



Snettisham Primary School Newsletter

March 2023

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Dear Families

We have enjoyed a short but action-packed term! Children continue to embrace our knowledge-rich curriculum. Their new learning has included food production (farm to fork), the Roman Empire, solids, liquids and gases and exploring varied environments in Kenya.

There have been so many events including Comic Relief, West Norfolk Academies Trust Literary Event at the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn, as well as trips to Park Farm, Cambridge Scholars and Duxford Imperial War Museum.

It has also been wonderful to welcome you into school for various events this term including our reading café on World Book Day, British Sign Language Day and for life skills in Ash Class. We hope to hold more events in the summer term.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Friends committee for maintaining an exciting schedule of events throughout the year for the benefit of the children. Events this term have included the disco, Mother's Day raffle, cake stall and Easter egg hunt. Many thanks to all the families supporting these events.

Finally, we hope you have a wonderful Easter and a very relaxing break!

Best wishes

Louise Jackson
Executive Headteacher

Emma Hunt
Deputy Head

Clare Enters
Assistant Head



Lunch Menu

The new Spring/Summer menu is available to view on our website <https://www.snettishamprimary.co.uk>

Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions
available on request.

Subject to price increase from 1st April (£2.50 daily)

Not bookable online



Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council. Please see our website for further information.

Last day of Term is Fri 31/03/23.

Children return on Tues 18/04/23.

Our Learning

WILLOW CLASS

A great Spring term for Willow Class learning all about 'Air, Land and Sea'. We have explored lots of different types of transport and emergency vehicles. The children have taken part in a traffic survey, designed the King a new car, done a floating and sinking experiment and made our own boats to test on the stream!

We had our exciting farm school day and also were lucky enough to have the Sandringham Fire crew visit us to learn all about being a firefighter. Our T4W story has been 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and the children have been amazing at innovating the story and retelling their own.

We have focused on writing sentences using a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces. In maths we have learnt all about patterns, positional language, 2D and 3D shapes.



Our Learning (cont'd)

OAK CLASS

The fun has not stopped this half term in Oak Class! In Maths we have learned about different measures and discovered that the playground was 31metres long! In English we have written instructions and learned the importance of giving clear, precise commands. As scientists we have explored changes in matter and looked at how solids change to liquid through melting. As Roman soldiers in History, we learned about Boudicca's rebellion. We created our own protective armor and even held a battle! Oak were invited to meet the author Carly Hart via zoom and we were fortunate to be shown a sneak preview of her new book 'Meet the Weather.' Finally, Oak are full of confident, happy swimmers! We have loved our swimming lessons this term and every single child has made lots of progress. Have a great Easter!



Our Learning (cont'd)

ASH CLASS

Another busy term in Ash Class. The Children have baked delicious scones and pancakes. We have continued our learning about the Roman Empire and discovered why it collapsed. We are super excited to visit Norwich Castle for our Roman day out on the 16th May. We have journeyed over to Northern Ireland in geography and learnt all about Marble Arch Caves, Lough Neagh and Giant's Causeway. Ash class particularly enjoyed learning the myths and legends that surround this amazing country. In science we have explored how sound is detected and had some amazing year 10s come in for a whole morning of experiments. Did you know that more than 100 years ago, when a volcano exploded on the island of Krakatoa, the sound could be heard in Australia, almost 3000 miles away? The children have loved using rhetorical questions in their English persuasive writing! We have enjoyed having parents and carers in for our life skills event where the children learnt how to make a cup of tea and coffee, wrap a present, make a bed, tie shoelaces, hand washing out and wash up. Well done, keep up the good work!



Our Learning (cont'd)

BIRCH CLASS

This half term in Birch has been packed full of learning and enrichment opportunities – it has been wonderful! The charity crafts and bake sale, Abby's writing winning a runner-up prize in the National Rotary Young Writer's competition, the recent football success, our brave public speakers – Riley, Sammie and Eloise, have all been highlights. Our trip to IWM Duxford was absolutely fantastic –to be surrounded by such history really gave us the chance to imagine what it would have been like during the World Wars. Then, while some of us went off to see Cambridge University, the rest of the class hoovered – both events looking towards the future where these young students become the amazing adults we know they will! Complementing all of these opportunities, has been the usual hard work and resilience that Birch class show us time and time again. Well done and Happy Easter!



Don't forget to let us know if any of your contact numbers or addresses change. Please inform the office staff (office@snettishamprimary.co.uk) if your emergency contact information changes or if either parent moves house or changes phone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make an appointment with the staff in 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. ☺



We have had another great term of fundraising and have helped the great causes below, thank you once again for your support!



£35.00



£31.00



£27.00



After School Clubs will restart week commencing 24th April

**WILLOW AND OAK CLUBS FINISH AT 3:50pm and
ASH AND BIRCH FINISH AT 4pm.**

TUESDAY

Book Club for ASH and BIRCH

Miss Greenhalgh – existing members will continue and there are a few spaces left if others would like to give it a go please email the office to add your child to the existing list

Indoor Climbing Club for WILLOW and OAK

Miss Faithorn (helped by Riley & Jessica from Birch) – please email the office to add your child to the list

WEDNESDAY

Indoor Climbing for ASH and BIRCH

With Mrs Enters (helped by Eloise & May from Birch)

Maths Games for WILLOW and OAK

Miss Moore – please email the office to add your child to the list

Quiz of the Week for BIRCH CLASS

Mrs Watson - please email the office to add your child to the list

THURSDAY

Garden Club for ASH and BIRCH

Miss Scott (helped by Riley from Ash and Joseph from Birch)

Places are strictly limited Please email the office to add your child to the list

Attendance Matters



98-100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent - Children are accessing all learning opportunities
96-97%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good - Very few learning opportunities are missed
94-95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of underachievement • Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year
92-93%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High risk of underachievement • Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year
90-92%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe risk of underachievement • Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year
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The importance of good attendance

The Government strives for every pupil to achieve 97% attendance. Every day away from school is a day away from learning and this can have an impact on a child's education and future accomplishments.

We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and help find solutions. Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage them to try to give the day a go, children often feel much better once they are in class.

The Government has issued new attendance guidance and targets to all schools, you may receive regular texts informing you of the number of days that your child has been absent in a term/year. The Government hope that this personal approach will make parents more aware of how the odd day adds up and help keep you informed.

Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils – May to August 2023

Support has been extended for the period 1 May 2023 to 31 August 2023 for pupils eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (FSM). Families who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive Edenred vouchers to the value of £15 per month per child with an additional £30 voucher in December. The Vouchers can be spent at many major retailers including supermarkets.

Families in hardship and needing wider support In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Families may get in touch with NAS via their website which includes an online application form, or they can call **0344 800 8020**.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

Have your circumstances changed recently? You may 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 even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

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

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk?fbclid=IwAR181hWbnsrWnVeC-KZ31i->



Our fundraising goal for the year is a whole school trip to the Christmas Pantomime at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange - completely free of charge! Please help us by supporting our events!

So far this year we have made £114.50 profit from the school disco, and £108.91 profit from the Mothering Day raffle - thank you for all of your support!

Currently, parent and committee member Kirsty is walking 10000 steps a day in March to raise money for The Friends - please join us in thanking her for her support and please do sponsor her if you can!

The Friends have bought Easter eggs for every child in school - these will be handed out following a special Easter egg hunt in school on Friday 31st March.

Other upcoming events/dates for your diary –

Easter Cake Stall, Friday 31st March after school - donations can be dropped in the Halls Room in the morning

Express Yourself Day, Thursday 27th April

Coronation Tea Party in School, Friday 5th May

Coronation Celebration at Memorial Playing Field, Sunday 7th May

Fathering Day Raffle, to be drawn on Friday 16th June

Sports Day (refreshments sold by The Friends), Thursday 13th July

Y6 Leavers Movie Night, Tuesday 18th July

Summer Fete at Memorial Playing Field, Saturday 12th August

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 24th April at 14:30 in the Halls Room at School - everyone is welcome to join the committee and if you have any ideas for future fundraising events please come and let us know, we would love to hear from you!!

Thank you again for all of your continued support.

* Subject to changes *

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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
Orange dates – pupil holiday
Purple dates – staff training day
Red dates – bank holiday

Staff training days are:
Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Friday 21st October, 3rd January and Monday 17th April

PRIMARY SCHOOLS - Term Dates 2023-2024

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