip later in September and to engage the children we are asking them to organise a Bake Sale on Monday 12th...next week! Hopefully they have already mentioned this to you and they will be busy helping you over the coming days.

Forest School - The Forest school team have lots planned for the new term. Just a reminder to wear long sleeves and keep the skin covered to protect us from ticks and sticks. Please also pack a change of clothes, extra socks and waterproofs for every session. Please remember that all children in **Wagtails and Skylarks** will need a **packed lunch** on their Forest School days.

Parking – A polite reminder to please not park cars in front of the staff carpark gates at pick up and drop off times.

Skylarks Cake Sale

Monday 12th September at 3:15pm

All cakes 50p!

Friends of Erpingham Primary School – We are very lucky as a school to have such a fantastic group of parents who support the school in so many invaluable ways. If you would be able to help in any way or would like to be involved please do speak to Laura Hollinger or let the office know and they will ask a member of the Friends to chat to you. Any support is always greatly appreciated

Please see next page for important dates for your diary....





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.

Important Dates:

Monday 12th September – Skylarks cake sale after school

Tuesday 13th September – Wagtails Gymnastics – children come to school in PE kit and visit North Walsham Gymnastics Club 9:30 – 11:30am

Wednesday 14th September – Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 15th September – Year 2 Forest School

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 – Year 3&4 Forest School

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.