



Dear All,

23rd June 2023

I can't believe we are getting to the last few weeks of the school year! This is a busy time in school so please keep an eye on the dates for your diary as we have lots coming up. On Monday 3rd July we will be having a non-uniform day where, instead of a donation to a charity or organisation, we are asking for donations of raffle and tombola prizes for the Summer Fete after Sports Day. There will be a donation box outside of the office for the next couple of weeks and all contributions will be gratefully received.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Deputy Headteacher

This week in class...

Blackbirds - This week, the children in Blackbirds Class have been very excited to finally find out what is inside our brand new cupboard by our back door. The Friends have very kindly raised money for us to have a woodwork shed and the equipment needed for the children to start doing much more woodwork. As well as the shed, there is a wonderful workbench that the children can use on a table or on the floor and a special saw and drill that are designed for small hands to use safely and independently. This week, we have been learning how to get the equipment out, set it up, use it safely and put it away again afterwards. We focused on the saw this week and all the children have been wonderful at using it. Thank you so much to the Friends for providing this resource. It is all set up so that the children can be independent about their woodwork but also so that equipment can easily be located and taken through to the older classes for them to use too.

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been looking at the water cycle and in particular the role of temperature within it. We conducted an experiment involving making puddles on the playground and measuring the rate at which they evaporated away. We made puddles in the shade and puddles in the sun to compare the difference in rate of evaporation. The class were amazed to see just how fast the puddle in the sun disappeared in comparison to the puddle in the shade.

Skylarks - This week Skylarks have been busy continuing our Greek Island research and working on translations and problems with coordinates in maths. We've also enjoyed teamwork activities and considering what makes a good team. In amongst this, the Year 6s have been surfing/ paddle boarding and we've been learning more songs, reading our scripts and working on our close observational drawing skills to make props in art for the Bee Musical.



Woodwork fun in Blackbirds this week.

The children are so busy enjoying our amazing new woodwork shed funded by the Friends of Erpingham! If anyone has any spare offcuts of wood that you think would be suitable for the children to work with, we can definitely put them to good use!





Forest School News

We had a lovely cool day in the woods with Y5. We started with big discussions about what we want to do on our last session. We also had a debate about change and how the woods might look different when they come back in the autumn. The spider web is a big hit and the children were reluctant to take it down. We did decide to take down the brilliant shelter they had made which we all agreed came down quicker than it had gone up! In the afternoon we had the axe out and everyone took turns to practice and have a go. All year 5 showed such brilliant turn taking, patience and resilience. Everyone sat down to watch each other and there was a real atmosphere of community and support.

Year 2 had a wonderful time playing games around the woods, shouting and calling to each other. We had fun rigging up a swing and later hung out in the hammocks in the shade enjoying stories and books in the shade of the trees. We also had some fun putting the banners up from our family learning afternoon that everyone made. We used them in the playground to create some shelters from the sun. They look lovely, thank you everyone.

Forest school dates to remember -

5th July Y6- Last woodland party together

12th July Y5- Last session of the term (trip to Northrepps TBC)

Wellbeing

Keeping cool in the sun!

It's going to be another hot and sunny weekend, whilst it is lovely it can feel hard to find ways to cool down and keep everyone busy. Why not cool your drinks down by making some fancy ice cubes with some fruit, mint leaves or even edible flowers in them? Get creative and fill different shape containers with water and food colouring and pop them in the freezer to enjoy watching them melt outside or even put them in the paddling pool if you have one. Make healthy ice lollies from fruit and yoghurts. Maybe create a shady den in the garden or even put a tent up and sleep in the garden for a night to keep cool. The possibilities are endless! Either way, enjoy the sun and don't forget the sun cream!





DIARY DATES

Monday 26th June - **Class photos**

Tuesday 27th June Blackbirds Forest School **Multi sports club**

Wednesday 28th June - **Year 6 Forest School**

Thursday 29th June - **Baking club** **Year 3/4 Forest School** **Transition morning**

Friday 30th June - Blackbirds PE **Transition morning**

Saturday 1st July - Erpingham Village Fete

Monday 3rd July - **Blackbirds trip to Penshorpe** **Non-uniform day for the Friends Fete**

Tuesday 4th July - Blackbirds Forest School **Multi sports club**

Wednesday 5th July - **Year 6 Forest School** **Wagtails PE**

Thursday 6th July - **Baking club** **Year 2 Forest School** **Year 6 Surfing**

Friday 7th July - Blackbirds PE & Wagtails Swimming

Monday 10th July -

Tuesday 11th July - **Sports Day** **Multi sports club**

Wednesday 12th July - **Year 5 Forest School**

Thursday 13th July - **Year 3/4 Forest School** **Year 6 Surfing**

Friday 14th July - Blackbirds PE **Year 6 bowling trip**

Monday 17th July - Skylarks show rehearsal

Tuesday 18th July - Skylarks show rehearsal

Wednesday 19th July -

Thursday 20th July - **Skylarks Show at the village hall 2pm**

Friday 21st July - **Leavers service/ messy church** **Last day of term**