

Dear Parents/Carers,

General News

1) Diary Dates - [updated](#)

2) Poppies - year 6 prefects will be selling these from Monday 5th at playtimes and lunchtimes. Please send your child in with a suggested donation of 50p if they would like to have one.

3) Emails - please do not send the office an email regarding something happening that same day as we cannot guarantee that it will be read in time. We aim to respond to emails within 2 working days. Please call us on 570326 instead if your query is urgent or requires action on the same day.

4) Birthdays - we all love a celebration especially birthdays. Traditionally some parents have kindly brought in sweets or cakes to celebrate their child's birthday. To be more in line with our healthy school status and also bearing in mind we have several children who have food allergies/intolerances, we would like to propose that parents donate a book to the class to celebrate their child's birthday. You could write inside and it would be a permanent reminder of your child's birthday and their time in our school. This is, of course, completely optional. Just a thought for you to consider to replace sweets and cakes.

5) Coding club - Hethersett Library are running this new club for children aged 8 years and over, please see [poster](#) for more details.

6) Photographs - Monday 5th, please don't forget if your child is in years 1, 2 or 3 and you would like to have their photograph re-taken please email the school office with 'Photographs' in the subject line by 5pm on Sunday.

7) SugarBeat fireworks display - They managed to raise £525 for our school which we are very grateful for. Thank you to those who attended.

8) ADHD information sessions - ADHD support is available in your area for families affected by ADHD. An ADHD programme for parents is running in **King's Lynn, Norwich** and **Gt. Yarmouth** and they are very keen that as many parents as possible know about them. Please see their free ADHD drop in session [leaflet](#) in Norwich and Gt.Yarmouth. There should be one in Kings Lynn in the New Year. These are great for parents, friends, children and professionals to drop in and pick up information.

9) Football reports -

Football Development League Year 5-6

A great start from both teams in round 1. The bold team won both games with a 3-0 and a 2-0 win. Goals came from Kieran, Oliver and Liam with Daniel providing 4 accurate assists. Two clean sheets thanks to Max, Jude and Connor. Fantastic team work again, more of the same please for round 2 on the 15th November.

Parents please pick your child up as usual at 3.15pm and then proceed to UEA. Thanks again for your support.

The stripes also had two fabulous wins with a whopping 7-0 opener and a 1-0 win to finish. Goals came from Riley, CJ and Alfie. Powerful defending from Nicholas, Samuel, Gilby and Riley gave the team two clean sheets. Dillon and Daniel produced

some great creativity in midfield in the lead up to the goals. A special thanks to Archie for stepping in at the last minute.

Football Development League Year 3-4

This was the first outing to the UEA for the year 3 boys and wow did they perform brilliantly. The light blues won their first game 9-0. Jacob scored his first of two goals within thirty seconds of kick off, he then added a second by going past four players to score. The goals came thick and fast, Alfie scored four goals, two excellent long-range shots, Marley scored two which came straight from Dexter's clever passing, he then helped set up Christopher's thundering strike to make it nine.

Their second game was a lot harder, Lakenham had some very quick players but this team did not stop pressing and their determination paid off. Alfie scored his fifth goal of the afternoon, with a fifteen-yard effort nestling in the top right corner! Oscar was dynamic in midfield. Keelan showed great maturity alongside Alexander, and Charlie in defence for another clean sheet.

The stripes also won both games, their first was a 1-0 win over Bluebell. Seth, Logan and Sonny linked up together to play some wonderful balls to Liam who scored within three minutes. Archie, Jack and Dylan made sure Bluebell did not have many chances at scoring. Their second game was a 2-0 win. Goals came from Liam and Sonny. Lucas and Albert provided the assists. Harrison helped keep another clean sheet alongside Dylan to make two clean sheets.

Excellent performances all round. A big thank you to all the parents for their support.

Weekly News

Reception

This week we have started teaching the children sounds. The children have learnt how to say, recognise and write 's' and 'a'. We have been practising to think of words with these sounds and finding words with these sounds in books. Please check the table where your child writes their name in the morning to see the sounds that we will be learning that week.

We have also been continuing to work with numbers and this week we have focussed on the numbers 7,8 and 9. We have been finding one more and one less than the number, finding it on a number line, writing the number and recording it as a tally.

The children have been excited about bonfire night at the weekend. We have been discussing bonfire night safety with the children and the children have been thinking of ways to keep themselves safe.

We have started Twiggle Time (PATHS) this week. We have introduced the children to Twiggle the Turtle who helps us to recognise and understand our feelings and emotions. You should be receiving a letter explaining about PATHS, please look out for this. Very soon, when it is your child's turn to be Hedgehog or Squirrel of the day, they will be receiving compliments at school and bringing home a compliment slip which we would like you to add a compliment for your child from your family. This can be brought back to school to share with your child's class. This boosts your child's self esteem and promotes positive mental health. Thank you to those parents that have returned the reading café reply slip. We hope you look forward to spending time with your child at school. We will be on the woodland in all weathers so please wear your wellies! We hope to use our cosy yurt for our story!

Please make sure that your child has a bookbag, puddle suit, wellies and a coat with a hood at school at all times, thank you.

Year 1

In Year 1, we have had a busy start to the half term! We launched our new Superheroes topic and started the week with Wonderful Writing. First, we talked about what makes a superhero and thought about some of their key qualities, e.g. “they have special powers”, “they save the day”, “they help people”. Then we all sat down at the same time and independently wrote lists of our ideas. On Tuesday, we had a visitor from Norwich Castle dressed as Matron Edith Cavell, who originally came from Swardeston. We learned all about her life and how she was a real-life superhero helping soldiers of all different nationalities during World War 1. The children particularly enjoyed hearing the tales of her dog Jack! We then wrote and illustrated fact files about her life. In maths, we are learning how to double numbers up to 20 using Numicon and other concrete resources to help us.

Requests:

As part of our topic, we will be making fruit kebabs. On Tuesday (6th), please could you send your child in with one piece of fruit that they like? We will provide the rest.

- Please could you also provide your child with a pair of fluffy socks/slipper socks or similar for use in the Yurt to avoid issues with cold feet (as the children are required to remove their shoes in there).

Reminder:

- Reading Café – we look forward to seeing you next Friday (9th) for our multicultural Reading Café. Invitations are coming out to you this week with more details!

Thank you and have a lovely weekend,
The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week we have been doing some fun, collaborative, problem solving Maths activities as part of our ‘Week of inspirational maths’. The children sorted emoji faces into different categories, made 2D and 3D shapes in teams using just one rope, played the ‘Game of Totals’ and got to know their fingers during a piano playing activity.

On Tuesday, our Teacher brought in a letter in a bottle covered in seaweed. We read the letter and answered comprehension questions about it such as ‘Do you think Emily was Beachcomber and why?’, ‘How did Emily find the key?’, ‘Where do you think the key came from?’ Later in the week, we planned our own letter in a bottle, which we wrote up on Friday on tea-stained paper using our best handwriting. In Music, we learnt about pulse and rhythm by listening to a song on our new programme ‘Charanga’. We then learnt the song and performed it together. The children enjoyed clapping the rhythm of their name.

In Computing, we started using Scratch Junior, which is an app on the iPads where children learn to use algorithms to create animations. In Geography, we looked at the coastal features of West Runton, made models and identified, which were human (man-made) and which were physical (created by the Earth).

Home learning will be coming home today, and please do not forget our first reading café of the year on Monday (drinks in lower hall from 8:45).

Year 3

Welcome back to the new half term. We have started the week launching our new topic scrumdiddlyumptious. We had a mini-wow day where the children engaged in lots of fun activities such conducting food surveys, looking at logos and slogans and

finally tasting pastries. Towards the end of the week, we made our own bread having tasted a selection ourselves.

In maths this week, we have been continuing with our work on addition and subtraction.

We have looked at the features of recipes in preparation for writing our own. The children have made mud pies outside following each other's instructions. In science, we have looked at what a healthy diet is and designed our own healthy meal using the different food groups.

We have also been practising our year group assembly, which we hope you are going to enjoy on Thursday 8th November at 9am.

Year 4

This week, we have begun our topic of 'Winter Wonderland'. We started by listening to a reading from this half term's class book about the Frozen North and a group of Pugs, which will form the inspiration for much of our writing this half term. We got into the spirit of things by making our own Pugs, with fabulously designed jumpers, to put onto our class displays.

In Geography, we have been looking at maps and atlases and have begun to think about the cold parts of the world, where they are, and what they are like. In Science, we thought about ice, water and air, and how they represent matter in different states. We found out that matter is made of particles and the way that they move around each other affects whether it is a solid, a liquid or a gas. We have begun to learn the songs for 'Bah Humbug', which is our Christmas play that we will perform in December. The children are very excited about this, and there will be speaking parts for everyone who wants one. We will allocate parts this week and will start rehearsals next week.

Year 5

What a fantastic start to this half term! We have launched our new topic 'Hola Mexico' by listening to traditional music and exploring some vibrant festivals. We have used our research to create colourful, cultural mood boards which will be on display in our classrooms soon. On Thursday, we made guacamole, salsa and bean burgers - staple foods in Mexican cuisine. As scientists, we have been learning about how humans change as they get older. We created timelines to show these stages of development and conducted an experiment into reaction times, which had some interesting results! On our RE Day, we had many discussions about incarnation, value and worship. The children designed inspirational art work linked to the repeating patterns and architecture found in religious sites. We have been doing assessments in Maths, during which the children showed excellent focus and resilience. Your child will be bringing spellings home to practise this week with the other home learning tasks starting from next Friday. Please remember to send your children to school in their PE kits on Monday for the Sports Festival. We are happy for them to wear these all day.

Year 6

On the first day of the half term, year 6 were treated to a visit from a polar explorer – Adrian Hall. Adrian shared his experiences of exploring the arctic region with the children through a series of photographs and anecdotes. He brought with him a backpack full of vital equipment for a polar expedition and talked to the children about how and why every single item warranted a place in his bag.

In English, we have finished writing our diary entries as if we were passengers on board the RMS Titanic. We have finished reading Children of Winter and have now begun reading a new book – Call of the Wild – and our next piece of writing will be based on this book. We will soon be sending out the red spelling words for this half term, which the children should be learning alongside the weekly spellings, which are sent home.

In maths, we are part way through the unit on 'The Four Operations'. We have just covered multiplication (including the formal column method for long and short multiplication) and have begun focussing on division, using the bus stop method. We have received many imaginative homework projects from the children and some of these are on display in the main school entrance. We are looking forward to seeing lots more homework as this half term progresses.

Mrs Penton, Miss Savory and Ms Taylor