



WALSINGHAM CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Welcome back, everyone!



Foxes

What an exciting start to the year as we welcome new faces to Foxes Class! The autumn term is always a busy, yet exciting one with lots of activities planned, whilst watching friendships grow and blossom! It has been a lovely few days allowing the children to explore the classroom and getting to know each of them. I am very excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing the children progress!



To begin the year, our first topic is 'Local Studies'. This is a great topic which allows the children to explore their village and surrounding areas. We will get to go 'out and about' regularly, looking at the different places within our community, including our houses! We will then use our knowledge of the local area to create maps. Our youngest children will have the opportunity to make their houses from recyclable materials before using lines and shapes to sketch who lives in their family. Our KS1 children will be exploring windmills and their uses, before designing and making their very own windmill! We will then be going on a school visit to Bircham Windmill where we will get to see a windmill in action, whilst also getting the opportunity to bake bread!

Your child will come home today with a reading book and their reading record. For those children in Reception, your child will have a wordless book. Please take time to look at this book with them, encouraging them to use the pictures to retell a story. It is vital that you hear your child read at least five times a week. Reading records will be checked regularly to ensure that reading is taking place at home.

If you have a child in Reception, please ensure that you have downloaded and connected to Tapestry so that you can see your child's learning.

Whilst we will no longer be continuing with the 'Parent Stay & Read' sessions on a Tuesday morning, we will be inviting families in for lots of wonderful events, so please keep up-to-date with Class Dojo for key information!

Miss Collison

Badgers

It was a pleasure to welcome Badgers back to school on Wednesday – they seemed very pleased to see their friends again and share their holiday news.



This term, our learning theme is 'Ancient Greece' and we have already started learning about the history of the Olympics. Badgers have been working in teams to invent their own Olympic events and we've had fun trying out some of the activities during our PE lesson. Next week, we will be researching modern day Greece and writing fact files – if you have any experiences or artefacts that you think would add context to this topic, we'd love to hear from you.

We are also talking to Norfolk Rivers Trust to arrange a fieldtrip in October. We will be investigating our local rivers and the wildlife that lives in and around them. More information to follow!

On a practical note, PE lessons will take place on Monday and Wednesday and children should come dressed for PE on those days. Pupils in Y5/6 are excited that their swimming lessons start on Monday 9th – pupils in Y3/4 will be swimming on Mondays in the second half of the term.

All pupils have chosen a reading book from school. We will prompt them to change books on a regular basis but it would be very helpful if you could remind them to do the same please. Pupils have all been given reading logs – if you could make a brief note whenever they read at home, we would be most grateful.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or thoughts. If you don't manage to catch me at the gate, my email address is awilson3nrk@nsix.org.uk and you can also send a message via the Class Dojo.

Mrs Wilson

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our focus value in Collective Worship this half term is 'friendship' as we think about our friends, both old and new and welcome new faces to our school. It's a time to reflect on differences amongst us, celebrating the uniqueness of individuality, embracing inclusion. It is also a time to allow us to reflect on conflict and consider ways in which we can reason with others so that peace and respect are demonstrated throughout our school. Whilst we reflect, we think about the quote from the Bible; "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." - Proverbs 17:17.

CLASS DOJO

We will no longer be using text messages, but instead we will be using Class Dojo for all school notices, newsletters, class news and more. It is also an opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app and have connected to it so you can stay up-to-date with all key information.



LITTLE BUNNIES - STAY AND PLAY

Little Bunnies Stay & Play will take place every Wednesday from 9-11am (during term time) and will be led by Mrs Lingwood. Families with babies and children from birth to five are invited and it is free to attend. Each session will have different resources for little ones to explore, plus a story and rhyme session. Refreshments will also be provided for all!

Our first session takes place on Wednesday 11th September and the theme is 'Under the Sea'.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about the school uniform requirements and therefore the policy is attached on the reverse of the order form. If you would like to order anything, please complete the form and return it with payment to Miss Peart in the office. Some items are already in stock and a further order will be placed with suppliers next Wednesday to fulfil all requests, so please return forms by then.



FORTHCOMING DATES:

- Wed 11th Sept – Little Bunnies Stay & Play begins from 9-11am
- Wed 11th Sept – Whole School Assembly on Safety Around Dogs
- Thurs 19th Sept – Foxes Class trip to Bircham Windmill
- Tues 1st Oct – Prayer Spaces (in school)
- Fri 4th Oct – Federation Careers Morning & Picnic Lunch (Years 5 and 6)
- Wed 9th Oct – Discovery Judaism visiting Foxes for a Judaism Workshop
- Tues 15th Oct – Individual and sibling photographs
- Wed 16th and Thurs 17th Oct – Parent Consultations (details to follow)
- Tues 22nd Oct – Reception 2025 Open Afternoon 1:30-3:00pm
- Thurs 24th Oct – Finish for half term break
- Mon 4th Nov – Back to school
- Tues 5th Nov – Federation Fireworks at Hindringham
- Wed 6th Nov to Fri 8th Nov – Year 6 residential to Norfolk Lakes
- Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need day
- Mon 18th Nov – Flu Immunisations
- Fri 6th Dec – Christmas Jumper day
- Tues 17th Dec – Federation Pantomime at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange
- Fri 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas