



NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th November 2022

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Family Learning Afternoon on Wednesday. Some fantastic scarecrows were made by each House on the theme of our school values: Love, Courage, Friendship and Respect. Well done to all of the children for great collaboration, planning and creativity! The winning House is published below!

Next week is anti-bullying week and we will be taking part in "Odd Socks Day" on Monday and exploring ways we can all reach out to each other. We also have Children in Need day on Friday when the children can come to school wearing spotty themed non-uniform and take part in the Spotacular Doodle Competition. Please see the bottom of the Newsletter for more details.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher



This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - We have been learning all about hedgehogs and how they hibernate through the winter. Listening to a story about Ned the hedgehog, who was looking for a home. Creating with the clay, choosing what they want to make the prickles and eyes for their very own hedgehog and then finding somewhere warm for it to hibernate. The children have also made salt dough animals and firework pictures.

Blackbirds - This week in Blackbirds, we have been busy doing lots of addition - adding by counting on, finding missing numbers, using number lines, using our fingers and remembering pairs of numbers that make 10. We have also been learning about what makes us unique in PHSE and have been busy writing about the scarecrows we made on Wednesday. In PE, the children have enjoyed starting a unit on dance with Mrs Rowe. We have some new shelters next to the classroom, that extend our covered play area and everyone has been enjoying exploring new play ideas in these shelters.





This week in class...

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been working on writing animal poems. We each picked our favourite animal and thought carefully about what it looked like; where it lived; what its diet was etc. It was amazing to see just how much information the class already had about their favourite animals! We then focussed on using really ambitious vocabulary to make our writing more exciting and entertaining for people to read. After a round of peer assessing each others' work with kind, helpful and specific feedback, it was time to practice our typing skills by typing our final copies up on the chromebooks. It was brilliant to see so many of the older children sharing what they've learnt with changing fonts, colours and adding pictures, with the year 2s.

Skylarks - **This week...** Skylarks have been letter writers, focussing on using formal language - no contractions please! We will send our letters off to the puppet theatre and await a response! They have been practicing their fraction equivalence in maths and lining this to food problems. As scientists we have been investigating materials and their properties and using this information to help us with our puppet designs.

Next week... again for those that want to warm up...comparing and ordering fractions by denominators/numerators and converting from and to improper to mixed numbers. Also if you want to, it's dress up as a fairy tale character for our trip to the Norfolk Children's Book Centre on Monday. PE will take place on Tuesday.

Forest School News -

Year 6 and 2/3/4 made some brilliant masks this week. We collected leaves of all colours to decorate them and we practised our stitching. Some found this tricky but showed perseverance and completed their creations. There were quite a few conversations about how sometimes it's frustrating that we can't create what's in our heads and sometimes we need to take a break and come back with new perspective.

Just a note to say as it's getting colder can we have some nutritional foods and snacks in our lunch boxes so we can sustain the days. Also if all children could start bringing an insulated flask or cup so we can keep our hot drinks flowing and a set of cutlery too!

And the winner of the Family Learning Scarecrow Competition is.....Willow House!

Their scarecrow will take pride of place in the Blackbirds Garden, and the others will be dotted around school for the children to enjoy.



Thank you!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Erpingham United Football Club, aka The Eagles, who have donated £300 to our school following a charity football match in July. This money will be used to buy PE equipment and we have already seen some new skipping ropes and junior basketballs being put to good use on the playground.

Friends of Erpingham Primary School

Thanks to everyone who ordered Christmas cards, there were some fantastic designs, we'll keep you posted on when you will receive your finished products. Also the clothes bank at Erpingham village hall raised £335 for our school over the last year... it's such a fantastic amount and a great way to declutter and raise money at the same time!

We're excited to launch our festive competition kindly sponsored by Erpingham House Farm. Design a Christmas tree topper and have the chance to win a Christmas tree! See attached poster for more details.



Design the best Christmas Tree Topper and Win a Christmas Tree!

KINDLY DONATED BY ERPINGHAM HOUSE FARM



£1 TO ENTER. BRING YOUR CRAFTED CHRISTMAS TREE TOPPER TO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER TO BE DISPLAYED AND JUDGED IN THE PLAYGROUND,
WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER SCHOOL.

*Prizes for the best in each class, including Little Brown Hare
and a free Christmas tree for the overall winner!*



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.

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Diary Dates:

Monday 14th November - Skylarks Visit to the Children's Book Centre - optional: bring a costume from a fairytale to wear during the visit **PLUS WEAR ODD SOCKS FOR ANTI BULLYING WEEK**

Tuesday 15th November - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 16th November **Year 5 Forest School**

Thursday 17th November - **Year 2 Forest School**

Friday 18th November - **Children In Need Day** - wear non-uniform (something spotty) for a £1 donation!!
ALSO Spotacular Colouring Competition for £1 entry fee and a prize per class!

Tuesday 22nd November - Wagtails visit to Amazona Zoo & **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 23rd November - **Year 6 Forest School**

Thursday 24th November - **Year 3/4 Forest School** (Parents of Year 3 and 4 Forest School Open Afternoon from 2pm)

Friday 25th November - Skylarks Swimming

Saturday 26th November - **Stargazing at Hanworth Memorial Hall 6pm** - Adults £5 under 16s free

Monday 28th November - **Parent's Evenings this week**

Tuesday 29th November - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 30th November - Bikeability Skylarks & **Friends Festive Movie Night**

Thursday 1st December - Bikeability Skylarks & **Year 2 Forest School**

Friday 2nd December - Visit from Cat's Protection Charity

Monday 5th December - Flu catch up clinic

Tuesday 6th December - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 7th December - **Year 6 Forest School & Friends Winter Wonderland!**

Thursday 8th December - **Year 3/4 Forest School**

Friday 9th December - Skylarks Swimming

Monday 12th December - Whole School visit to the Sheringham Snow White Pantomime!

Tuesday 13th December - **Christmas Concert and Nativity** (No Forest School for Blackbirds)

Wednesday 14th December - **Christmas Jumper day & Year 5 Forest School** (am only)

Thursday 15th December - **Year 2 Forest School (am only)** & Christmas lunch and parties - wear party clothes.

Friday 16th December - **Messy Church 2pm** & End of Term

Children In Need

Friday 18th November



Children are invited to come to school on Friday 18th November in non-uniform wearing something with spots or stripes for a £1 donation

Have you entered the Spotacular Doodle Competition?

For a £1 entry donation, send in your best spotty doodle or spotty drawing to the office by Thursday 17th November.
One prize per class.

Add your own
Spectacular doodle
HERE

"GET creative for THIS year's
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