

Newsletter ~ May 2021

Snettisham Primary School



Dear families,

The school has been a hive of learning and activity this spring with the return of after school clubs extending the school day. From Gardening to Squiggly Sketchers to creative Breakfast Club as well as Music and Movement, we believe these extra-curricular activities really help to enrich their educational experience.

The school is looking great, with wonderful examples of learning in the hall and corridors. Teachers have been busy refreshing the reading spaces around the school to provide a cosy, inviting place for the children to enjoy their favourite books as well as our wonderful music space outside Birch class. We have also had a special visit from some lambs and poetry popping up in some unexpected places!

We had some superb entries for the Easter egg challenge and it was incredibly hard to choose a winner but Sophia's inspired creation took the top spot. Well done Sophia!

We also had great success with our National Reading Champions competition – our team of Y6 students made us so proud – well done Joshua, Nell, Bella and Lewis. Year 5's – get ready for next year!

We were delighted and very thankful that the Rotary Club of Hunstanton were able to fund dictionaries for all our Year 5 pupils again this year as part of the Dictionaries 4 Life programme in conjunction with Usborne Books. Despite not being able to present them in school, the children were very grateful to receive them!

On National Numeracy Day, the children enjoyed exploring Maths through stories. From 3D clocks in the playground to interactive Number Tracks in Willow class to manipulating some complicated world data using protractors, pie charts and percentages. As Joshua said, "it didn't feel like work, it was fun!"

Our Year 6 pupils were thrilled to receive their leavers' hoodies; they have been wearing them with pride. It is hard to believe they will soon be off to high school – they are definitely ready but we will miss them very much!

Enjoy the half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on 7th June for the remainder of the summer term.

Ms Jackson, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Enters.

May Half Term

Our last day of this half term is 28th May 2021 for the half term holiday – we will be returning to school on 7th June.

Hope you all have a lovely Break!

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make a telephone or Zoom appointment with the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. ☺

Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook.



Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior _WNAT
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Learning together, succeeding together

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Willow Class

Our focus this half term has been on 'Growing and Changing'. We have been lucky enough to have lambs visit us from Park Farm and to have our very own live caterpillars in class which we are loving watching them grow and change! We have innovated our own version of 'The Little Red Hen' and have been focusing on writing in full sentences. In maths we have been exploring numbers to twenty, addition and subtraction. We have had some lovely additions to our environment and the children have loved creating their own 'Transient Art'.



Ash Class

We have had an eventful term in Ash Class, such as a fundraiser for Nelson's Journey; organised by one of our class members, as well as celebrating National Numeracy Day. We really enjoyed National Numeracy Day, we made our own clocks outside and used them to tell the time. We have had many interesting topics this term. In science we have been learning about electricity. We created an electrical circuit to make a light bulb work, we even added a switch! We have been looking at the reign of Charles II in history and finding out about his love for parties and horse racing. We have also looked at the key events that happened during his reign such as the great fire of London and the Great Plague. Ash class made fantastic architects when they had a go at creating a blueprint for rebuilding London after the fire. Ash class have particularly enjoyed learning about the South West of England. Looking at the six counties in the South West region and finding out why it's such popular tourist destination. We would all like to visit the Eden Project and Stone Henge!

Birch Class

It has been a rich and full term for Birch with pupils continuing to impress us with their stamina, thirst for knowledge and ability to challenge themselves. We have delved into the works of Shakespeare, explored Geometry and Statistics, discovered the Pre-Raphaelites, listened to and appraised a variety of sixties music by Carole King, learnt about the industries of Britain, become totally absorbed in the Cold War and learnt so much more about the human body. And in between? Well – It all started with a BOX! This box unlocked an adventure into poetry and art with Michael Rosen and a Norwich based artist Kaitlin Ferguson in collaboration with Barbican, London and Creative Arts East supporting us. As part of this process we have written and performed poems, used collage, lettraset, soundwaves of our own voices, stencils and monoprinting. The culmination of this will be some guerilla style 'Poetry in Unexpected Places' and a celebration zoom with Mr Rosen himself! We can't wait to see what Summer 2 brings!

Oak Class

Oak continues to work hard and make excellent progress. I'm so proud of each and everyone of them.

In Science we have been learning all about electricity. The children have had great fun building electric circuits. In Art we have been learning about Murals, the children experienced what it was like to be Michaelangelo painting the Sistine Chapel. In Geography the children have been learning all about Northern Europe. They can tell you all about the different countries and their climate. Keep up the hard work Oak, you are amazing!



Wild Kenhill Visit.

Ash class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Wild Kenhill. Such a beautiful space on our doorstep where our children can continue to learn outdoors!

Just a reminder of the dates for the remaining classes visits:

- Willow Class 9th June 2021
- Birch Class 16th June 2021
- Oak Class 23rd June 2021

Please remember to return your permission forms if you haven't done so already!



After school clubs.

Our Squiggly Sketchers Club have been learning about all different types of sketchbook skills. They have been using their sketchbooks like diaries to add thoughts and feelings within their drawing each week. So far they have sketched the school, patchwork landscapes and perspective drawing. This week they are heading up to the church for inspiration – we can't wait to see the results!

Gardening Club have been getting their hands dirty planting a variety of different seeds and plants all around the school. They are learning how to keep safe when gardening, how to create a tidy garden bed and why weeds are important to bugs!



Fun Run 9th July 2021

We are pleased to announce that many of the Trust Schools are taking part in a Fun Run in the school grounds to raise money for the NHS Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Trust Schools. Further details to follow but it will be a fun day. We are hoping to design an interesting route through different areas around the school to make it more exciting!



NHS
The Queen Elizabeth
Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

DIARY DATES:

28th May: School closes for half term.

7th June: School Reopens for everyone.

9th June: Kenhill visit for Willow Class.

16th June: Kenhill visit for Birch Class.

23rd June: Kenhill visit for Oak Class.

25th June: Friends Summer Raffle Draw.

30th June: Last Music and Movement Club – Oak.

9th July: Fun Run in aid of QE & WNAT

21st July: School closes to pupils for summer break

22nd July: School inset Day.

Friends

Being Involved Makes a Difference!

Friends are holding a Summer Raffle!

There will be a range of prizes for Adults and Children. So far they have family ticket for Golf, Lego, Hampers, Wine and a voucher for Impressions! Tickets are priced at £1.00 per strip, this will be payable on Parentpay - you can buy as many strips as you like! The tickets will be drawn on 25th June 2021. Please support our Friends committee with helping fund outside play equipment for our Children!

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Leavers Hoodies

A MASSIVE thank you to Friends for fully funding this years leavers hoodies for all our Year 6 children. They look Amazing!

Notice Board

Wear Purple for Nelsons Journey

Thankyou for your kind donations – Ethan raised over his target of £100 with our purple non-uniform day on 14th May and also a big thankyou to Emily Smith for helping reach the target by selling bookmarks!

Nelson's Journey
giving back smiles to bereaved children

Reading Champions Competition

Well done to our Reading Champions competing alongside 38 other teams in our region – including secondary schools! They did fantastically well working alongside each other and we couldn't be more proud of them!



Easter Home Challenge

Well done to Sophia, Eloise and Noah for their amazing entries for the Egg competition.



Sophia was presented with a £20 amazon voucher and box of chocolates. Eloise and Noah received runner up prizes of a box of chocolates each.

FSM VOUCHERS

Dear Parents,
If you are entitled to FSM your vouchers will be issued towards the end of this week (28/05/21) for the May half term break. Please check your inbox/spam as they will be emailed directly from Edenred.
Thanks!



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Norfolk County Council

Get connected with our free digital equipment scheme

Does this sound like you?

- On a low wage, or recently been furloughed?
- Claiming universal credit or other benefits?
- Struggling to apply for jobs without access to a laptop?
- Is your child finding it difficult to do home learning without a computer?

Reconditioned laptops, access to wifi, broadband dongles are just some of the items being distributed to families like you unable to access the internet during the Coronavirus pandemic. Getting online at home can help with home learning, job applications and helps you to connect with friends and family.

Find out what help is available from the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, give us a call on 0344 800 8020

Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 14 days and/or take a test if you or someone you live with has a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.

Have your circumstances changed recently?


You might be eligible for Free School Meals

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals). So it is worth applying!!

You can apply online:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Or email the office for an application form.



Children & Young People's Health Services

Just One Number

online Learning

FREE FOR NORFOLK FAMILIES

ACCESS CODE: **JoN10**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

SOLIHULL APPROACH

Parentline
07520 631590

Parentline is a text service for parents/carers to get in touch about any parenting questions or concerns.

If you need advice about your child or young person's health or wellbeing, simply send a text and one of the team will text you back.

You can text at any time. A health professional from the 0-19 team will reply during opening times. You can have the whole conversation by text if that works best for you, or the practitioner can call you.



West Norfolk Academies Trust is on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com)



LUNCH MENU

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