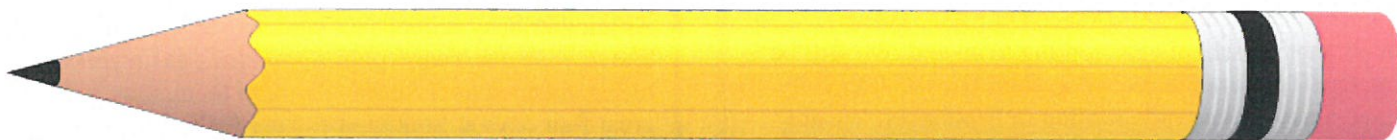




# Newsletter ~ July 2018

## Snettisham Primary School



The end of the year is fast approaching and it's hard to believe just how much we have managed to cram into the year!

This term has been particularly busy with a residential visit to Brancaster Activity Centre, a World War II Day, Year 5 Transition Day and Sports Day, as well as many other sporting events!

Move up days were a huge success and gave pupils an opportunity to get to know their new teachers, as well as a taste of what next year has in store. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed the time they spent at Smithdon High School too; meeting new friends and familiarising themselves with the layout of the school site.

The children have embraced their topic this term, 'Britain in the Twentieth Century' and have completed many hands on activities including 'Make Do and Mend' which entailed sewing buttons and darning holey socks! The children have also discovered how families stayed safe during the blitz, building Anderson and Morrison shelters in their homes and gardens. They designed shelters of their own and tested them for durability and flood prevention.



Birch Class end of year performance, 'The Adventures of Super Stan', was a polished performance! The children learnt their lines well and performed with confidence and good humour to the delight of the audience. Please see our website for photographs! Willow class had a fantastic trip to the Sea Life Centre to round off their topics 'Under the Sea' and 'Colourful World'. The children loved it and learnt lots of new facts during the rock pool talk. Some children were even brave enough to touch the crab and the starfish!

# SEA LIFE



## Brancaster Residential

One of the highlights this term was the residential trip to Brancaster Activity Centre from 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June. Thirty of our pupils enjoyed three days of fun in the sun, throwing themselves into an exciting array of activities and rising to the challenge of trying something new.

Beans Boat Trips provided the very popular seal trip. After boarding the boat at Morston we headed up Morston Creek and out into Blakeney Harbour. There was plenty to see on our way to the seal colony, including a replica pirate ship! At the end of Blakeney Point the Common and Grey Seals were hauled out on the shingle, soaking up the sun. As well as the seals, we spotted migrating birds, including some terns with their young chicks running along the shoreline. We spent some time getting in close and turning and this gave us plenty of opportunity for photos; inquisitive seals frequently popped their heads out of the water around the boat to the delight of the children.



The children took the kayaks out in the harbour itself on the final morning of our stay. After a short demonstration they took to the water and before long the children were paddling along nicely. Our instructors set up a game of sharks and minnows and everyone enjoyed chasing each other around the harbour!



The facilities were great and the staff were very attentive. We certainly didn't go hungry; the food was top notch and there was very little food waste while we were there. The whole experience was fantastic and was enjoyed by adults and children alike.





## Bobtails Pre-School

Well another school year coming to an end. We will be losing 10 children to reception class but will hopefully have 6 new 2-year olds starting in September. We are also opening another afternoon – so 3 full days (Tues/Weds/Thurs) and 2 half days (Mon/Fri) are available from September.

The weather has been kind to us and we had a great Sports Day this year. We held it in the garden behind Bobtails which was perfect for our races. Everyone had a fun time.



We are also having a cake stall at the Snettisham Fete on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July – so pop along and say hello.

Don't forget if you have a child approaching 2 years old please feel free to come and have a look around. We take children from 2 years olds both funded and fee paying. Also 3 and 4-year olds (all funded) for 15 hours a week but with the new government policy of 30 hrs more hours are available. A maximum of 25 ½ hrs available from September.

**Bobtails Staff and Committee**



Our 8 week project 'Bookworms', aimed at encouraging pupils to read for pleasure and enjoyment, has been a huge success and culminated in a parent workshop in school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The event was well attended and parents were treated to a play performance from Ash Class, as well as other art activities based on poetry. Many pupils have entered our Extreme Reading and Reading Challenge competitions. Entries have included pupils reading in shopping trolleys, in a swimming pool and with their animals. Winners will be announced at the Summer Special on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July.



## Governor News

As another busy school year comes to an end we would like to wish our Year 6 pupils good luck as they move on to secondary school. From talking to them, they had a great four days at Smithdon and are really looking forward to starting their new school in September. The pupils have worked hard to meet end of year expectations across the curriculum this year. It is particularly important to recognise the effort and commitment demonstrated by pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 who took their national curriculum tests in May. This term marks the end of an era; Cerrie Holmes, who has been a long serving member of staff, is taking semi-retirement and pupils, parents, staff and governors are extremely thankful for the years of service and commitment she has given to the school.

We also want to say a big thank you to Darren Wing, who has been a long serving member of the governing body (over 7 years), and who has decided to stand down. Darren has worn many hats over the years and his contribution will be missed.

In September we will be looking for a new parent governor, if you feel you would like to get more involved in the life of the school and represent the parent voice please speak to Mrs Rose in the office for a nomination form. Have a Great Summer!

## Notice Board



### Lost Property

Please check the lost property box for any missing uniform items! At the end of term any unclaimed items will be re-cycled.

### Car Parking

Please ensure that you are considerate of our neighbours when parking your car along the roads outside the school.



**COMING SOON**

### Autumn term Diary Dates 2018

Thursday 6 September - Wednesday 17 October 2018

**Half-term:** Thursday 18 - Friday 26 October

2018 Monday 29 October - Tuesday 18 December 2018

**Christmas holiday:** Wednesday 19 December 2018 - Wednesday 2nd January 2019