



Tuesday 2nd May

Dear All,

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoyed the sunshine! We had a lovely week back to school last week with lots of learning and fun.

As you may know, each week we have a collective worship run by members of our Parish called Open the Book. These assemblies help our children discover and learn stories from the Bible in an interactive and engaging way. We don't often mention all the work the Parish does for us so I would like to say thank you to them for their ongoing support and effort!

This week please could you check that your child has a pair of indoor shoes in school that they can change in to.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

Last week in class...

Little Brown Hare - Last week we were planting potatoes and onions, we have also been sowing some broad beans so we look forward to watching them grow. Our focus books have been 'Jaspers Beanstalk' and 'George and the Dragon'. The children have enjoyed making shields and dressing up as princesses and knights to act out their own story lines. With King Charles coronation fast approaching we will look at some of our history around kings and queens and the role they play now.

Blackbirds - In Blackbirds, as well as having a brilliant trip to the gym, we have also still been learning about different ways to group animals. We have learnt the words 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore' this week and sorted different animals into the three groups. We found out that most of us are omnivores (unless we are vegan). We have also been around the school hunting for animal homes, which we then recorded on a map of the school. We found rabbit holes, mole hills, mouse holes, a squirrel drey, spiders' webs and even a jackdaw nest in the old kestrel box. We have also had fun in our maths this week making equal groups, doubles and learning all about how arrays can help us with multiplication.

Wagtails - Last week in Wagtails we were looking at Fileas Fogg's trip around the world. The class were excited at the idea of racing around the world against the clock. We looked at the 7 continents and the 5 oceans to get an idea of just how big the world is. We've started to create hot air balloons for our own journeys inspired by the tv and film adaptations of Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne. Once they have set, we will decorate and display them, complete with mini Wagtail explorers, and set off on our journey of discovery.

Skylarks - Skylarks were out and about in Erpingham village looking for key features of human and physical geography in this region. They used this information to begin mapping the local area and creating a key of symbols. We were all amazed at the variety of landmarks there were and also how the landscape changes so much even in such relatively small area. We practiced accurately pinpointing where we were on the map, using the features around us - trickier than we thought!

Next week...

In Topic we'll be looking more at Ordnance Survey maps and symbols and in maths we'll be continuing our work on adding/ subtracting decimals with a different number of decimal places.



Wellbeing

Research shows that children have a need to be outside, taking time to explore, discover, climb and run. This bank holiday provides a great opportunity to get out. We live in such a beautiful county with so many great places to explore for free, such as Bacton Woods, Holt Country Park, the beach, Felbrigg Hall, Sheringham Park, Blickling Lake and Bluebell Woods, these are just some of the places to enjoy on our doorstep! Even closer to home we of course have our gardens and local parks which provide lots of opportunities for exploration and movement, make a den, have a picnic, have a picnic in the den, create an obstacle course, make treasure maps to follow, the possibilities are endless!



Shoes and Uniform

Please can you make sure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes in school (slippers, plimsolls or indoor trainers).

We would very much appreciate your support with this as we cannot have children in school just in socks.

Please could you also make sure that children come to school in school uniform apart from on PE and Forest School days. Our uniform policy can be found on our website.

Thank you in advance for your help with these.

Forest School News

This wednesday was a magical day with Year 6 in Temple wood in Northrepps. We played and played and played, we found so many creatures using the nets and viewing trays we found stickel backs, tadpoles and shrimps! We enjoyed pizza calzonies on the fire and discussed the plan for the rest of the term! Everyone agreed that we would like to come back and play at temple wood again before the end of term.

Thursday was high energy knot practice day, we played games using knots and practiced connecting rope together, we then tested its strength by leaning back on it and seeing if it could hold our weight. We later practiced more knots by putting up hammocks to chill in. All of the wagtails gave it such a good go showing brilliant perseverance! Go Year 3&4!



Friends of Erpingham Primary

The Great Erpingham Bake Off is back and we are very excited!

The rules:

Children can bake whatever they like, sweet or savoury... but it must be the child that does it (obviously parental help where needed!)

Drop your entry off at school on the morning. Winning entry picked by an independent judge.

The winner from each class will go on to compete for ultimate star baker in the final week!!

Each Wednesday after school the entries will be sold to raise funds for The Friends.

Thank you as always for your support!

The Friends of Erpingham Primary School



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 2nd May - Skylarks Gymnastics **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 3rd May - Skylarks Bake off **Year 5 Forest School**

Thursday 4th May - **SATS CLUB** **Baking club** **Year 2 Forest School**

Friday 5th May - Wagtails Swimming & Blackbirds PE

Monday 8th May - **BANK HOLIDAY** - KS2 SATS week

Tuesday 9th May - **Blackbirds Forest School** Wagtails Gymnastics

Wednesday 10th May - **Year 6 Forest School** Wagtails Bake Off

Thursday 11th May - **Year 3-4 Forest School** **Baking club**

Friday 12th May - Blackbirds PE

Monday 15th May -

Tuesday 16th May - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 17th May - **Year 5 Forest School** Blackbirds Bake Off

Thursday 18th May - **Baking club** **Year 2 Forest School** Census Day

Friday 19th May - Blackbirds PE & Wagtails Swimming

Strike Days

As it stands currently there are a couple of national teachers strike dates planned, these dates are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We are expecting to remain open as usual on these days and will keep parents up to date should there be any changes.